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District 91 Monthly Meeting Minutes	April 27, 2025	
Attendees	<u>In person</u> Sandy K. Lois L. Jose S. Eli S. Aryel M. Stacey W. Glen B. Katie V. Chris M. Allyson B. Bill F. Paul L. Rhianna G. Brad B. Nancy L. Jill D. Erik K. Danielle K. Deborah R.	
Opened 3:03 pm	Preamble: Eli S. Traditions: Jose S Serenity Prayer: All Twelve Concepts: Stacey W. Concept of the Month (Concept 4) Presented by: Lois L. Concept of the Month (Concept 5) Review May 2025: Sandy K Review and approval minutes: Moved by Stacey W and seconded by Lois L. Minutes approved NEXT MEETING: May 25, 2025. 3:00pm Alano Club (Hybrid Meeting) Meeting Host April: Flathead Valley Serenity Group Meeting Host May: TBD	
Committee Chair Reports		
	Archives: The committee recommended adding a line item to the area 40 budget to defray the cost of pre assemblies for Area chairs and officers to participate. Understanding that districts are autonomous, districts are primarily responsible for covering the cost of a district pre assembly. The budget line item should be no greater that \$750.00 and should only be used if the district is financially unable to fund the event.	Chris M

	Bridging the Gap: Nothing new to report	Rhianna G
	PI and CPC: Nothing new to report	Antoinette M
	Corrections: Hello Committee Members, Well, we finally taking the plunge and planning a workshop event for Corrections. It will be an adventure as I have never done one of these before but I'm excited. The date is set for Saturday, June 7th, 2025 at the Alano Club from 2-4pm. Please spread the word. I am hoping for a good turnout as we continue to need more volunteers especially men. I have spoken to the new Sergeant assigned to the Corrections detail and he has assured me that he or Sgt Smith will be there for the presentation. So, while this event is still in the planning phase, I am confident it will succeed in its goal of getting more alcoholics in recovery involved in this very important service work. As far as attendance for our weekly Friday night meetings, we have continued to fulfill our commitment to the Fathead County Jail in bringing both men's and women's AA meetings into the jail without having to cancel a meeting due to lack of volunteers. Grateful to be of service.	Stacey W
	Grapevine : SUBSCRIPTIONS Print- 1yr-\$36.00 2yr-\$68.00 3yr-\$90.00 Digital- 1mo-2.99 1yr-\$29.99 2yr-\$49.00 3yr-\$69.00 Both- 1mo-\$6.00 1yr-\$56.00 2yr-\$98.00 3yr-\$130.00 The spring assembly was amazing. Connor A. , the district grapevine chair out of Missoula, is putting together a workshop for people interested in publishing in the grapevine. He has Jake's info now, and hopefully gets that meeting together. Let me know if you know anyone interested in this. Hugh M., the area chair, brought it to our attention that state wide, we only have 3 subscriptions to la vina. 2 of these go to	Abe M

	the flathead county jail from district 91. I think with the increase in Latinos in the valley, that all groups should begin building their la vina libraries with at least one subscriptions whether there is anyone there in immediate need or not because it would lay the groundwork and prepare the group for a Spanish speaking/reading member before they arrive. Nothing else to report. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.	
	Hotline:	OPEN
	Literature: We are moving along in the Literature Dept. We have had 6 book transactions. Which is pretty good considering we were hurting on funds. One of the groups prepaid for their part of the whole District order and that helped. We are pushing to get groups to order through District so we can order in quantity, and all save on freight too. This month I am ordering Plain Language books. We have almost completely sold out of what I purchased already. We would like to order 30 more PLBB when the budget gets approved at the April meeting and the \$300 becomes available. 30 PLBB are \$301.20 with the discount and before freight. We currently have \$390.17 in the Lit account (with an outstanding invoice) owed for \$168.40 to me that I paid on my AMEX back on 1/7/25 before any banking accounts were transferred, for service manuals. The actual Balance in the Lit acct is \$221.77 when I pay that out. GSR's MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT to your LIT CHAIRS WE ARE ORDERING PLBB or let me know how many your group wants to pre-ORDER!!! \$11 each plus small freight. Lastly, I am so excited to be attending a fabulous weekly virtual session hosted by AREA 43 (NH) called "Exploring our AA pamphlets". It's an excellent 8-week series on Thursdays featuring a different AA pamphlet or set of pamphlets each week. We have a 20-minute presentation on the featured pamphlet, by a guest speaker knowledgeable on the subject, and then a deep dive open discussion. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service, Susan H. Spring 2025 Area Assembly Lit Chair Report. Going to the West Central Regional conference in Casper, WY and all the Pre Assembly events and breakouts, including our own shared event, certainly helped to prepare me for all the agenda items that came up before our Lit Committee at Assembly. I had studied the background materials and was equipped to participate in all the discussions and give input on the voteable items. We reviewed several drafts of revised pamphlets including: The Twelve Steps Illustrated AA for the Native North American Questions and Answers on Sponsorship We reviewed a Video animation of Pamphlet the Twelve Concepts Illustrated	Susan H (presented by Jose S.)

