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PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

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Hello California Northern Coastal Area! (CNCA),

At January's Area Committee Meeting (ACM) we discussed the following **Topics**:

- 1) **Recovery, Unity, and Service - What are our responsibilities? How do we fulfill them?**
- 2) **Benefits of living in the heart of AA service work.** We received plenty of feedback for these topics; you can find the discussion in the minute's section of this news letter. Next ACM we will continue to have this on the Agenda, please share this information with your Districts and or Groups we would love to hear from all of you. *Please let us know if you have a topic that you would like to share with us.*

There are many events coming up in the months to follow, I really look forward to seeing as many of our trusted servants as possible. I recommend planning ahead of time and checking for information:

Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (**PRAASA**) will be March 7,8,9 in America's Finest City, San Diego Ca! At this amazing spiritual experience it's a good time to pick up and learn from other Areas about our Agenda Topics and our General Service Structure.

For March 21st-23rd Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous (**NCCAA**) check out www.norcalaa.org for more information. This event will conflict with the Area Committee Meeting.

Then Mark your calendars for April 5th & 6th for the **Pre-Conference Assembly** which will be held at the Monterey County Fair Grounds in Monterey. This is the only 2-day assembly of the year. The main goal for this assembly is to inform our Delegate about our group conscience on the Agenda Topics. We will also be having an item on Old business: **"That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of CNCA Comments/Comentarios except when individually requested."** –**Web Committee**. If you would like more information about this motion feel free to visit our website at cnca06.org.or check out July 2013 Comments/Comentarios for the Pros and Cons.

Don't forget your FM radios

As stated in the General Service Representative (**GSR**) Preamble and posted on our CNCA 06 website:

"...As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us therefore have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share the courage to speak when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole."

With Gratitude,
Raymundo L Area Chair

Greetings fellow trusted servants:

I sit down to write this month's Corner from the 15th floor of the Crowne Plaza hotel in New York City. Smack dab in the middle of all the excitement of the Super Bowl activities, but I am here for a very different purpose. It's the final General Service Board weekend, right before release of this year's AA General Service Conference Topics. Yes, by the time you read this you will likely have a copy of the final requests for changes to AA's policies, literature pieces and more. The recommendations have come from discussions and experiences by AA members, areas and trustees throughout the US and Canada. I want to take time to share a bit of what it's like personally to be a Delegate Chair of an AA Conference committee and participating in 4 days of committee meetings.

It is another whirlwind experience like the conference week, on a smaller scale, with about 1/4 of the delegate members. The first day I met at the General Service office with all the chairs of the conference committees and their corresponding comm. secretaries who are GSO staff members. (see your General service manual for the list) Wow, what a group of dedicated employees we have. There were about 30 of us in the first meeting, great questions/answers and sharing. After that a short break for the usual 11am AA meeting at GSO. We ate lunch; and I was able to make a surprise visit Irene in La Vina office, before meeting again with my staff member, Mary C. who is the 2014 GS Conference Chair. We spent a couple of hours going over procedures, my responsibilities and how the Agenda comm. contributes to the operation of the conference. It was so exciting to participate in another part of the process that brings the fellowship together to discuss "OUR" future.

Later early evening the delegates are taken to dinner and have a huge Italian family style meal. What a great opportunity for fellowshiping and getting to know our Trustees and board members better. After dinner we were on our own. Many of us went to see the play "Bill W. and Dr. Bob!" It was obvious right away to the actors, that the audience was mostly AA members because we all did the usual AA greeting "Hi Bob and Hi Bill" when they introduced themselves. A big grin appeared on their faces; it seemed that everything was surreal after that moment. We all knew it was our moment in AA history replaying itself right before our eyes. it was like I was in a time warp right out "AA Comes of Age" What it was like-What happened and – What it was like at the "Birth" of our GS Conference. The play ended with Bill and Bobs last words together. WOW! Need I tell you there wasn't enough Kleenex in the house for all of us!

In that one moment it was never more clear the need to- "Trust in the Process. And it reaffirmed to me the immense necessity and spiritual value of GSR's sharing with our AA groups the GS Conference recommendations.

It was said by Terry Bedient Non-alcoholic class A trustee and Chair of the Board, in his welcoming remarks today that "AA moves slowly with good reason- and we tend to make less mistakes because of it." Because of your participation the GS Conference continues to act for AA as a Whole. Are you ready to begin AA's 2014's Conference business?!

I can't wait to get back to share this journey with you!

