

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

February 27, 2022

Hosted at Alano Club of Kalispell and Zoom Online Meeting

Attendees

Sheila J., Jerry R., Tabitha D., Nancy S., Sonya RG, Libbie L., Brian M., Herb C., Margaret L., Alison L., Eddie W., Bradley W., Frederic D., and Sandy K.

Opening 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer – Margaret L.
- Preamble – Bradley W.
- 12 Traditions – Brian M.
- 12 Concepts – Jerry R.
- Concept of the Month (February) – Bradley W.
- Next Month Concept of the Month (March) – Concept 3 – Brian M.
- Next month District meeting to be held at Alano Club 153 N. Meridian, Kalispell and on Zoom simultaneously at 3:00 p.m., March 27, 2022.
- Review and approval of January minutes: Motion by Jerry R. with second by Libbie L. that minutes be approved as read and approved by the vote.
- Seventh Tradition suspended.

Introduction of Attendees

Committee Chair Reports

(Please forward all reports for monthly meeting by the Thursday preceding the meeting to klein_s@sbcglobal.net.

Archives – Darla W.

Archives report; For the month of February 2022. All is well at the Windmill storage. Our inventory is safe and sound. Thanks again for allowing me to serve it's been an honor. I have to work today until 6 and cannot break away. After I come back from Training in Helena I will be switching to a different schedule so I'll be more able to attend District Meeting in person.

Sincerely,

Darla W.

District 91 Archives Chairperson

Bridging the Gap: Bandi C.

Good Afternoon, Since our last District Meeting, there wasn't much activity with the B.T.G. program , Though I do pass the opportunities that this wonderful program has to offer along to others . One of my goals this month is to see to it that the facilities

(treatment centers) we take meetings into have the help they need to introduce their clients to the B.T.G. program . I have some volunteer sign-up sheets with me today. This is for people in your group to volunteer to contact those coming out of treatment or detention facilities . If anyone that hasn't or needs one . please bring this to your groups and pass it around between now and next month's district meeting. It would be greatly appreciated! Please bring the volunteer sheets back to me next month so that I can update our database.

In Service,
Bandi C.
District 91 Bridging the Gap Chairperson

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Rene J.

No report for this month. (discussion about maybe needing to replace the position)

Corrections – Eddie W.

Hello Everyone, Last we talked jail meetings were still closed due to Covid 19. Last week jail meetings have opened back up. I sent an email out to members who were on the schedule, with a new schedule attached. I have not called everyone yet but plan to this week. I will make an announcement at the district meeting that jails have opened back up and that members should make an announcement at their groups. I have a question about purchasing books with the pink can. Are we allowed to purchase books with the pink can money for the state prison in Deer Lodge? I think that is about it.

Eddie W.
District 91 Corrections Chairperson

Grapevine – Jerry R.

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You might also catch AA Grapevine sponsorship playlist at www.youtube.com/aa grapevine.

As you see there are different ways of enjoying Grapevine whether in print, podcast or YouTube!

In Service,
Jerry R
District 91 Grapevine Chair

Literature – Tabitha D.

I've had 1 literature report for the month of February. Big Books are back in my inventory (Yay!) and the GSO warehouse should be stocked with Big Books, ready for groups to order again. Let me know if you have any questions! Thanks!

Tabitha.D,
District 91 Literature Chair

Public Information (PI) – Steve W.

All is well with PI for this month except now we are out of schedules and are having difficulty obtaining more. (Jerry R. reported that Intergroup is in the process of printing these and will send.)

Steve W.
District 91 Public Information Chair

Treatment – Libbie L.