	and reviewed a progress report on the development of the new pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American Alcoholic. We reviewed the progress report of the Fifth Edition of the Big Book. Voting "Consider items" were: 1. Consider a request to include the 12 Concepts for World Services and essays on the 12 Concepts of World Services be included in the current publication of the Twelve Steps and 12 Traditions. (We were for) 2. Consider the request to update the book Living Sober. (We were for) Lastly, we discussed the Plain Language Big Book REVIEW PROCESS at great length. Which basically ask the question... what do we do with all the requests and agenda items with members submissions with suggested changes or edits or other commentary that is bound to flow in now that the PLBB was released in NOV. A flow chart was submitted for discussion. This was not a voting item. I really got a lot of great input from the other District Lit chairs and it's exciting to hear what they are or ARE NOT doing in their districts! It's so fulfilling to be able to participate in the whole AA service structure. I want to thank District for allowing me to be funded on this trip, that enabled me to be able to bring along another District member and get more bang for your district buck. Thanks, Danielle, for making the Assembly weekend even better! Happily in service, Susan H. D91 LIT CHAIR	
	Treatment: My Treatment Report for this month is, I am in the works of putting together a work shop. My goal is October for this workshop. I want to combine Narcan training as well as CPR Training. I am trying to get tge RCM director to join so we can knock out all the training together. Right now I am making those connection to put it all together. I will write everything up so District can vote on it, maybe approve a budget. Thank you for your time I will update with more details as I learn them. Gratefully in Service Tazarae	Tazarae P (presented by Jose S)
	District Intergroup Liaison (non-voting): The last Intergroup meeting was held April 26, 2025 at Austin's shop. May into group meeting will be back at the senior center in Columbia Falls. Event chair and co-chair positions are still open. Nancy and Sonya stepped up to plan the Spring Fling which will be Saturday, May 31st, 11 AM to 3 PM at Marantette Park, Columbia Falls. Please bring a side dish, a picnic chair and outdoor games. Burgers, brats and water will be provided. Austin M. will be the speaker. This event is always a good time. Cooks are needed at the charcoal grills at the park.	Sandy K

	East Glacier AA is having a potluck and speaker meeting on May 8 at 6 PM. Please refer to the flyer on the website. If you or your group would like to chair an FVIG birthday meeting, you may sign up on the intergroup webpage, www.aanwmt.org or by scanning the QR code located on the front of the new meeting schedules. The cake, coffee etc. are already supplied. If you are a rep for your home group, or just interested in what's going on in AA around the valley, please come to intergroup meetings and share your thoughts. Grateful to be of service. Sandy K.	
	Public Information: I had the amazing opportunity to hitch a ride to attend my first assembly! It truly was an experience, that I am very grateful for. Even on the long days of business, the rooms were always filled with laughter and joy. I learned a ton of information about AA as a whole, and excited to dig deeper into more information about my chair position. I got to meet our Area 40 PI chair Mark H. as he gave his report to our committee and listen to what other PI's are doing around Montana. I have been able to make it around to a few facilities in the valley. I talked with one of the coordinators at the veterans home in Columbia Falls, they have their own meetings and buildings with most of their residents living on site. She gave me a few of their business cards so that we can stay in touch and have referrals for any veteran that may struggling in or out of the program. I will be reaching out to the colleges and high schools, and contacting the police station to talk to them about more about DUI court. Also continuing to supply and stock facilities/racks with literature and meeting schedules. If any groups have a Public Information chairperson, can I please have the GSR's get my information to share. There is so many opportunities for us to share the message in the valley and I would appreciate any and all help. Thank you for letting me be of service, Danielle	Danielle K
Standing Committees /Reports		
	Christmas Alcathon 2025	OPEN
	Spring Round Up 2026 – No new report	Nino & Victoria

