

DISTRICT 91 BUSINESS MEETING

May 29, 2022

Hosted at Alano Club of Kalispell and Zoom Online Meeting

Attendees

Sheila J., Susan H., Jerry R., Bandi C., Brian M., Darryl H., Grant O., Antoinette, Rayanne, Tabitha and Eddie W

Opening 3:00 p.m.

- Serenity Prayer –
- Preamble – Darryl H.
- 12 Traditions – Jerry R.
- 12 Concepts – Bandi C.
- Concept of the Month (May) –
- Next Month Concept of the Month (June) – Concept 6 – Nancy S. volunteered
- Next month District meeting to be held at Alano Club 153 N. Meridian, Kalispell and on Zoom simultaneously at 3:00 p.m., June 26, 2022.
- Review and approval of April minutes: Motion by Jerry R. with second by Susan H. that minutes be approved as read, 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.

All is well in the archive storage unit and again nothing new to report. As always, thank you so much for allowing me to be of service. Sorry I couldn't attend as I work on Sundays.

Darla W.

District 91 Archives Chairperson

Bridging the Gap: Bandi C.

Good Afternoon,

In the month of May there was one request for a gentleman discharging from MCDC in Butte to be able to make contact with one of our volunteers here in Kalispell.

In an effort to work with our Districts Treatment and Correction chairs I was able to meet with the Treatment chair, Libbie L. this past month. The focus of this meeting was an effort to make our District better aware of how to utilize these areas of the program for the benefit of the still suffering alcoholic. We discussed an event at the end of July to

bring together those that would be interested in learning more about Treatment, Corrections and Bridging the Gap. If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me.

In Service,

Bandi C.
District 91 Bridging the Gap Chair

Corrections – Eddie W.

Hello Everyone! This month I sent out a new schedule for the jail meetings for the months of June, July, and August. I am starting to get it filled up but could always use more volunteers. I have talked to Gary E., the person in charge of Prison AA meetings and have put together an order of literature for the prison. I have an amount I need to get approved using the pink can funds. The books are to be ordered directly to the prison.

Jerry R. reported that the jail personnel told him the last time he went in that they are going to cancel the women's AA jail meetings if no women step up to volunteer to bring meetings in on Friday nights at 6:30 p.m.

That's about all the action for this month.

Thank you for the help!

Eddie W.
District 91 Corrections Chairperson

Grapevine – Jerry R.

Just ordered the new Grapevine book "Fun in Sobriety" about how alcoholics have put down the drink and learned how to have a good time!

Had a fellow alcoholic state how she enjoys the Grapevine podcast "Half Hour Variety Hour" every Monday. This podcast helps make AA content more accessible, getting the AA message out to alcoholics is what it's all about.

In Service,
Jerry R
District 91 Grapevine Chair

Literature – Tabitha D.

I had 4 literature orders for the month of May. I have quite a few pamphlets and books still on backorder at the moment. Let me know if you have any questions! Thanks!

Tabitha.D,
District 91 Literature Chair

Public Information (PI) – Steve W.

No report this month.
Steve W., District 91 Public Information Chair

Treatment – Libbie L.

Out of town this month, coming to you from northeast Nebraska and Minnesota. Here for my dad's memorial and getting a few days of biking in.

Treatment has been steady this month. Triple Divide meetings have been covered and are appreciated by them. No word from Pathways yet for reopening.

Bandi and I met and are tentatively planning a workshop/ice cream social with Bridging the Gap, Treatment, and Corrections for July 31 before the district meeting. More details to follow. It will be for AA members.

Am still reaching out to facilities in our district to see how we in AA can help those who still suffer. Thanks for keeping me sober,

Libbie L

District 91 Treatment Chair

District Intergroup Liaison (non-voting) – Brian M. (newly elected chair)

No report for April.

Standing Committees/Reports

Into Action – Chairperson for 2023 needed for this position. Let your group know!