With love and gratitude,

Padee

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2014

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 25, 2014

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held on January 25, 2014, at the Petaluma Community Center. Raymundo L opened the meeting, followed by the Serenity Prayer, 12:30 PM. The AA Preamble was read by Sui D of District 40. Martha B of D16 read Tradition 1, and Michael B of D06 read Concept 1. There were 3 past delegates present: Sharon A, P57, Doug G, P53, and Diane O, P35. There was 1 new DCMC, 1 new Alt DCM, 1 new GSR, and 1 visitor. December minutes were accepted as amended to correct Brian P to Randy P, and financial statement was accepted as printed in *CNCA Comments*. Birthdays: 8/134 years. Registered attendance: Voting= 70; Non-voting = 49.

OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE Padee M: Districts should schedule conference reports with me ASAP. Hopefully they will be done by mid Oct. AAWS has released two new service pieces: Anonymity Online/What to do in emergencies. PRAASA: still time to register; if you want to be a volunteer, click on the box. New staff assignments have been sent out to DCMCs. Thurs am I will be going to NYC for four day board meeting: I have two French/English members and a Puerto Rican member on my agenda committee. Feb 14 I will receive agenda topics. Summaries will follow in a few weeks. The preliminary topics give a clue, so start looking at them. Please discuss our theme and presentation topics in your groups/districts.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Jeff O: About AA, Fall contains 2 sections on anonymity: Then and Now, and new media tech. New service material for PI: Anonymity Online. Very interesting. Press release for the 75th anniversary edition of the Big Book distributed to some national magazines. Rec'd the 2014 GSC communications kit for delegates.

Chair Raymundo L: The two jackets have been donated as no one claimed them.

Treasurer Agustin L: Income \$7003.44; expenses: \$5894.82; net income: \$1008.62. Checking: Paying about \$8500.00 today. Prudent Reserve is now \$8,705.00. Thank you all and see me if questions. Our rent is increasing this month by \$33.50. Thank you for letting me be of service.

REGISTRAR Michael Q: Very busy month: lots of rotation. Will break our annual update in smaller topics. I will attempt to update. Some 30 groups have no GSO number.

RECORDING Secretary Judy W: Welcome to a new year. Looking forward to typing up your input at the assembly in Monterey in April so our delegate will have loads of info to take to NY.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Phil B: Pre-conf assembly is going along nicely. Will see all the committee chairs this month. Flyers and Google map available. Assembly dates for Panel 65 are out. Contacted chair for post conf assembly and all committees are in place.

LIT/GV/LV Ray W: I'd like to thank everyone who gave me support this past month. 70th anniversary of the GV is here. Info available on GV website with an anniversary kit available. Deadline for ordering anniversary edition of Big Book is end of Feb.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

01 MONTEREY Scott P: Working hard to increase awareness of PI/CPC and other committees. All committees are covered for the Pre-Conf assembly: will be a great event. Trying to find places to give block discounts: Salinas has lots of lodging and is only 20 miles away. Email me if hospitality is needed. Tickets for dinner are available for \$18.00.

02 SALINAS/SAN BENITO Ric B: (Mark C): I attended planning committee for preconf assembly so missed the dist mtg: they discussed and are excited, and looking forward to the assembly and agenda topics.

03 SANTA CRUZ Scott B: Had great mtg and started a concepts mtg. Have a scholarship for PRAASA. Agenda topics workshop Mar 1.

04 SANTA CLARA NORTH Robert E: Conducted our inventory and had 100% participation. Continued discussion on redistricting and motion to change wording in 12+12. Agenda topics workshop Mar 15.

40 SANTA CLARA SOUTH Jim A: Met in our new location. Two great presentations on agenda topics and on PRAASA. Will be dispersing scholarship funds. Mar 15: agenda topics workshop. Working on hosting assembly in Nov.

05 SAN MATEO Joseph D: Presented budget but failed. Held 3rd legacy election for new PI/CPC chair. Thanks to area officer for sharing on an informed group conscience.

06 SAN FRANCISCO Teddy BW: Preparing for agenda topics. Will discuss budget in Feb. Sent \$685.32 to area. Conducted 3rd legacy to send a GSR to PRAASA: Alt DCMC will attend. Ad hoc committee will make recommendations on inventory.

07 ALAMEDA NORTH Eric A: (Tom V) Dist selected 2 members to attend PRAASA. Agenda topics workshop in March with D70. Will focus next month on how to get a group conscience.