	Into Action 2026 – Open at the District level	OPEN
Group Reports		
	Bigfork by the Bay Group - Not much to report, 5 meetings a week, no meeting on Wednesday. Our Business meetings are every other Month now. Next one is May 17th at 10am. Except for Alternate GSR all positions are filled Last Sunday of the month is our Birthday meeting. Medallions are given out and cake is served after the meeting. No news on our elevator being ready for use, can't seem to get any info. I attended assembly by zoom. Attended committee meeting about Grapevine and learned some things to bring back to our Grapevine chair.	Lois L
	Canyon Group – The 6:30 am Tuesday and Thursday morning meeting is now at 8 am. Canyon group now has 8 am meetings Sunday thru Friday.	Tyrone S (Presented by ALT GSR Brad B)
	Chief Cliff Wellbriety Group – This is an open meeting, the group Wednesdays 7-8pm at the CSKT Tribal Health Center at 33116 US HWY 93 in Elmo. The Tribe provides space for the meeting, and we want to be able to give back to the Tribe, hence the need support. There is no violation of traditions.	Nick N (presented by Eric K.)
	Columbia Falls Group – We hold business meetings quarterly and we last met on Thursday April 17th at 7:15. Our next business meeting will take place Thursday July 17th at 7:15 pm. Meetings are weekly Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday evening at 8pm in the Chapel at the Vets Home in Cfalls. I was able to give my report on area assembly at the business meeting and we also voted to remove the speaker meetings on the third Saturday of the month. There hasn't been any speakers in a while and there are many other groups in the area that have speaker meetings. Everything has remained the same. Thank you in service, Katie V	Katie V
	Girls Night Out Book Study Group –	Nancy S

	Going to the Sun Group – Things are well in the cayon. Our meeting is held every Thursday 7pm at 215 Old School Ln in Coram and is very well attended. We also have a potluck on the last Thursday of the month at 6pm. Our business meetings are now held on the 1st Thursday of the month shortly after 8pm. In service, Chris	Chris M
	Happy Hour Group – Potluck on May 21st at 4:30pm. All are welcome. Meeting every Monday-Friday at 5:30pm.	Rhianna G
	New Hope Group – New hope is still meeting as usual 7 days a week at 12 and 7pm. Our on change this month is we have postponed the monthly business meeting to May 8th as severe chairs will not be able to attend on the 1st. As always gratefully yours in service, Aryel M	Aryel M
	Serenity Group – Serenity Group holds four meetings per week: MTF at 7pm at the Alano Club and Monday at 7pm on Zoom. Monday is Beginner's meeting, Tuesday is a book study, and Friday is a random call-up meeting except final Friday when we host a one-hour speaker. Friday night meeting is a birthday meeting and we give out chips for varying lengths of sobriety. I am not sure who the speaker will be on the final Friday of May. Our group is hosting a Founder's Day Campout at Tally Lake June 6-8. The flyer is on the Area 40 website. On the upside: I attended Area 40 Assembly in Great Falls and got to sit with people from our district and be inspired by the energy and excitement of service in AA. After talking with Chris and Katie about how Going to the Sun does the monthly potluck, Serenity Group held our first potluck before our speaker meeting last Friday night when Tazerae from New Hope told her story. She was amazing and the potluck was fun! The monthly potluck is open to the entire recovery community so please come and bring your friends on the final Friday at 6 if you would like to eat some dinner here at the Alano Club before the speaker/birthday meeting! On the downside: When we asked about reserving a room at the Alano Club for the potluck, we knew that the Happy Hour meeting used the big room until 6:30 for their meeting and it would be a conflict, so we asked for another room, but we were given this room and it caused the 5:30 group to be displaced. This was never our intention, we apologize for the confusion, and thank the 5:30 group for being flexible this past week. Moving forward we will have the food in the Lily Room or Center Room.	Alyson B