I have been in contact with the Triple Divide Treatment Center (formerly Wilderness) and they are excited to have the Sunday night meetings start again. I had no response from my email from anyone, but I assume groups will want to continue their involvement. Because I will be gone much of March, I told them our start date will be the second Sunday in April. I will be able to go on Sundays through the month to make sure someone is there. Again, please contact me if your group can continue as previously or if we need to make changes. I again request all GSR's supply me with email for your treatment person if you have one. If not, I will again be using the GSR contacts for communicating. I will be in contact with the treatment facilities in our area and will let everyone know how we can share the message with those agencies. Many of you already have contact with the facilities in our district, and I look forward to using all of you as we take the message to those who might need us, and to make a consistent effort on behalf of Alcoholics Anonymous in District 91. Wilderness/Triple Divide Former Rotation Sundays at 7 pm Whitefish Group, Serenity Group, Columbia Falls Group (and 5th if needed) Band of Brothers-- Pathways Treatment Center Former Rotation (currently suspended); Saturday 9 am Fresh Start Group, Whitefish Group Canyon Group (and 5th if needed) Victoria G., Nino G. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Libbie L
District 91 Treatment Chair

District Intergroup Liaison (non-voting) – Dan L.

No report for February

Standing Committees/Reports

Into Action – Cancelled for 2021 and 2022 event to be addressed in New Business.

Christmas Alcathon 2021: The count of Seventh Tradition the 2021 Alcathon was a total of \$191.90.

Renee D., Alcathon 2021 Chairperson

Fall 2022 Roundup –

Good afternoon,

We are moving along with getting things moving forward for the Round-up.

“Any Lengths” is the theme. I asked Jerry to bring some save-the-date flyers. You can also find it on the Area 40 website.

We are just in need of a venue chair and a marathon meeting chair.

Our next meeting via zoom is Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Meeting ID is 869 6201 9208; Passcode 183069.

There will be sign-ip sheets going around for greeters, marathon meeting chairs and food so as event gets closer watch for those service opportunities.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sonya R-G.

District 91 Fall Roundup Chairperson

New Year’s Alcathon 2022:

Group Reports

Bigfork by the Bay Group – Susan H., GSR

I am out of town in CT and will not be able to attend the district meeting on Sunday the 27th . I was unable also, to attend our Bay group business meeting on Saturday the 19th as my Mom died unexpectedly on Thursday evening and I flew out first thing to be with my sisters back home Friday morning. I unfortunately haven’t received minutes from the biz meeting and therefore have nothing to report.

Sorry about this non report. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service,

Susan H, GSR Bigfork by the Bay Group

By the Book – no representation this month

Canyon Group – Sonya R., GSR

Good afternoon,

Canyon group is doing well. Financially, we are very healthy. Meetings are being well attended especially our 12 p.m. daily and 1 p.m. Sunday. Night meetings are good but it would nice to have some support for our Big Book study on Monday Night 8 p.m. We do have early morning meetings Tuesday, Thurs. Sunday at 6:30 a.m. that could use some support. Saturday morning women’s hybrid meeting has great attendance and

following. Our speaker for Saturday morning March 5th is Diana. All positions are filled except we have a position for supplies that we are needing to fill.

Our big announcement is we are switching from styrofoam cups to paper cups for coffee.

Our speaker meeting is on Fri. March 4th and the speaker is Ariel from Kalispell. We look forward to help carry the message to the facilities in our area.

Thanks so much for letting me be of service.

Sonya RG, GSR Canyon Group

Came to Believe Group – Herb C., GSR

Came To Believe group is doing well. Attendance has remained steady, usually 10 or 12 each week. Two members will be leaving for jobs in other states. We have two new people that have moved into our area and have made this group their home group. Faces change, but the seats are taken. Amazing how things seem to work sometimes. Coincidence is God's Way of remaining anonymous.

Herb C., GSR Came to Believe Group

Chief Cliff Wellbriety AA – Francis A., GSR

No representation this month.

Circle of Sisters – Alison L. GSR

Circle of sisters meets Wednesday's at 6:30 PM online and in person with a speaker meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month. We have members who have found sponsees in other online meetings and those sponsees often attend the meeting as well bringing gals newer into sobriety to our meeting from various different places.

Alison L. GSR Circle of Sisters

Columbia Falls Group – Rene J.

No representation this month.

Rene J. GSR Columbia Falls Group

Flathead Valley Serenity Group – Brian McG., GSR

Our meeting times are still the same:

Monday @ 7 -Beginners meeting

Monday Zoom meeting at same time

Tuesday @7 - Big Book study

Friday @7- random call up meeting/speaker meeting last Friday of the month.