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH Heather M: Held a 3rd legacy election for PRAASA attendance. Discussed reimbursing officers/committee members. Agenda topics workshop in March with D07.

08 CONTRA COSTA Robert S: GSRs giving presentations on how to conduct agenda topic group conscience. Approved budget. Planning agenda topics workshop.

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

09 SOLANO SOUTH *Renee S*: Thanks to Napa for hosting inter-district workshop. Devised better communication practices.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Laurie J*: Local group closed after 23 yrs; dist officers now committed to attend dark mtgs. Summer assembly: Vacaville. Intergroup ordered 200 anniversary editions of Big Book. Thanks Napa for workshop.

10 MARIN *Allen G*: After redistricting of sub districts, all 8 positions filled. Agenda topics workshop coming up. Talking about developing a pod cast for Grapevine.

11 NAPA *Thom H*: Hosted interdistrict workshop with about 70 in attendance. We have grown from 3 GSRs to 12 in one year.

12 SONOMA *Joann L*: We selected 3 recipients for scholarships to PRAASA. Agenda Topics workshop/Feb 15. Group concerns meeting doing well and growing.

13 LAKE *John O*: (Dwight) Thanks to Dists 18-19 for helping with our new Spanish speaking meeting. Thanks to Napa for hosting inter-district workshop. Starting a special needs committee, so need help.

14 MENDOCINO/*TIM D*: Many volunteers for upcoming assembly. Helping facilitate Intergroup elections. New young peoples' group. Organizing workshop for inventory sharing sessions.

15 HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE *John L*: DCMs active. Visiting officer helped with GSR orientation. Women's brunch: on website. 5-6 will be attending PRAASA. July 5: Unity Day

16 SPANISH CENTRAL (*Reynaldo M*) Visiting groups without GSRs. Getting ready for PRAASA. Ordering 10 anniversary editions of Big Book.

17 SPANISH SOUTH *Eric M*: New group in Morgan Hill. Visiting groups to study the Service Manual. 3 new GSRs Invited Irene from NY for anniversary of La Viña.

18 SPANISH NORTH *Hector A*: Took inventory. Intradistrictal: Mar 30, San Rafael. Increasing visits to groups to keep all informed.

19 SPANISH SOUTH SOUTH *Adrian C*: Passed out prelim agenda topics. Present at pre-conf planning meeting to help out D01 in Monterey. PI on Radio Bilingue: Jan 29.

20 SPANISH EAST *Martin V*: Went to planning mtg for NCCAA conference and will present there. Holding PI workshops and working with a group in D20 to have PI presentations in Kaiser Hospital.

Area Sub-Committees:

ARCHIVES *Laura W*: Thanks to Web committee for visiting and working to include archives on website, which will not effect other activities. Gail L from Akron visited and helped us organize; offered on-going help to make our archives better.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Claudia N*: 12 districts: 32 presentations, 102 requests for contact. 20 contacts from correspondence. Excited about upcoming joint meeting in April. Distribute flyers. New chair orientation next month for all chairs/alt chairs, or anyone needing refresher.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Bob K*: (Jennifer B): Thank you all for passing the budget. PR has been automatically adjusted and kept in a separate interest bearing account. Mileage reimbursement has been

reduced this year to \$.42/mi

PI/CPC *Jeff O*: Tengo Esperanza, PSA, rec'd strong support from top media outlets. Today's meeting dedicated to speaker workshop. We don't convince people to attend AA but let them know we exist. GSB welcomes video submissions from young members: aa.org for guidelines.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Mary Lou M*: Discussed already approved motions for Archives Comm. Spencer attended Archives and gave them info which was well-rec'd. Starting next month, will review website.

INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION *RICHARD H*: Thanks Melissa for interpreting. We have no radios for sale today; plan on having some next month. Trying to have assisted listening at ACM. Is ASL necessary at assemblies? Get feedback from groups. Looking at having closed captioning instead.

CNCA COMMENTS *Richard W*: Lick and stick met on Jan 9. 1200 Comments without me!! Thanks to all who participated. Next one is Feb 6.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Ramon G*: (Raymundo L): 190 printed/175 mailed.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Barbara S*: What is the difference between a meeting and a group? Long form of Tradition 3 gives definition of a group and is clarified in Concept 12/Warranty 6.

Lit/Grapevine: *Ray W*: Upcoming 70th anniversary of GV. Discussed possibility of podcasts. Selected Jose Arias as liaison to 18th anniversary steering committee of La Viña.