Christmas Alcathon 2022: Chairperson needed for this position.

Fall 2022 Roundup –

Good afternoon everyone! Everything is starting to gear up. Online registration should be ready to go the 1st part of June. The menu has been decided for the event also. Venue accommodations have been finalized. The Spring Round Up was a huge success so we are hoping for the same here. Theresa L. Picked up our 3-legged stool in Helena that gets passed on to the upcoming Round Up.

Remind your groups that we will need volunteers to chair marathon meetings, for greeters and groups to bring food and snacks for the hospitality room. We have invited our area delegate Connie R. to share her report with us, along with a display from our Area Archivist, Earl F. Looking forward to fellowship with you all. Our next meeting is June 2 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom: meeting ID: 869 6201 9208/Passcode: 183069.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sonya R-G.

District 91 Fall Roundup Chairperson

New Year's Alcathon 2022: Need a chairperson.

Group Reports

Bigfork by the Bay Group – Susan H. Bigfork by the Bay Group is feeling happy and harmonious. We recently reviewed our literature distribution procedures, and everyone is on the same page. We cancelled our Group picnic as so many other events are

happening and are deciding what to do with those additional funds. We formatted a new outline for birthday meetings and have a new Birthday Chair. (Who happens to come with stellar baking experience). We are much more active in Intergroup and have two members regularly attending those meetings. I just gave a report on the AREA Assembly and was grateful to the group for financing the trip. We have decided to discontinue the Saturday morning Zoom meeting. It has been removed from the website calendars.

We have several new members and look forward to sharing in their recovery.

Happy 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! Sorry I cannot be there today. Spending time in Missoula for my son's birthday.

Here's what's going on at the Canyon Group: Speaker meeting 1st Friday of the month, June 3, 8 p.m. is Ryan. Saturday morning women's 8:30 a.m. meeting speaker the 1st Saturday, June 4 is Stacy. Annual campout is June 10,11 and 12 at Swan Lake Campground. Rebecca L. is chair and Bandi C. is co-chair. Lots of activities are planned including open mic Friday night. Please see flyer for all the info.

We then will be getting ready to book our sight for next year's campout. With the way reservations are working, it may be wherever we can get. We are looking at trying to get the group site at Big Creek again like we did years ago.

Our group's meetings are well attended except for the early morning ones. Jan B. is now chairing our 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday meetings. The Sunday 6:30 a.m. meeting is still being chaired by Brian P.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Sonya RG, GSR Canyon Group

Came to Believe Group – Herb C., GSR

My wife Rhoda and I are on our way to our grandson's high school graduation In Las Vegas, Nevada. I will not be available for in person or Zoom attendance this coming Sunday. Our group report is as follows: The attendance has increased this month for some reason. We are averaging about 15 each Sunday evening. We are still supporting the Wednesday night group in Troy by our weekly attendance. Mike U. will celebrate a one-year sober anniversary this Sunday evening. Carrot cake and ice cream after the meeting.

Sincerely,

Herb C., GSR Came to Believe Group

Chief Cliff Wellbriety AA – Francis A., GSR

Wellbriety/AA Meetings, every Wednesdays, 7-8 pm.

Circle of Sisters –

Sheila reported that Alison has resigned as GSR and the group's June speaker is Kathryn L.

Columbia Falls Group – Rene J.

No report.

Rene J. GSR Columbia Falls Group

Flathead Valley Serenity Group – Brian McG., GSR

Nothing new to report other than our Founder's Day campout will be June 17-20th. Hope to see ya'll there.

Also, we cancelled the Saturday night Young Peoples Group due to lack of participation.

We are also taking a meeting to Triple Divide treatment center June [12 at](#) 6:30 p.m.

Monday meeting zoom at 7:00, Monday night meeting at the Alano Club, 7:00.

Tuesday night Big Book study, 7:00.