Saturday @9 - young persons candlelight meeting

Meetings are going well. Tuesday Night Big Book study has been very good as all meetings are. Meeting attendance is up 😊

Last Friday night speaker meeting was a full house with Barry as our speaker. Saturday night meetings are in need of support. Big news to announce is that we are going to do a trial run for hybrid meeting on last Friday night of the month speaker meetings for March and April.

Brian McG, GSR Serenity Group

Fresh Start – No representation this month

Going to the Sun Group – No representation this month

Lunch Bunch – no representation

New Hope Group – Christian P.

No representation this month.

Somers/Lakeside Group – Vicki the group treasurer told Sheila that previous GSR no longer attends and in the interim she would be the group contact till the position is filled. No representation this month

Sunrise Group –

No representation this month.

Tobacco Valley Group – Brian L. the contact for the group

No representation this month.

Whitefish Group – Bradley W.

The Whitefish Group has steadily shown attendance over the holiday season. We held a room cleaning and group elections. The sober ski is coming up and will be March 4, 5, and 6. Please contact me at 303-921-5356 with questions about the sober ski. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Bradley W. GSR Whitefish Group

Women in Sobriety –

No representation this month.

Officer Reports

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - Sheila J.

I have completed editing the Guidelines, except for changing the wording on Intergroup Liaison position now that it is a voting position. I have asked for input from Area Advisor, Paul, and am waiting to hear from him.

I attended the International Women's Conference in Santa Fe, NM two weekends ago. It was an amazing AA experience, about 1700 women in person, another appx 6,000 virtual. It was a great weekend of panels, workshops and speakers, as well as a wonderful banquet and Flamenco performers on Saturday night.

I am leaving Thursday to attend WCRAASC in Minneapolis. This will be my first chance to really see the GSC agenda, learn about and discuss the agenda items. This service conference is jam packed with opportunities to learn, share and fellowship. I highly encourage anyone interested to register for the virtual option (there is a registration fee) to attend this highly educational event. The GSC background material is available on Area website with a link/log-in to the Area Dashboard. You must use this this log- in to access the material, about 1100 pages. This information was sent in an earlier email. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Area 40 is holding a virtual Pre-Assembly on Sunday, March 20, 1 to 5 pm. There is a flyer and zoom link available on Area website, as well as a flyer attached to Feb minutes, when published. Area Delegate, Connie R, and Area Advisor, Paul L. (probably some other past Delegates and current Area Chairs as well), have committed to a 2-hour virtual Pre- Assembly on Saturday, March 26th, time TBD today. These are both great opportunities to educate yourself on agenda items. In my experience, it's very challenging to familiarize yourself with all the material, attending Pre- Assembly is vital to understanding, and feeling at least a bit comfortable with the material, at Area Assembly. I strongly encourage you to attend Pre-Assembly and follow up with Q and A the following weekend for more info on agenda items and Assembly in general.

Finally, Area 40 Spring Assembly is April 8 – 10, Great Falls Holiday Inn. It is very exciting to finally be able to meet in person again. I'm hoping that District 91 will make a great showing with our GSR's, CPC and Literature Chairs. CPC and Literature are funded to Assembly by District as they sit on Area Standing Committees as voting members. GSR's, this is your chance to be the voice and vote of your Groups, it is your obligation and great opportunity to be a vital member of the Area 40 body. Area 40 needs your participation. I request that ALL attending, please contact me and let me know. This is the "HOW" of how AA, as a whole works, again, we need you! Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sheila J.
DCM District 91

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) – Margaret L:
Nothing new to report.

Secretary – Sandy K.
Nothing new to report.

Treasurer - Nancy S.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>2/25/2022</u>	<u>PYTD</u>
1/27/2022	Beginning Balance			\$ 6,309.45	\$ 4,796.77
2/25/2022	Whitefish Group Split		\$ 82.50		
1/31/2022	Serenity Group Pink Can donation		\$ 247.00		
1/31/2022	Christmas Alcathon		\$191.90		
1/31/2022	Band of Brothers split		\$270.00		
1/30/2022	Alano Club - Jan District Mtg rent	\$ 15.00			
2/25/2022	Checking Account Balance			\$ 6,838.85	
2/25/2022	Pink Can Balance			\$ 1,555.40	\$ 1,258.36
2/25/2022	Prudent Reserve Balance			\$ 1,497.52	\$ 1,497.52
2/25/2022	Available Checking Balance			\$ 3,785.93	\$2,305.90

Old Business

None for this month.