NCCAA and H&I: *Diane O*: NCCAA conflicts with CNCA meeting in March: In San Ramon: website incorrect.

H&I had a productive steering comm. Meeting. Will have one new version of the pink pamphlet. Final vote on reimbursement will be Feb 9. Thank groups for their gifts of love. Annual conference: May 2,3,4: Chico.

YPAA: Sommer L: WACYPA: was great: we are a diverse and cohesive fellowship! Young peoples' groups are recognized as part of AA. We carry the message to people our own age. Our General Service experience promotes unity, keeps us informed on traditions, and keep us interested and involved. Our enthusiasm is contagious.

Housekeeping Motions: None

(Seventh Tradition and Break 1:55-2:15)

OLD BUSINESS: None

Discussion Topics:

Recovery, Unity, and Service, what are our responsibilities? How do we fulfill them? and Benefits of living in the heart of AA service work.

The most foremost responsibility is to be a living example. Passing it on in sponsorship introduces sponsees to a new way of life.//I couldn't do anything but not drink and at the end of a year my sponsor taught me the traditions and then I knew what the groups did and now I am learning the concepts. For me, it's to teach another alcoholic to recover and to be responsible to provide a platform so other people can recover too.//Still more development; a constant

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

process. Service is a reflection of our gratitude for our sobriety. All of that ties in for a happy useful life.//Being part of a group is being connected in service.//One of our responsibilities is making sure that we are close to our own steps, close to recovery.//All 3 are just as important: I need to take my sponsee through the steps, traditions, and concepts, and to introduce sponsees to other literature as well.//Principles for recovery is the 12 steps, unity is the traditions, so I should study them and know what they mean. I can only remind groups when we are breaking tradition if I know. Service is guided by the 12 concepts. I have to make myself available if I can.//Leadership on pS64: the ability to have objectivity. It is important to consider.//AA Comes of Age: it's a great book. What I'm learning and being fulfilled by is found in this book.//We should not compete with our service boards. Let's support our Intergroups at our bookstores.//My daily sobriety has increased. My recovery when I'm working with newcomers has helped with unity as has practicing the principles in all my affairs. If I take a service commitment, I honor it completely. Something that's inside of me shows when I do this.//We have an intergroup that has been trying to put together a central office and it has not happened. How do we order books at the lower prices? We have to pay top price. We saw it as a sign of unity when we combined our orders to place one big one for the 75th anniversary edition of the Big Book.//Our main concerns were about how fast things are changing in our world and how it effects our unity. The recession effected our ability to serve. It's prevalent in my work world as well: there are many areas and districts that go through the same things we do. Apathy is huge. Our unity is predicated upon our participation. When our groups fracture, argue, and disagree, is that an example? It's about love and service. It reminds me in the warranties and leadership to compromise to keep the group together: I am not alone. Compromise, love in service, and going to any length. Don't leave before the miracle.//I recently presented on the circle and the triangle. What I came away with is it all comes down what shape is my triangle? Is the emphasis too much in one area and not another?//Participate. My sponsor taught me with an example. It's not just for me; it's for the future. We have a lot of responsibility. Recovery is first; then I need tolerance for others and to perform services.//The benefit of living in the heart of AA is service work. I have a great sponsor and other role models. You get back so much more from doing service work. Once you get here, you need to work it, you can't just go to meetings.//It helped me build self-esteem and self-worth, and has given me an opportunity to be a useful member of AA.//Being in service allows me to leave my fear, anger, and resentments behind. I had to get to a point where I could participate and support others in group activities. This is the connection to the world. That's what Gen Service means to me and why I'm still here.//About 15 years ago I was introduced to the AA correctional facilities correspondence program. I have been able to contact areas where inmates are being released and I've been able to work with committee members and let go of the inmate when he is released. It's introduced me to people in other areas and we share enthusiasm. We are trying to reach out to other people.//Living in the heart of AA service. Wow. I had a hard time at first. My sponsor had to support me in order for me to leave the house. And she had to encourage me to serve wherever possible. What unfolded was meeting others who had the same struggle. I am so grateful for those opportunities to serve and help others.//My job is to make sure everyone gets heard. So now, we create jobs.//I met Bill M when I attended my first PRASSA and he welcomed me.//I feel like should I or should I not share? The benefits of being in AA service for me have been a huge part of my sobriety. I was in a