Friday night random call meeting 7:00 with the last Saturday of the month being a zoom and in person hybrid speaker meeting.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Brian Mc Serenity Group GSR

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 or report this month.

Somers/Lakeside Group – The meeting will be moving on April 1 to 7 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. No representation from the group this month.

Sunrise Group – No representation or report this month.

Tobacco Valley Group – Darrell H.

The Tobacco Valley Group is meeting 7 days a week. (m, t, th, fr, s, at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center – Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 7:00 p.m. at 99 Mill Spring Rd.

We will be bringing up the Christmas party at the June business meeting. Darrell said Big Mike P. had a stroke and is in a nursing home called Good Samaritan House..

Darrell H., GSR Tobacco Valley Group

Whitefish Group – Bradley W.

No report.

Women in Sobriety –

No representation.

Officer Reports

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM) - Sheila J.

Whitefish Big Book Study Group meets Thurs. 7 p.m. at the Wave.

Everyone please plan ahead for Fall assembly Sept 9-11, 2022. Followed by the roundup later in Sept.

Immanuel Lutheran Home in-house AA meetings are being requested. Pastor Al and Sheila are going to discuss. Very preliminary at this point but bring it to your groups and see what the interest might be.

Delegate report by Connie R. to be given at the Roundup. Probably Saturday, but not for sure NOT early. Those wanting to hear the report but not attend the Roundup will be provided a “pass” of sorts. Discussion of donuts, juice and possibly fruit provided for this delegate report to be funded by district.

In Service,
Sheila J.
DCM District 91

Alternate District Committee Member (Alt. DCM) – Margaret L:

No report.

Secretary – Sandy K.

No report.

Treasurer - Nancy S.

5/27/2022

Treasurer Report District 91

4/22/2022 Beginning Balance \$5,468.21

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction Description</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
4/24/2022	Alano Club - April District Mtg rent	\$ 15.00	
5/27/2022	Checking Account Balance		\$5,453.21
5/27/2022	Pink Can Balance		\$1,555.40
5/27/2022	Prudent Reserve Balance		\$1,497.52
5/27/2022	Available Checking Balance		\$2,400.29

Old Business

Paul L. is on vacation so Intergroup job description in the District Guidelines is not completed yet.

New Business

Grant O. Area Treatment Chair has had a request for meetings to be brought to Warm Springs the mental hospital in Anaconda. He has also reached out to Missoula, Butte, and Helena since those are the surrounding areas. This is very preliminary. No times or days have been discussed. He is going to possibly set up a Zoom meeting with the districts interested. Unsure of qualifications but masks and vaccinations are for sure. Eddie, from Corrections mentioned that he is interested in participating in this.

Sheila presented a flyer (provided by Kacie N. Area chair) regarding a workshop on How to write an Agenda item for Area! Side Note: Sheila mentioned that writing the agenda item for Area was the same as district so we can learn both.

Sheila suggested to kick off summer that district provide pizza for the June meeting and make it a potluck for dessert. Bandi added it would be a great recruitment time for DCM and Alt DCM since that will be coming up in August for the next rotation.

Brian wanted clarification on why the District Intergroup Liaison/Intergroup Rep was a voting position now. Sheila provided an explanation. All is settled.

Closing

Darrell H. moved to close the meeting, and it was seconded by Antoinette. The meeting was adjourned 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

Assembly Report-April 2022

Thank you all for the opportunity to attend Area Assembly, representing District 91. It was wonderful to meet in-person again after several virtual meetings. This year's hybrid option offered a great opportunity for those that could not make it live, for whatever reason. Big points to the tech team, and ad-hoc committee, for making this option viable. We had appx 95 voting members, about 125 members in the room and 25 to 30 members online. This was exceptional attendance, and it was very rewarding to experience the dedication of so many members. District 91 was well represented. In-person, in addition to myself, was Susan, Sonya, Darrell, Brian and Bradley. I know that Margaret, Alison, Tabitha, Eddie attended at least some of the meeting on Zoom. If I missed listing you, I apologize. The complete Assembly minutes will be available online in a few weeks.