	On a CPC note, I spoke at a class at FVCC in April for LACs and out of a roomful of 12 sober students, and only one stated that they were sober through AA, (and they admitted this almost apologetically). There was quite a bit of prejudice against AA in the room, with people listing cliquishness, 13th stepping and difficulty finding meetings as primary reasons for not attending. People shared their means for getting sober which included IOPs and church. I spoke on the 12 steps and how the AA recovery program parallels psychotherapeutic techniques such as CBT, ACT and mindfulness training. I will connect with Antoinette, our District CPC chair. Thank you for letting me be of service, Allyson B.	
	Somers/Lakeside Group Permanent report: The Somers/Lakeside Group has open meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. We meet every Monday at 7 pm in the basement of the Eidsvold Lutheran Church, 5935 Hwy 93 South in Somers. Please use East entrance. Attendance has been growing over the past year with summer months seeing the largest turnout. The first Monday of the month is our 12 Step Meeting, where we read and comment on the corresponding step for that month. Meetings where a newcomer(s) may be present, we usually have a first step meeting, welcoming their presence. The last Monday of the month is our Birthday Meeting, where we acknowledge anyone who had a sobriety birthday that month and celebrate with commemorative coins and refreshments. The other Mondays are open discussion. Meetings usually end by expressions of gratitude and a prayer.	OPEN
	Tobacco Valley Group	OPEN
	The Connection - The Connection meets on Tuesday night 8pm at Big Sky Treatment. We have IOP grads receiving 30 day, 60 day, 90 day, and 6 month chips. We had our first one-year chip handed out to an IOP grad. Our meetings consist of 5-10 people. Because we meet once a week, and we have a lot of people new to the program, the few dollars we bring in are spent on coins, cupcakes, and literature. I don't think we have been able to do a split. Currently we don't have a business meeting. Sometimes we will take a vote after a meeting if we need to. Thank you! Deborah alternate GSR	Michael M (presented by Deborah R)
	Whitefish Group – Meets at First Presbyterian 301 Central Ave Whitefish, MT	Denise S

	• 3 meetings a day, 7 days a week: 7am; 12:30p, 8pm • ladies meeting on Tuesdays @ 6:30pm • men's meeting on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm • business meeting 1st Monday of month @ 6:30pm • openers support meeting 2nd Monday of month @ 6:30pm opportunity to ask questions about things that may come up in a meeting that may be unusual or unsure how to handle. • Some of our meetings were low in attendance this month, especially the 8pm. Would love support! • Enjoyed Spring Assembly! It was a great experience to see all the love and dedication of our trusted servants in action! Gained a lot more of an understanding how we function at the area level. And the preparation of our delegate for GSC.	
District Reports		
	DCM – April has been busy! I attended our annual Area 40 Spring Assembly in Great Falls at the beginning of the month. I was heartened to see so many members of District 91 show up. I forgot the exact numbers, but we filled up a whole row of tables at the assembly and we had at least eight GSR's and alt GSR's attended, which is amazing! Congrats to everyone who made the trip. What's more, I was able to attend group business meetings across the valley when I returned, and it was wonderful to see these same members of AA give detailed reports back to their groups and get them involved. We have a wonderful district. While we didn't have any major hot topic issues at assembly this year, there were still plenty of items to go over and business to discuss. Within Area 40 itself, the area has elected a new Bridging the Gap chair. Sean R. will be the new chair. He was alternate BtG chair previously and will undoubtedly do a good job stepping up. Area 40 also decided that more detailed guideline would be created for our area website. This should make things a little more streamlined and make the website easier to navigate in time. Area 40 also made the decision to allow districts to fund their own pre-assemblies with guidance from Area 40. As you know, Districts 81, 91, and 93 tried this at our pre-assembly this past month and	Eli S

that's basically how we will handle pre-assemblies going forward.

On the broader scale, our delegate Lisa C-D asked for a sense of the area on several important topics. This sense of the area gives Lisa an idea on how to vote for certain agenda items at this years General Service Conference. Among the topics discussed: a request that a super majority of voting members at the conference level be needed to amend the founder's writings (The Area was mostly for this), a proposed pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness session during the General Service Conference that would seek to address any controversial issues or opinions. (The Area was mostly opposed to this), adding the 12 Concepts to the 12 and 12 (The Area was mostly for this), and revising the Living Sober book (The Area was mostly opposed to this).

Finance was also a big topic of discussion. Our Area treasurer Lynne W. basically boiled it down to the suggestion that Area could use more support financially. If you are doing splits this month, consider adding a little more to Area if possible.