rehab for so long and being introduced to the world again in Gen Serv is such a huge part of my growth. My sponsor suggested a small commitment and that's where it all began. I'm excited about the next service and the next one and the next one. It feels good to be behind the scenes in AA.//I always got that I needed to be in AA service. I need to have the heart connection to AA.//I didn't come here because I wanted to. The only reason I got into Gen Ser was because I had a resentment. That started my journey. I'm still not done. I panic because I don't know where to go next. I'll always be grateful for being manipulated into Gen Ser and I get to grow up and do Concept 9.//I was told to try and show some sobriety, to go to any length. I've seen it. You don't have this kind of energy, this kind of connection elsewhere. Thank you for having this beautiful place to come to every month.//In the steps I get to be responsible for my recovery, in the traditions I get to help the group stay together, and the concepts teach me to be responsible.//I don't know why I felt compelled to come to the mic today. I went and I admired that sense of dedication and selflessness that I saw there. I look at people who rotated out and still keep coming back. You invested in us just like I invested in you. I keep coming back not because I enjoy what I do, but because I enjoy the people I work with. I keep coming back to help others and to see those I love.//When I got to Gen Ser, a whole lot of responsibility was on me. I saw names and faces and I knew if you could have responsibility so could I: it gave me the opportunity. To see the peace of others and to see what they do inspires me.//I look forward to being here every month: I see sobriety here constantly. We have sobriety in my district but maybe not good service. I'm in a home group where I have an opportunity to inform others about service. I've learned how to participate rather than to just cause trouble.//I never thought I could serve. I haven't seen any changes in my person but others have seen something I haven't been able to see.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Still have dinner tickets for the preconf assembly dinner. We are collaborating in trying to find hospitality. See Scott if you have a request.//Don't forget your FM radios.//Bob K has been in the hospital, is now welcoming visitors; he is at John Muir in Concord.//One of the things that bugs me as a new GSR is the phrase, agenda topics. It is such a turn-off. It's crazy for us to be using it with new people. We might consider using a different expression as a better way to bring this to our groups. It should be user friendly.//First assembly, you were sweating bullets and to see you be able to be where you are today is why I'm here. It's wonderful.

Meeting closed at 3:29pm with Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude,

Judy W
CNCA Panel 63 Recording Secretary

Balance Sheet December 2013

	Dec 31, 13	Dec 31, 12	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
B of A Checking	10,963.89	7,467.01	3,496.88
B of A Savings	9,485.16	8,887.30	597.86
Total Checking/Savings	20,449.05	16,354.31	4,094.74
Other Current Assets			
Assembly Deposits	6,472.38	1,890.00	4,582.38
CNCA Comments	427.98		427.98
1499 · Undeposited Funds		265.44	(265.44)
Total Other Current Assets	6,900.36	2,155.44	4,744.92
Total Current Assets	27,349.41	18,509.75	8,839.66
TOTAL ASSETS	27,349.41	18,509.75	8,839.66
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	9,025.20	14,282.48	(5,257.28)
Prudent Reserve	9,485.16	8,887.00	598.16
Net Income	8,839.05	(4,659.73)	13,498.78
Total Equity	27,349.41	18,509.75	8,839.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	27,349.41	18,509.75	8,839.66

Revised Expense Report December 2013

	Jan - Dec 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Assembly Contributions	8,385.62		
Group Contributions	90,879.38	77,000.00	13,879.38
District Contributions	8,408.47	6,000.00	2,408.47
Tradition 7, Area Committee	3,612.49	3,000.00	612.49
H & I Archives Rent	500.00	500.00	
CNCA Comments Subscriptions	78.00	30.00	48.00
Personal/Misc. Contributions	150.89	3,650.00	(3,499.11)
Interest Income/Prudent Reserve	0.54	7.00	(6.46)
Total Income			0.00
Total Income			0.00
Gross Profit	112,015.39	98,187.00	13,828.39
Expense			
DCM Sharing Session Copies			
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Delegate Expense	5,937.29	6,836.00	(898.71)
Officer Expense	30,111.71	30,725.00	(613.29)
Committee Expense	21,586.09	29,089.00	(7,502.91)
General Expense	43,069.34	46,097.00	(3,027.66)
Total Expense	100,704.43	112,747.00	(12,042.57)
Net Ordinary Income	11,310.96	(14,560.00)	25,870.96
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Refunds/Rebates	(2,471.91)		
Total Other Income	(2,471.91)		
Net Other Income	(2,471.91)		
Net Income	8,839.05	(14,560.00)	23,399.05

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2014

**“Communicating Our Legacies - Vital in
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NOTES FROM CHAIR

Please remember to bring your FM Radios to all CNCA events for Translation & assisted listening for the hearing impaired.

