

# SLVRSTRK

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## RULE 62:

From a folder named:You Can't Make This Stuff Up

The following is copied from a .pdf on the aa.org website titled:

### **ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 1951-2022**

**1987** It was recommended that:

There be a light system on the podium

**1988** It was recommended that:

There be a light system on the podium

**1989** It was recommended that:

There be a light system on the podium

**Editor's Note:** Apparently, by 1990 this Advisory Action was implemented. It took us only 3 years to get lighting on the podium. Welcome to General Service.

FEBRUARY 2023



## Growing an Online AA Group

Sharing Successes in Welcoming Newcomers and  
Encouraging Group Membership



# Saturday, February 4, 2023

2pm Eastern, 1pm Central, 11am Pacific

**Zoom Meeting: ID 949 5119 4588 / PW: Unity2023**

Hosted by: Three Legacies Study Group and the Get In to Action Committee

Contact us at: [getintoactioncommittee@gmail.com](mailto:getintoactioncommittee@gmail.com)

### Open Sharing On These and Other Topics

- ❖ How is your online AA group welcoming newcomers?
- ❖ Does your online AA group create a sense of belonging among group members?
- ❖ Is online home group participation different than in-person home group participation?
- ❖ Encouraging online AA group membership, commitment, and participation.
- ❖ Differences between AA online meetings and online AA groups.
- ❖ Share effective practices adopted by your group as well as those to avoid.



The Get In to Action Committee fosters collaboration among online groups to encourage group service and to participate in the U.S./Canada General Service Structure of Alcoholics Anonymous.  
<https://www.giacommittee.org/>

All OIAA Groups and Meetings Invited



**LVYPAA PRESENTS**



**VALENTINE'S DATE AUCTION &  
SADIE HAWKINS DANCE**

**Co-hosted by FLAGYPA**

**BE A PART OF OUR:**

**Speaker Meeting @ 6pm**

**Speed Fellowship**

**Date Auction**

**Spaghetti dinner**

**Sadie Hawkins Dance**

**Speakers:**

**Robin & Jeff L. from LA**

**Jen & Leo G. from LV**

**Triangle Club**

**4600 S Nellis Blvd,**

**Las Vegas, NV 89121**

**Suggested donation: \$15**

**02.11.23**

# Las Vegas AA Men's Spring Retreat

**May 5th - May 7th 2023**

at Potosi Pines Camp and Retreat Center



Hosted By:

**The Retreat Men's Group**

We meet every Monday Night - 7pm  
at Christ Church Episcopal  
2000 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas NV, 89104

This Year's Retreat Leader: **Keith G.**

Mt Potosi is popular for Hiking, Rock Climbing, Nature Photography, Mountain Biking,  
Sitting in a Chair While Fellowshiping, and it's Starry Night Sky.

**Potosi Pines Camp and Retreat Center**

10910 Mount Pososi Canyon Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89161

**Cost of Retreat: \$150**

Price includes all meals, use of retreat house, a place to sleep, bathrooms, shower facilities, and coffee. You must bring your own pillow and sleeping bag - It's a campsite

For More Info:

**[www.RMGLV.net](http://www.RMGLV.net)**

## **AA Area 42**

### **Translation & Interpretation Committee**

*All Area 42 members are welcome to help  
translate minutes, emails, guidelines, etc.*



*Proficiency in Spanish is NOT required...  
in fact, you don't even need to speak Spanish*

### **BILINGUAL SPANISH VOLUNTEERS**

# **NEEDED**



**We Meet Online  
Every 3rd Thursday @ 5:30pm PST**

*Questions?... Call the*

**Las Vegas Central Office: (702) 598-1888**

*And ask that someone from the Translation Committee contact you*

**Zoom ID: 474 938 3601 • Passcode: Rule62**

# LAS VEGAS HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE



## OUR PURPOSE

TO CARRY THE MESSAGE OF HOPE AND RECOVERY  
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS TO THE ALCOHOLIC  
WHO IS CONFINED IN A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION

## WHO ARE WE?

MEMBERS OF AA FROM THE  
GREATER LAS VEGAS AREA

## WHERE DO WE MEET?

LAS VEGAS CENTRAL OFFICE  
1515 E. TROPICANA AVE  
#710  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

## WHEN DO WE MEET?

HYBRID BUSINESS MEETING  
3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (6:00 PM)  
ZOOM MEETING ID: 844 8344 0601  
PASSCODE: 480603

## SEND CONTRIBUTIONS:

LAS VEGAS H&I COMMITTEE  
3870 E FLAMINGO RD  
A2 #405  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