Friday evening had a brief, all attendee, introduction and then we separated into Area Standing Committee meeting, led by Kacie, and a welcome session for the rest of us, Led by Connie. Saturday morning, we began bright and early with welcome, roll call, financial highlights, Area Chair report and

the start of DCM reports. At 9:30 we broke into Standing Committee meetings and 2 different workshops for those not attending committee meetings. I was the District rep on Treatment Committee. Treatment Chair, Grant was unable to attend, so Area Advisor, Paul L, chaired the meeting. We had all voting members in attendance. Thank you, Brian, for attending CPC as our District voting member. Tabitha, District Lit chair, attended Literature as our second District as this was her committee assignment. Sonya and Susan also attended the very popular literature committee meeting. Eddie was present for Corrections, Bradley attended PI and Darrell attended Archives. Anyone is welcome to attend committee meetings, the Chair and District reps are the only voting members. Many times, the Chair just wants a general group conscious, so all are asked to share their thoughts. Saturday afternoon we began with the main business of Spring Assembly, covering every committee's Chair reports, motions, Area and GSC agenda items in the Floor Assembly. I will highlight agenda items at the end of this report. Our West Central Trustee, Mike L, shared after our dinner break, a very inspiring talk. That was followed with continued floor assembly, the evening ending with GSR and DCM Breakout sessions. Sunday morning opened with Roundup reports, Sonya gave a very persuasive intro to our Fall Roundup! WCRAASC report, Tech report, YPAA reports followed. Our past delegate, Gerry R, gave an abbreviated share so the Assembly could get back to Floor Assembly items. A new Triangle editor was elected. I had to leave about an hour early, thank you to Margaret for stepping in on Zoom to vote for our District as Alternate DCM. I tuned in to Zoom in the car but didn't want to vote while driving! The Assembly was extended 15 minutes to cover all items, but I don't feel that some of the items were covered as well as they should have been. It was a big rush at the end. This seems to be a recurring issue, perhaps the Assembly needs to be scheduled longer, or other accommodations made to fully conclude all business, my personal opinion.

Highlights of Floor Assembly:

Corrections: Pink Can, Came in with \$5600, \$3000 dispersed, balance of \$3600. Area strongly opposed to reconsidering term "person-in custody". Area evenly divided on requests to limit changes to BB, per background material. Committee supported use of footnotes.

Literature: Area consideration with several requests regarding changes to BB underwent several changes. The submitter/Committee removed three items; felt they were covered in GSC items. 4th item went back to second Committee meeting. No further changes to Bill W's writings went to a vote, 51-49% opposed, motion failed. One minority opinion was voiced, no motion made to reconsider, vote stands. GSC Literature: (Surprising lack of discussion on GSC Lit Comm items, in general) Discussion on item K- Plain and Simple translation, several year project, down to 6 possible vendors, 2024 estimate. No Action from Committee on request to develop study guides. Item R, Area opposed going back to discussions on changes made to 12 & 12 by 71st GSC. Comm in favor of updates to book, Experience, Strength and Hope.

Finance/Report and Charter: Area 40 Comm recommended that Hybrid be provided for fall, vote 86+/9-. Minority opinion spoke, a vote to reconsider was made and seconded, reconsider failed 22+/62-.

PI: Sabrina, Area Hotline Chair (which falls under PI) made a motion to add a job description for the position, which passed 89+/1-/3A. There was also an Area 40 motion to make Triangle Newsletter a digital-only, 4 X/year publication. There was a good deal of discussion, motion passed 71+/22-, minority opinion was also engaging, motion to reconsider was made and seconded but failed 38+/47-. There was only minor discussion on GSC items, mostly review of reports.