New Business

We need to select an Intergroup Liaison which is a one-year sobriety requirement position.

On Saturday, March 26 there will be a Zoom meeting for Q&A on the items for the Assembly. An email with the Zoom sign-in information will be forthcoming. This will be most helpful in preparing attendees to be in the know about a plethora of information to be voted on.

A motion was made by Sandy K. and seconded by Alison L. to use the surplus of District budget we have this year to provide scholarships for GSR's whose groups might not have the funds to send them to Assembly. It was passed.

Closing

Jerry R. moved to close the meeting and it was seconded by Brian M. Meeting closed at 4:10 p.m. with the recitation of the Responsibility Statement by all in attendance.

ATTACHMENTS

DISTRICT 91 GUIDELINES

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bagRWUFLzMQhzdd5VV0QWKAjkYPAGK08C8qPzD53vog/edit#heading=h.px11p82xkmp>

VOLUNTEER PREA FORM FOR CORRECTIONS SIGNUP



Volunteer PREA 2013
(2).pptx

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION (JAILS)



New volunteer
Orientation 2021.ppt

COMBINED FORMS (CORRECTIONS)



Combined
Forms.docx

VOLUNTEER IDENTIFICATION FORM

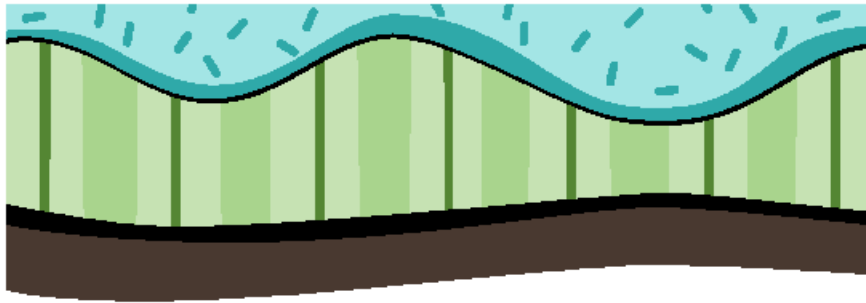


Volunteer
Identification Form (1)

2021 ORIENTATION EXAM (JAILS)



2021 Orientation
Exam.docx



Area 40 Pre-Assembly

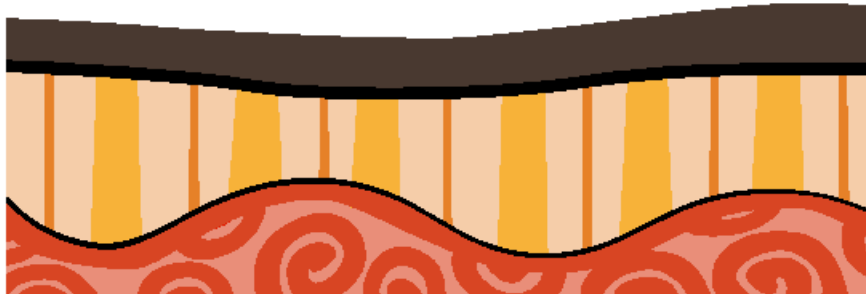
This opportunity is available and encouraged for any and ALL members of Alcoholics Anonymous in Montana!
Please join us to review and discuss the items that will appear on the upcoming Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda.

Date & Time: Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 1:00-5:00 PM Mountain Time

Click here to join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82747830884>

Meeting ID: 827 4783 0884

For more information contact Area 40 Chair, Kacie N. at kacie.service40@gmail.com



Pre-Assembly

Virtual Q & A

Connie, Kacie and Paul (and assorted Area Committee members) answer those nagging questions you may have about agenda items, Assembly procedures, Standing Committees, What's a quorum, etc?

Saturday, March 26th

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 871 2642 2182

Passcode: 243123

This is an informal opportunity to get answers to questions you, or your group, may have regarding the upcoming Area Assembly.

Sheila J. DCM District 91

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