## CONTRIBUTIONS

DECEMBER 20, 2022 - JANUARY 17, 2023

GROUPS / MEETINGS / INDIVIDUALS	\$ AMOUNT	GROUPS / MEETINGS / INDIVIDUALS	\$ AMOUNT
HAPPY HOUR	291.77	BOOKS DON'T LIE	130.41
TAKING IT TO THE STREETS	480.00	THURSDAY SUMMERLIN AT NOON	100.00
DIRT BAGS	69.00	ABC GROUP	50.00
7 <sup>TH</sup> TRADITION	46.00	PROMISE SISTERS	40.00
FORCE FOR GOOD	58.50	RETREAT MEN'S GROUP	46.00
KCB	91.76	HOW IT WORKS GROUP	13.00
ONE RULE GROUP	147.50	LIGHT ON THE HILL	120.00
LIVING SOBER GROUP	39.00	ONLY WAY HOME	29.00
SUN CITY GROUP	51.00	SUNRISE GROUP	168.50
SOBERLICIOUS GROUP	64.27	SECOND EDITION GROUP	43.63
MESQUITE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	40.00	SERENITY IN THE AFTERNOON	227.00
MAX'S WORM'S-ZOON	46.00	SUMMERLIN MEN'S MEETING	69.00
WEDNESDAY SUMMERLIN BOOK STUDY	109.00		
HIGH AND DRY	67.00		
FIRST LAKES GROUP	135.00		

### **Meeting Spotlight**

Brokedown Palace

**Place:** The T.I.E. Club 329 N 11th St, Las Vegas, NV 89101

**Day & Time:** Wednesday nights from 7 - 8:30pm

**Format:** Big Book Study

Brokedown Palace is a Big Book study. The meeting reads the first 164 pages of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, line by line. Though named after the Grateful Dead's song by the same name, no meeting member is planning to: "leave this broke-down palace" anytime soon. The meeting started in the fall of 2019 at a local car dealership; with the outbreak of COVID in March 2020, the meeting went dark.

In February of 2021 the meeting re-opened in downtown Las Vegas, at the T.I.E. Club. The meeting idea and mantra was simple: Get closer to the newcomer. BDP is an interactive place for all alcoholics, where curious minds can participate without judgment; share interpretations; ask questions; and have open discussions that are both dynamic and informative. The guidelines of BDP align with the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. At BDP, through shared experiences, you'll find an AA message that carries both depth and weight.

## **How We Carry This Message**

Annie D.

"Taking advantage of technological advances, for example, A.A. members with computers can participate in meetings online, sharing with fellow alcoholics across the country or around the world."

Page XXIV, Foreword to the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous published in 2001

The first time I read that was on Nov. 1 in 2011 my sobriety date. I arrogantly thought it was dated and quite trite. All I could hear were those archaic computer dial up tones from the 1990s. Furthermore there was absolutely no way I was ever going to attend a meeting online. What? Like in some kind of sober chatroom with a bunch of weirdos? Nope. Never.

Today I spend roughly two-thirds of my time in an eastern Nevada town called Ely, population 4,500. It's five hours away from Las Vegas and four hours away from Salt Lake City - weather permitting.

The Ely area fellowship consists of roughly 15 members and growing. We rely heavily on the internet, emails, texts, phone calls and yes – ZOOM. We have been able to maintain and create life-saving connections to other groups and each other by working together with the trusted servants at Las Vegas Central Office, the hotline, H&I, Grapevine, Nevada Area 42 and the Las Vegas Young People of AA (We love you whole bunches!).

We host five live meetings per week including one Weekend Warriors speaker meeting at 6:30pm on the fourth Saturday of the month. The annual CampNic (July 21-23) at Ward Mountain is now in its third year. We have a website [www.elyaa.org](http://www.elyaa.org). All five meetings are listed on the Las Vegas schedule and the Meeting Guide App. In January the Freedom Group out of McGill added a hybrid meeting at 7pm on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome.

The sweeping changes described in the Forward to the Fourth Edition have proved to be incredibly profound which also reminds me of Page XV in the Forward to Second Edition published in 1955 where A.A. is described as 'but a beginning, only an augury of a much larger future ahead.'

### **30 Day Reflection**

Bobby B, 12/29/2014, Bunch For Lunch Men's Stag

I remember reaching page 59 in the Big Book with my sponsor for the very first time. I worked the steps thoroughly. He had me write one word next to each of the 12 steps. "Honesty" next to Step 1, he had me write. "Hope" next to Step 2, "Faith" next to Step 3 and so on to completion. When finished with all 12 Steps, I asked him why we did this and he said, "Because when you get to your 12th step, where it asks you to "...practice these principles in all our affairs", I want you to recognize these principles.." When I practice the 12th Step, I feel I'm practicing all the Steps along with all of the principles at the same time.. It has truly become my design for living. I also find there's a lot of magic in that 12th Step! A dear AA brother, Kenny B., says, "We have to give it away to keep it, and if we're not giving it away, we probably don't have it." As for myself, I believe that while the 3rd Step keeps me sane, the 12th Step keeps me sober! Sponsoring and regular service work have proved to be not only the key to my sobriety, but the key to my happiness as well. I love to quote Bill W. from a convention in 1951 regarding the Steps. He said, "Don't make a project out of working the Steps. Go through your day being the sort of person you would like to be, trying to help someone else, and making sure you don't hurt anyone. And when you get to the end of your day, review the 12 Steps, and you will find that you have worked all of them." They say it's a program – it doesn't get simpler than that!