Archives/Structure and Policy: Area 40 Archives is requesting the addition of any Covid stories/procedures, etc. to stories being written for archival purposes. No action at this time was taken regarding making Triangle Editor a non-rotating position.

Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda: (10 members in attendance at Comm meeting) The Committee, and Area, agreed with changes considered for revising pamphlet/book in items F and G. Committee

reviewed suggestions and themes for 2023 GSC and discussed, nothing much was discussed on the Assembly floor though.

CPC and Grapevine-These two committees reported on Sunday morning, after I had to leave. I listened online while driving but missed some due to poor signal. Unfortunately, they didn't really have much time, so they didn't give their reports and generally just a sense of the Area was taken on a few items, mainly pertaining to literature.

In general, Assembly was very well managed. Kacie did a fantastic job chairing. The tech team was fantastic, I believe the Zoom portion went very well. It's always amazing to see the Traditions and Concepts in action and I'm always inspired by the level of dedication to our program. Despite our Assembly being quite divided on several issues, comments were generally polite, appropriate and genuine, with the honest concern of what is best for AA. My big take away from this Assembly is that even when opinions are diametrically opposed, each person ultimately wants what is best for AA, the program and fellowship, and most importantly, the newcomer. We all want what is best for AA, we may just not see the same pathway, this is where we must trust the process and most importantly, the God of our understanding.

Personally, I find that the Assembly often runs out of time to thoroughly present and discuss all Committees reports and agenda items. I feel it is a disservice to Committee chairs, and the fellowship, to rush through any of these items. I hope the Assembly will try to address this shortcoming in future Assemblies. It is also an issue at GSC level and was discussed at our Assembly too. This list is only a brief recap of the highlights, as I see them. Again, the entire minutes will be available on Area 40 website soon. I am always amazed and inspired at the process that guides our fellowship and it's encouraging to see that we can, as a group, fundamentally disagree with respect and humility and abide by our Traditions, guided by a loving God represented in our Group Conscious.

Thank You for allowing me the privilege to represent District 91 and the opportunity to serve.

Sheila J. DCM District 91

Area Assembly DCM Report-District 91

Greetings from the Northwest corner of our beautiful State!

After a long winter, spring is in the air and you can actually feel the anticipation of upcoming activities, the return of our many seasonal members and the opportunity to meet new friends visiting our spectacular, and increasingly popular, locale.

We kept busy during the dark months, most meetings that were temporarily online have gone back to in-person venues, but we still have a number on online, or hybrid, opportunities for those who prefer, or require, a remote option. We continue to provide a hybrid monthly District business meeting and enjoy good attendance, averaging 15 to 18 attendees each month, pretty evenly split between in-person and online attendees. Although it's always nice to all be together in person, we are grateful to be able to have more District level participation, including those that would not be able to attend without the zoom option. We held our Christmas and New Year Alcathon's with great participation. The first weekend of March Whitefish hosted the 35th Annual Soberski event, chaired by our own Area PI guy, Jake H. Although we missed a usually strong Canadian contingent due to Covid travel restrictions, Missoula made up for it with a group of first-time attendees. A good time was had by all.

We are excited to have added a new group to District 91 from Libby, MT. The "Came to Believe Group", formerly from Area 92, approached us last fall with an agenda item to move to Area 40, District 91. While this was quite exciting, we really didn't know the proper procedure for such a request. After some consultation, it was determined that Tradition 4 should prevail, and that autonomy allows the Group to

decide where they chose to affiliate. We are thrilled to include "Came to Believe" as a District 91, Area 40, new member.

The spring and summer calendar is already filling up with many opportunities for fun, fellowship and carrying the message:

April 24th, The Fresh Start Group is hosting their annual Pancake breakfast featuring Ole's famous Flapjacks.

June 4th Intergroup is having a Spring Fling at a private home in Ferndale.

June 4-5 is the 37th annual EZ Duz It Golf Tournament at Whitefish Lake Golf Club.