I also attended this year's standing corrections meeting hosted by Daniel S., our area corrections chair. There were several corrections chairs from other districts in the meeting and as somebody without much experience in corrections, it was informative. A lot of our time was spent discussing an agenda item that reviewed data from Endovo, a company that, among other things, allows prisoners to access AA literature on tablet devices such as ebooks and audiobooks. It was interesting to learn that more prisoners utilize audiobooks over ebooks. Our committee meeting also went over international committee agenda items. Of note there was an agenda item considering that flags of Sovereign States (i.e. flags of Indigenous nations) be flown as part of the flag ceremony at the International Convention. This was another sense of the area item that the Area was for.

Once again, I thank everyone from District 91 who attended this assembly. Our delegate Lisa is right now in New York at the General Service Convention being of service and passing the opinions and suggestions of Area

	40 down the triangle. This is in part, thanks to you the home groups who have the final say. Thanks all! Even though our assembly is over, I still plan on attending group business meetings through May to be as available as I can. If you have a business meeting coming up or would like to have me attend a regular meeting for questions, let me know. I could always use a meeting of course. Yours in service, Eli S.	
	Alternate DCM – Nothing new to report	Steve S
	Treasurer – District 91 Financial Report March 30, 2025 Bank Statement Ending Balance \$4,952.31 Outstanding Checks #191 District 91 Literature Acct. (\$80.00) #192 Eli S DCM pre-assembly travel (\$877.00) #193 District 81 1/3 of pre-assemble exp. (\$282.23) Bank Statement Balance \$3,713.08 Beginning Checkbook Balance \$5,023.53 March Deposits NONE Checks Written March #190 Hallie B. Into Action GSR Literature (\$71.22) #191 District 91 Lit. Serv Manual GSR's (\$80.00) #192 Eli S. Pre-Assembly Casper (\$877.00) #193 District 81 1/3 of pre-assemble exp. (\$282.23) Ending Checkbook Balance \$3,713.08 Prudent Reserve (\$1,500.00) Pink Can Balance (\$1,094.17) Net Available Balance \$1,118.91	Vince T (presented by Eli S.)

	Secretary – Asked for all monthly report/updates to be emailed to section444@aol.com as soon as possible.	Jose S																																								
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New Business	Eli S. asked all GSRs to check the AA app to make sure all meetings are showing up correctly for each group. Brad B. was selected by acclimation as the new Hotline Chair. Bill F. was selected by acclimation as the new Zoom Chair. Glen B. was selected by acclamation as the Christmas 2025 Alcathon Chair. Brad B. was selected by acclamation as the Christmas 2025 Alcathon Alt. Chair. The below proposed budget was voted on and unanimously approved by a vote of 18-0. <u>Proposed Budget District 91 2024-2025</u> Committees: <table><tr><td>Corrections</td><td>\$40</td></tr><tr><td>PI</td><td>\$40</td></tr><tr><td>Grapevine</td><td>\$40</td></tr><tr><td>Literature</td><td>\$40</td></tr><tr><td>Treatment</td><td>\$40</td></tr><tr><td>Bridging the Gap</td><td>\$40</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$280</td></tr></table> Events: <table><tr><td>Christmas Alcathon</td><td>\$150</td></tr><tr><td>Into Action Training</td><td>\$550</td></tr><tr><td>Delegate’s Day</td><td>\$200</td></tr><tr><td>Workshops</td><td>\$400</td></tr><tr><td>Meeting Room Rent</td><td>\$180</td></tr><tr><td>P.O. Box Rent</td><td>\$176</td></tr><tr><td>Literature (group orders)</td><td>\$300</td></tr><tr><td>Pre-Assembly Discussions</td><td>\$300</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$2,256</td></tr></table> Officers: <table><tr><td>DCM</td><td>\$2,000</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>\$50</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>\$25</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$2,075</td></tr></table> Area Assembly:	Corrections	\$40	PI	\$40	Grapevine	\$40	Literature	\$40	Treatment	\$40	Bridging the Gap	\$40	Total	\$280	Christmas Alcathon	\$150	Into Action Training	\$550	Delegate’s Day	\$200	Workshops	\$400	Meeting Room Rent	\$180	P.O. Box Rent	\$176	Literature (group orders)	\$300	Pre-Assembly Discussions	\$300	Total	\$2,256	DCM	\$2,000	Secretary	\$50	Treasurer	\$25	Total	\$2,075	
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Next Meeting	May 25, 2025 3:00pm Alano Club, Kalispell	
Closing	Responsibility Statement 4:17 pm	
Attachment		
Additional Notes:	NONE	