### **30 Year Reflection**

David J., 4/30/1993

After almost three decades AA is still relevant in my life. Every now and then someone will ask me another, "why do you still go to meetings?". I answer that **"AA has not lost its new car smell"**. But it is more than that.

For much of my adult life I always wanted to have the newest gadget: not necessarily the biggest or shiniest, just the latest and greatest. Not just things but ideas as well. During the 70's and 80's I joined several movements and attended a variety of churches but those too faded and were replaced with some other notion. I would get bored or find some fault as an excuse to leave. I was always a joiner but never a sustainer.

Now, I got here via the courts as so many of us do; fear of having to go to jail kept me going to meetings. I started to learn things about me and my disease. In my third year of sobriety, I started a relationship and began to learn more about myself and others. In year 4 I made a geographic and in year 5 I got married. Lots of learning and lots of opportunities to practice Step 12.

At 20 years of sobriety my wife of 15 years died of cancer. During that time, I really learned more about being of service as a caregiver. Following her passing I moved here to Vegas and found that service in AA really helped me in the grieving period by getting my mind off my situation.

Around the 25<sup>th</sup> year I began to feel restless and uneasy about things. I told my sponsor that I was doing all the things I was supposed to do but I just did not feel right. So off on another 4<sup>th</sup> Step. We discovered that I was being haunted by an incident that occurred during high school and I let it fester for a long time. I was able to let go of a great emotional discomfort I had been carrying around for a long time.

Coming up on my third decade of sobriety, I have developed an interest in Hindu scripture. In the Bhagavad Gita, Eknath Easwaran wrote, "the Gita's goal is to harness this activity in selfless service removing the poisonous agency of the ego." That is just what the twelve steps do; deflate the ego.

I plan to continue to find AA principles and concepts in other literature. This, like other aspects of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous has kept me from getting bored. It seems with every year of sobriety I can find some new aspect of AA that I can apply to my life. I would call it the final paradox: **the older it gets, the newer it seems.**

## **STEP 2**

Kim M., Happy Hour Group

"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

The first question I had to answer was, "Am I insane?" It definitely seemed plausible. I remember sobbing uncontrollably before I took my first drink on that day. I so desperately didn't want to drink. And yet I knew I couldn't stop myself. Coming to, barely knowing what day it was and not really caring, so long as I had another drink to carry me into oblivion. Was this madness? I should say so.

What did I believe? I believed I would be better off dead. I believed I wasn't worthy enough to ask for help from anything, or anyone. I believed that the God I grew up with should have condemned me to hell long ago, with no hope of redemption. But in all that darkness , there was light. I started to recollect things my fellow alcoholics at rehab would say; that they had once felt as hopeless as I did, but they didn't anymore. That they once had the obsession like I did, but they didn't anymore. That they were once insane, but they weren't anymore- all because they worked the 12 steps of AA. They said it was that simple. And I wanted it.

But what "Power"? I had no idea. Someone told me that I could start to utilize this "Power" long before I understood it. WHAT?!? I could start this process when I didn't even know what I believed in? SOLD!! So what was greater than me? The universe, energy, and love were all bigger than me. "Your will, not mine" came out of my mouth. A lightning bolt didn't come crashing down from the sky, but I did feel some peace. I just knew that if I was going to recover, this was the way. I was absolutely worthless to everyone and everything when I was drinking. Today it's different. I believe now that all that is beautiful, magical, pure, and of light and love-energy in this universe, wants me to be sober. I am not absolutely worthless to everyone and everything today because of this "Power". And that's a very powerful force to have behind me.

## **Tradition Two**

Michael L., Common Solution Group

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants they do not govern."

The greatest person that I can aspire to be in AA is a trusted servant. If I have been convinced of what it says on page 14 of the big book of Alcoholics Anonymous, "Simple, but not easy, a price had to be paid, it meant destruction of self-centeredness"; I must practice this Tradition in all of its ramifications, both on a group and personal level.

Wilson tells us in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, on page 132, "...indeed no A.A. can give another a directive and enforce obedience". He continues on page 134, "This brings us straight to the question "Does A.A. have a real leadership?" Most emphatically the answer is "Yes, notwithstanding the apparent lack of it."

My sobriety requires me to take commitments on the meeting, group and general service levels. In taking such commitments I become a trusted servant with the right "to decide how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises." Concept III, The A.A. Service Manual.