June 10-12 is Canyon Group's annual Swan Lake Campout.

June 17-20 Flathead Valley Serenity Group hosts their Founder's Day Campout at Tally Lake Campground.

August 11-14 will be the always well-attended Intergroup Emery Bay Campout.

Sept 5th Whitefish Group will have their annual Labor Day picnic.

And Finally- We are happy to be hosting the 2022 Fall Roundup in Kalispell September 23-25. Chair, Sonya, will have a full report. We hope you can make it!

I'm sure I've missed a few events, but you can see we are not a glum lot. Look for flyers on Area 40 website and aanwmt.org, NW MT Intergroup site. We certainly enjoy our fun and fellowship, but always keep in mind the serious business of carrying the message. The newcomer is always welcomed and encouraged, ever keeping in mind our primary purpose.

District 91 is alive and well, grateful to have survived the trials and tribulations of the past couple years and looking forward to a more normal spring and summer. We hope you will join us if your travels bring you to our neck of the woods, or better yet, make a plan to experience AA in Northwest Montana.

WCRAASC Report

West Central Regional AA Service Conference was held in Minneapolis on April 4, 5 and 6. This conference is held every spring and rotates among the seven states in the West Central Region, Montana (Area 40), Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. The conference mainly focuses on General Service Conference agenda items, but also includes several breakout sessions, Topic presentations and speakers, as well as Early Bird meetings.

Four 45-minute topic presentations were held, How Do AA's Go to Any Lengths to Recover, Serve & Unify, The Warranties: Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World, Going Beyond Fear and How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere. Different Areas presented these topics with a few speakers sharing, followed with general sharing. A few personal take-aways from these presentations: we don't lead by mandate, but by example, we went to many lengths to drink, we need to do the same to serve, the 36 Principles/Concepts protect AA as a whole and are a guide for our trusted servants and that going beyond our fears is courageous and requires using our faith in AA and our Higher Power. There were four Breakout Sessions held on Saturday afternoon and I was honored to help facilitate the session titled "Virtual 12th Step work: Is it effective"? It was well attended with great participation. Communication in AA, Anonymity on new technologies and Coming of Age were the other topics for sessions.

GSC agenda review and discussion takes up the bulk of the conference with about 8 hours dedicated to these items. As usual, there were a number of hot button items that generated a great deal of discussion. Most discussed items dealt with any changes to literature, especially Big Book and 12 X 12. Several people mentioned that changes were made hastily during the past GSC, this was countered by

several comments about the number of years these items have been under consideration, the number of opportunities for Groups and Individuals to address the items, as well as past and current Delegates stating that the GSC business was done appropriately and thoroughly, despite being done remotely during the last GSC. My general sense of the discussions was that the body was quite divided on many issues regarding any past or current changes to our literature, but that the majority fell on the side of being open to appropriate changes, willing to make changes in order to be inclusive to ALL alcoholics and willing to trust our trusted servants that have researched the background material and have the opportunity to hear varied thoughts on the items. I was quite surprised when there was no discussion on the impact of the Preamble change to AA, none. It was a great reminder that what may seem like a big deal to some, may not even register as an issue to the majority, a good thing for me to remember. Another take away was how important it is to review the background material before going to the mic with a strong opinion.

Saturday night we were gifted with a wonderful share by our current GSO Manager, Bob W. Sunday morning, all present past Trustees briefly shared, followed by an Ask-it-Basket session and general sharing. Total registration for the conference was 458, 361 in-person, 97 on-line. I've attended several WCRAASC's and always come away in awe of those that volunteer for AA service, some for many, many years. The level of dedication, the amount of time and energy that many contribute is an absolute testimony to the willingness of so many to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Ultimately, the awareness that, bottom line, we all, sincerely want to do the best thing for AA, even though we may not all agree on the best way to do that, gives me the opportunity to pause and let God run the show.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sheila J. DCM District 91