How then, do we practice these principles in our daily A.A. lives? The fine line between the informed group conscience and my own positions, whether coffee maker or Chair of Intergroup? I have taken three questions from a series that was originally published about the 12 Traditions in the Grapevine from November 1969 - September of 1971:

1. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
2. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
3. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?

As with most things in my life today, I need to have the willingness to look at my thoughts and actions with rigorous honesty, write inventory when uncomfortable and to ask God to remove my fears and defects of character as they arise and manifest themselves in my life on a daily basis.

**SOBRIETY + TIME**

Cheryl K. 1/1/1990

*Do you have a Homegroup? Where and when does it meet? Why is this important to you, or not?*

My home group is the One Rule Group. We meet Monday through Saturday at 7:00 am. It's the perfect time for me, before I head off to work. It sets me in my purpose and reminds me of who I am and where I have come from, and how I can be helpful.

*Do you have a Sponsor? Tell us the best and/or worst thing they ever told you.*

Yes, I have a sponsor and she reminds me to bring God into all that I do. She has been someone in my life that's on the same team, we want each other to succeed. For myself I needed things to happen around me to learn that I could trust someone else, and she has my best interest at heart.

*Tell us something about your experience sponsoring others.*

I have a front row seat to what God can do in someone else's life.

I have learned about 'mercy' and 'grace'. I want to see "living sobriety", which is peace of mind and wholeness in all our families and communities . Our disease is active and waiting to take us out. We need to be actively participating in our recovery and in those around us.

*Favorite service position? And why?*

I have had an abundance of positions and my favorite is greeting. Welcoming those into the meeting.

*Most important lesson learned in sobriety?*

That I have a great big God and I can stay sober one day at a time.

*Best piece of advice from an old timer?*

Make peace with the fellowship, we all need one another. We all can put ourselves in each other's shoes, so forgive and see how we can be helpful.

*Best and/or worst thing heard at a meeting?*

One of the funniest things I heard was a girl was buying chips to prove to her group that she was sober (which she wasn't). She got honest and shared how she wants to donate them back. You cannot make this stuff up.

*Which step do you find yourself coming back to regularly? Why?*

Step 10,11 and 3. When I'm ok with God I'm ok with what the day must bring. We are just practicing this daily. I remember that I suffer from self-centered fear, and when I get afraid, I can turn to God.

*Which Tradition means the most to me?*

All of them mean so much to me, they keep us relying together on the group conscience and we get to keep what has been given to us freely. God speaks through the group and gives everyone an opportunity to recover.

*Best advice to a newcomer?*

If you are an alcoholic we can help you. One day at a time you will find that you have great value and worthiness to offer. We just don't drink today, and your life will change. Grab someone who knows how to stay sober and walk together through life. We do this together.

## **Las Vegas Intergroup Minutes**

### January 2023

The meeting began at 6 pm. The Twelve Traditions were read. A motion was made to approve the December minutes, and it was passed. There were 23 Group Representatives in attendance. \$61 was collected for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

Central Office: Judy reporting.

Central Office Hotline openings (in office):

Monday: 8 am – 12 pm

Tuesday: 12 - 4 pm

Wednesday: 12-4 pm

Friday: 8 am – 12 pm and 12 – 4 pm

The January Book of the Month is extended from December. It is The Best of the Grapevine for \$15. (This is a set of 3 books.) We have two new books that we just received: the jacketless Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book and the jacketless Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

We have new committee chairs starting this month. If your committee has a new chair, please update their contact information with Judy.

Confidential 2022 Final Reports are still available at Central Office.

If you are planning an AA meeting, event, or workshop and would like to hold it at Central Office, please contact Judy.

Continue to send your flyers for events to Central Office.

There is a list of available speakers that Central Office keeps on file. Central Office gets calls asking for speaker information for a meeting. If you would like to include yourself on that list of available speakers, please add your information to the booklet in the back.

Judy also needs the addresses of the Treasurers for each of the Districts. (This information may have changed recently, as many groups elected new Treasurers for the year.) Please make sure Judy has the correct/updated information for your District.

Treasurer: Bob reporting. The December financials were distributed at the meeting (and emailed before the meeting.) Bob is not the Treasurer anymore, but the Board has not yet elected a new Treasurer, so he is filling in for now.

We apologize that the financials were later than usual. There were only five business days between the close of 2022 and the Intergroup meeting. Thanks to Judy and Sandy for getting it all together. There is nothing unusual to note in the reports.

Board of Directors: Ralph W. reporting. Not much to report. January 18, 2023 is the next Board Meeting. There are new members that have joined the Board, and there will be a rotation of positions. At the February Intergroup Meeting, they will present a full report.

Hotline: Saul A. reporting. We had a Hotline Meeting right before the Intergroup meeting this evening. The hotline is going through some turnover. I don't know if that's good or bad; only God knows that.

We've lost several captains for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Spots have been filled by new, bright-eyed, and bushy-tailed volunteers ready to change the world!!!!

We are still looking for a Tuesday captain. (A captain entails ensuring hotline spots are filled for your assigned day. Many of the hotline spots are already filled, so it is just confirming that those people can continue each month. This does not require much work.)

We are also in need of transfer phone volunteers for March. This is a 2-week commitment. This person has the transfer phone and needs to be available at the beginning of shifts to transfer the calls to the person who has the shift. Again, this is a relatively easy commitment. It only requires that you are available for about 1 min twice a day during the weekdays and four times on the weekend.

We are working on distributing a sign-up/interest flyer. Please take one and bring it to your home group and then text (702-845-8830) or email an image to [centralofficehotline@gmail.com](mailto:centralofficehotline@gmail.com). This is for anyone that is interested in helping out the Hotline or 12-step List in any way.

Please take the Hotline Sign-Up flyer to your home groups. If you have people sign up on the sheet, please take a picture and email it to [centraloffice@hotline.com](mailto:centraloffice@hotline.com) or text it to Saul at 702-845-8830.

Our next Hotline Meeting will be on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm (right before the Intergroup meeting.) We prefer to meet in person, but there will be a Zoom option. (Contact the above email or phone number if you need that info.)

(See attached flyer)

12th Step List: Todd reporting. The Volunteer Hotline has been updated and confirmed with the information we already have. The next step is to start working on calling people on the 12-Step List to see if these people are still interested in volunteering and adding the new 12-step volunteers to the list. This will be a process because many people are on this list.

General Service Liaison: Amanda reporting. Greetings from Area 42! I am excited to serve as your new General Service Liaison between Intergroup and Area 42 General Service. I want to thank Caroline for all of her hard work and service over the past two years in this position. She has been fantastic in helping me get situated in my new role.

The Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC) met on Sunday, January 8. There were approximately 50 people in the room at Central Office, and 21 attended via Zoom. Thanks to District 5b for hosting the event. (That means they brought the donuts!) Many

new committee chairs and DCMs introduced themselves and gave reports. Many new GSRs were in attendance.

- Treasurer: Announced on the P&L (Jan 2022-Dec 2022), there was a net income of \$9,469. The checking account balance was \$42,320, and the savings account balance was \$7516. He also presented the Budget to Actual from Dec. 2022. (All financials are available upon request. Please let me know, and I can email them to you.)
- Delegate: Jake explained his role in the service structure and got us all pumped up for a New Year. He explained how important it is to get involved in General Service – as this is just another way to carry out our primary purpose.
- Grapevine: Meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month at 6 pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 817 6076 8104 pw: grapevine
- Registrar: When your Group or District elects a new DCM or GSR, please have them reach out to the Area 42 Registrar at [Registrar@NevadaArea42.org](mailto:Registrar@NevadaArea42.org)
- Translation & Interpretation Committee and La Viña: Dina, Diana, and Tony. This committee translates and interprets all AA business that happens in Area 42. This allows our very large Hispanic AA community to receive and approach information simultaneously as our English-speaking members. This has taken some time, but they are happy to announce that the committee comprises five members: three bilingual members and two English-speaking members who utilize computer-generated translation. Your continued cooperation is very important as they actively inspire inclusivity and a deeper level of participation. They are always looking for more support and help. Their monthly business meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm on Zoom. Zoom ID: 474 938 3601 pw: Rule62
- District 1: DCM: Lou. Their District website will be updated and revamped. Financially this District is doing well. They will have multiple workshops this year. More info to come.
- District 3: DCM: Shane. They are looking to get more groups involved at the District level.
- District 5b: DCM: Samantha. Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month on Zoom. Meeting ID: 911 603 2610 pw: Service
- District 7: DCM: Tay Tay. Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7 pm at Meeting Space (6115 S. Rainbow Rm 103). Will be holding workshops this year on: H&I, CPC/PI. Grapevine and Intergroup. Also hope to implement mentors for new people in General Service or in our District. Had extra funds in the treasury that we are distributing (or have distributed) to the other Districts in the area. If your District has not received the contribution yet, please contact Juan P. (District 7 treasurer.)
- District 9: DCM: Jo. Meets on 1st Saturday of the month at 1:30 at Central Office.
- District 13: DCM: Matt. (Triangle Club) Has been dark for quite a long time. Had a service event in November 2022 to bring it back to life! Our delegate, Jake, was very helpful in accomplishing this task! Filled many positions at that meeting. Their next meeting is Sunday, January 15 at 3 pm at the Triangle Club.
- District 15: DCM: Lora. The TIE Club had alcathons in December and January. They were well attended. They are encouraging GSR participation and working to get more GSRs involved.
- District 17: DCM: Lynn. They will be having an event on 1/28 with Dano as a guest. 1/28. It will be at Hwy 372 in Pahrump at 11 am. They had alcathons for Christmas and New Year's.

- District 19. DCM: Anne. (Ely, McGill, Ruth, Eureka, and Baker) They have 5 AA meetings per week. They will be holding their annual Campnic on 7/21-7/22. They also have a Weekend Warriors Speaker meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat of the month. They also offer Grapevine anniversary subscriptions as gifts for those celebrating annual anniversaries in their District. As of now, eight people are now new subscribers because of this gift from their District! They meet quarterly at 6 pm. Their next meeting is on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Zoom info can be available. [www.elyaa.org](http://www.elyaa.org)
- District 21: DCM: Roy. Will be celebrating on July 21-23 in Oregon – the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of La Vina. The local Hispanic Forum will be in May, and they have created a committee for this forum. They meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.
- Remember, the New York office gets more bang for the buck when we make online contributions instead of snail mail contributions.
- Upcoming Events:
  - PRAASA: March 3-5 (Los Angeles, CA and Zoom) <https://praasa.org/>
  - SAGSC Roundtables: March 19, 1-4 pm at Central Office
  - Area 42 Spring Assembly: March 31-April 2 (Tonopah and Zoom)
  - SAGSC: May 21, 1 pm (Central Office and Zoom)
  - SAGSC: July 9, 1 pm (Central Office and Zoom)
  - Area 42 Fall Assembly: Sept 8-10 (Tonopah and Zoom)
  - SAGSC: November 12, 1 pm (Central Office and Zoom)
- In new business:
  - We passed a motion for the SAGSC Chair to appoint a La Vina representative as a standing committee chair with voting rights.
  - There was a first read-through of a proposal to add a Technology Chair for SAGS. This has already been approved and is in place for NAGS.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [vaughniamanda@gmail.com](mailto:vaughniamanda@gmail.com) or 702-701-2121. I realize that only some of the Districts listed above have meeting times/locations for their monthly District Meetings. If you need help with that information for a District that is not listed, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I can point you in the right direction.

H&I: Yvonne reporting. LV AA H&I Bylaws have been updated and are being handed out at our monthly business meetings. H&I is still looking for more volunteers for jails and prison panels.

At the December 2022 business meeting, we filled the position of Web Server to manage the new H&I Website. MORE TO COME?! There will be an update in February 2023.

LV H&I ORIENTATION held at Central Office in the main room before the H&I monthly business meeting from 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm (20 min) for all new members and panel leaders led by volunteer Phil (also newly elected position.)

The monthly business meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday (OF EVERY MONTH.) Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 17th at 6 pm at Central Office. The recent day change published by Silver Streak was a mistake. H&I has not changed its monthly meeting day or time.

(See attached flyer)

Accessibilities: Joan reporting. Hello everyone, my name is Joan Robinson, and I am your new Accessibilities Chair for the Southern Area. Accessibilities ensures that each and every alcoholic who reaches out for help can grasp the hand that AA extends. Last month, I met with Cynthia, the outgoing chair, and received her binder. I also attended the PI/CPC committee meeting for December. By the time of this meeting, I will have taken inventory of the materials and equipment left to this committee. I am still in the process of reading through my guidebook and materials. I plan to create goals for the committee by the next meeting so that we can put together an actionable plan for outreach to underserved communities in the Southern Region. I also plan to attend PRAASA to learn what other Accessibilities Committees are doing in the Pacific Region. In the meantime, if you have any requests, suggestions, or interest in helping me, you can reach me at Joan Robinson, 702-281-2652, [joanrservice@gmail.com](mailto:joanrservice@gmail.com).

Founders Day: John H. reporting. The Founders Day Committee will get back up and running in preparation for the upcoming event in June! They will be meeting on either Saturday or Sunday (Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.) John will reach out to previous committee members this week to distribute more information. If you want to be part of the committee, you can email John at [johnhindulak@me.com](mailto:johnhindulak@me.com).

CPC: Chris reporting. My name is Chris, I am an alcoholic, and I am the new CPC Committee Chair.

This year, we will continue to work with our community partners: Homeless Alliance and Prevention, Advocacy, Choices, and Teamwork (PACT Coalition). These agencies have events in various communities, where we can put up a table and speak to attendees about AA, how we can work with the Professional and pass out literature. We have many wonderful opportunities for service commitments to help distribute our literature at these events. Time commitments are small, so please step up if you can.

In an effort to create new relationships with the Professional and those organizations concerned with alcohol addiction, we will conduct a round table event on Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 10 AM – 2 PM, here at Central Office. Attendees will include members of the Professions who engage with active alcoholics in their daily work lives and members of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. This will be an informal event wherein we will 1) introduce attendees to the missions and goals of and the available services offered by PI, CPC, and Accessibility committees and 2) facilitate an open forum for the Professionals to describe their relationships with the active alcoholic so we can define opportunities for AA and the Professional to establish stronger working relationships. We will publicize the roundtable through Homeless Alliance, PACT Coalition, and other alcoholism-focused organizations in Clark County. Within AA, we will utilize Silver Streak for mass communication and distribute a flyer early next month. A light lunch and beverages will be served. We intend not to charge a fee to attend, so we will ask for funding to cover the cost of the lunch and beverages. We will submit a budget estimate with the request for funds shortly. Given that it is a weekday event, we anticipate reasonably good participation by Professionals and hope that members of AA can find the time as well. It will be an in-person event only and will not be conducted hybrid.

CPC also intends to support and participate in an informational event later this year hosted by all three committees (PI, CPC, Accessibility). The intent is to introduce each committee's mission, goals and service opportunities to members of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. The workings and accomplishments of our three committees continue to be understated and warrant a stronger voice within the fellowship. More information will be forthcoming.

Committee members continue to participate in CPC North America which meets quarterly. These meetings offer ideas on what other parts of the country are doing to bring the AA message to other parts of the country.

Lastly, we continue to welcome more volunteers. Service commitments range from occasional ministerial tasks, single couple-hour events, or continued support – it's all up to you how much time and effort you want to give – all are welcome! Please come to our meetings and see what we are all about and share any ideas you may have. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 4:30, both in person at Central Office and on Zoom ID: 889 0735 7523, Passcode Serenity.

Respectfully, yours in service,

Chris Halpin  
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PI: Robin reporting. My name is Robin. I am an Alcoholic and the Public Information Chair (PI).

This early in the year, we are wrapping up some past PI projects. 1) Targeting High Schools with information on Teenage Drinking. It was decided at our November meeting that we would scale back the number of high schools to 10. Before we send pamphlets, John will identify who should receive the information: the Principal, Guidance Counselor, Nurse, etc. This project continues to be worked on by John. 2) We will be conducting an informational workshop. However, this will be scheduled later in the year.

We have been asked to assist Intermountain Health Care in bringing an AA Meeting into their clinic. However, this project is just starting. I believe it will be a while before its complete.

Public Information has been asked to lead a Friends of Bill W meeting at the Mirage Hotel on the morning of April 24-27 from 6:30 AM to 7:15 AM. This request came for the "2023 Ninth Regular Convention of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union". We will need approximately 4 AA participants per meeting, I DO NEED VOLUNTEERS, please contact me if you can help.

We have been asked to participate in the Green Valley Methodist Church health fair late in the spring. More to follow on that.

We continue to work with our community partners: Homeless Alliance and Prevention, Advocacy, Choices, Teamwork (PACT Coalition). These agencies have events in various communities. We can put up a table, speak to attendees about AA, and pass out literature. These two organizations work with both CPC & PI. We do overlap on activities.

Committee members continue to participate in CPC/PI North America, which meets quarterly. These meetings offer ideas on what other parts of the country are doing to bring the AA message to more people still suffering.

We have filled the group secretary position; Larissa G has stepped up to fill this much-needed position. Please come to our meetings and see what we are all about and share any ideas you may have. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 4:30, right before Intergroup we meet in person at Central Office and on Zoom ID: 889 0735 7523, Passcode Serenity.

Respectfully, in gratitude

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LVYPAA: Sue M..reporting for Samantha. LVYPAA has been active over the last few months, co-hosting events in Reno with NACYPAA 2 host committee, District 13's New Year's Eve event, and hosting an alcathon meeting at Choices fellowship on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We have an upcoming scavenger hunt for the kids at APG. It is a free event for all to attend. It will be held on January 28 at 2:00 pm at APG. I have a flyer for anyone who might want one. Also, in January, we are co-hosting the annual Yuma Kickball Tournament in Yuma, AZ, with other YPAA committees from across the West coast. In February, we will co-host a spaghetti dinner with District 13 in collaboration with our annual Dance and Date Auction (more information about that event to come). At our last business meeting, we voted to start a Young Peoples meeting (more details to come), meaning a registered meeting with a GSR!

LVYPAA meets the 1st Sunday of every month at Central Office at 1:30. If you would like to know more about LVYPAA or even take a position, please join us. We are also currently looking for any local-area events to co-host. Please reach out to me if your district or meeting would like LVYPAA's help! Thank you for letting me be of service.

Las Vegas Roundup: Janell reporting. The Roundup Committee will be going dark for a few months. They will start up again around February or March. The Roundup was a fantastic success! They are very happy with how it all turned out. They contributed \$1,722 to Central Office – which came from the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition at their marathon meetings.

Unity: Mara reporting. Mara reporting. I attended a Tuesday Night Meeting that Central Office received a complaint about. This is an open meeting in our schedule. When I attended the meeting, I did not witness the complaints that were initially reported. However, there was another issue, and I spoke to Central Office regarding this.

I will be attending another listed AA meeting that raised the complaint that attendees were turned away and told it was an Invite only meeting. If this is the case, we will remove the meeting from our schedule.

Archives: Ronnie reporting. Hello everyone, my name is Ron Dillion, and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999. I am currently serving as your Area 42/ SAGSC Archivist in the third year of a four-year term.

The Archives committee meets every Saturday from 9:15 to 11:15 at Central Office here in Las Vegas. For the past several months, we as a committee have been sorting the audio tapes into bins by area 42, Las Vegas, SAGSC, NAGSC, and out of area. We have filed several thousand tapes into 22 bins, ready to be turned into digital files and CDs backed up by a hard drive.

The Archives committee presented a display for the Las Vegas Round Up on Thanksgiving Weekend at the Tropicana Hotel. By most accounts, this was a great display, and over 200 people signed the Archives guest book.

Archives has will begin sorting existing files as usual and finishing the emails and attachments for 2022. We will also be sorting the books and media deemed important to place in the fireproof file cabinet we will purchase soon.

Area 42 has given Archives a \$1000 increase in our yearly budget, and rest assured that we will spend every dime to improve your archives. Remember, this is YOUR Archives. We exist to keep a historical record of AA and allow research of our past.

Silver Streak: Michael L. reporting. We have launched and rebranded! I hope that you all enjoyed this month's issue of the new SLVRSTRK! Along with our standards like Meeting Spotlight and columns on the Steps & Traditions, we debuted two new columns: General Service Corner, where we will feature someone involved in General Service in our Area, and 30-Day Reflection, where a member of AA will share their experience with the 12 Steps in their lives in the past 30 days or so. And this is only the beginning; we will be updating our section of the Central Office website, going electronic with both Facebook and Instagram, and we will be printing cards with a Q code for you to distribute at your groups and meetings. We will be introducing Spanish language columns as well as a Sobriety Crossword. This newsletter is a platform for Intergroup to carry this message to alcoholics already in the rooms and to those who have yet to find us. As always, I am available for input from anyone interested in being involved by telephone and email. 702-498-5229 (I'm a huge fan of texting) or by email [slvrstrkly@gmail.com](mailto:slvrstrkly@gmail.com)

Grapevine: Heather L. reporting. I am thrilled to take on this service role. I have had a love for Grapevine since early in my sobriety. I look forward to organizing workshops and encouraging more participation in GV over the next couple of years. Carrying the Message through the GV literature is near and dear to my heart!

Jason M., the previous GV Chair, and I have corresponded several times in November and December and will meet in January to transfer duties, the supply lists, and take inventory. Jason will acclimate me to the sales, and we will wrap up any bookkeeping.

It was nice that he and I could spend time together during the Roundup and catch up. We have always had a nice supportive relationship, and I am sure that he will be available to answer questions as I transition into this position.

After talking to several GV Reps it was decided to change the day that the group meets, via zoom, to Tuesday, rather than Friday. Maybe this will be a more favorable meeting day going forward.

Meeting ID: 817 6076 8104

Passcode: grapevine

(See attached flyer)

Men's Night Out: Richard P. reporting. The Men's Night Out banquet dinner and speaker meeting is a fundraiser for Las Vegas Intergroup. This coming year's event will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the Tuscany Hotel and Casino. The speaker will be Dr. Jeff W. from Mission Viejo, CA. Intergroup reps, it is very important that you take the flyers from the back table and when your meeting asks if there are any announcements, please announce this event. We need to get the word out. Volunteers are needed to help on the committee as well. Please get in touch with Richard if you have any questions.

(See attached flyer)

Intergroup Outreach: Scott reporting. The Outreach Committee is being formed, and a plan is being developed for 2023. Members of the committee will be approaching AA members, groups, clubhouses, and districts across the Las Vegas Valley about involvement in Intergroup. Tentatively, a workshop will be held later in the year for the purpose of introducing Intergroup to many interested AA members of Las Vegas. Anyone interested in joining and/or helping the Outreach Committee can contact Scott Brutsché at 703-254-8850. Or email [skbrutsche@gmail.com](mailto:skbrutsche@gmail.com)

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The question arose of making the Intergroup Meeting a hybrid meeting. This would allow more people the ability to attend, including those in Ely (District 19) who are 4 hours away. A motion was made to table this issue until next month, and the motion was approved.
- Amanda (current Secretary filling in) indicated that Intergroup needs a new Secretary and Co-Secretary, as the people that were voted on in November cannot fulfill the commitment. A motion was made to elect Mi-Lou as Secretary and Sue as Co-Secretary. The motion was approved.