DCM SHARING SESSION

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Presentation this month was by Mary S. – Napa, District 11 on **“Group VS Meetings – What is the difference? As a DCM, do I have a responsibility to encourage them to become a group? Is it any of my business?”** Mary started by reading from the pamphlet “The AA Group...Where it all begins”, pages 12-13 where clarification of an AA group is found in the long form of Tradition Three. Further clarification of an AA group is found in Concept 12, Warranty 6. Mary stated that most AA members meet in AA groups as was defined by the long form of Tradition 3, however some meetings are different. These members meet simply at set times and place for a meeting by convenience or other special situations. The main difference between a meeting and a group is that the AA group generally continues to exist outside the prescribed meeting hours, ready to provide Twelfth Step help when needed.

As for the role of a DCM, there is an AA pamphlet “Your DCM” where the general responsibilities for a DCM are listed. Continuing growth of the Fellowship brings new opportunities for service by the DCM. As the numbers of groups in the area increase, the maintenance of a vital active link between the groups and the Fellowship as a whole becomes a challenge to the DCM. By maintaining active contact, both with the groups and the district and the area delegate, the DCM is a key link to ensuring that all the groups are aware of the importance of their total participation in local, district, area and world services.

Mary closed with, “As a DCM I always come back to our responsibility statement, and also it is not my responsibility to preach, police, or proselytize. It is my responsibility to inform and be available when someone reaches out and to encourage.”

- I am having trouble with one of the groups understanding rotation of service and what the secretary's responsibility is. I will hand them the AA group pamphlet and try to keep encouraging them.
- We have some AA police in our district. It is causing some issues in our district. This has also caused some of us to learn more about service and to try to help our groups and not police.
- You have taken some of my fuzzy thinking and cleared it up. I now know the difference between a meeting and a group.
- We have lost many GSR's due to the fellowships members stating “Don't bother me with that stuff; you are taking up my recovery time.” I see through this I need to make service more attractive for the GSR. I need to reach out and be available.
- This is very useful. I now have pamphlets to leave with members to let them know there is help out there for them to follow. I need to stay in touch and encourage them.
- I was doing a groups inventory where the inventory was taken down to the individual. Sometimes I get into the police roll and ask – “Do they need the meeting more than the group needs them? We need more groups to participate in order to keep AA alive for those who follow.
- My sub district has 15 meetings that have 10 members that regularly attend. I try to get the GSR's to pass on information. It is hard for the GSR's to cover all the meetings. Some meetings are full of members that are attending the meeting to just check off “Attended Meeting” on their list of “Things to Do Today”. It is hard to get a GSR in that environment.
- I am just figuring out the position of a DCM. I am building a plan for my second year. As a goal I am working on a schedule to meet all the groups to be sure they receive the correct information about service. Attraction rather than promotion.
- There are many meetings/groups without a GSR. I need to get out there and be sure to educate them about service. Without a GSR they have no voice.
- Meetings are great but groups are better. As a DCM I'm not sure it is my job to encourage a meeting to become a group. I believe as they grow, they will become a group.

Next month “How can the DCM support the GSR through the agenda topic process?” Presented by Paul D, District 40.

Submitted with Love and Service

Barbara S, Recording Secretary- DCM Sharing Session

COMMITTEE SUMMARIES: 2013

The PI/CPC Committee dedicated three sessions to learning about PI and CPC: defining PI and CPC, a training session about starting local committees, and a speaker workshop. We spent two months gathering group consciences on Agenda Topics. We heard PRAASA report backs. We spent several months asking ourselves what message we send in PI/CPC by addressing the following two questions: Do we relay a “negative” version of the 3rd tradition by being exclusive? Is A.A. a religion? We hosted a booth at the Association of American Indian Physicians. (Jeff O, chair.)

The CNCA06.org website has enhanced communication with postings of the monthly newsletter, including past months issues. Links to Box 4-5-9 and the Service Manual were added. A map and address for the monthly Area Committee Meeting was added. A new link to find A.A. recovery meetings was added. Links to the District Service Meetings were added with times and addresses. Content was added for newcomers. Links to AA.org and the Grapevine.org were added. The outdated Website Policy and Guidelines page was updated. (Mary Lou M, chair.)

The Interpretation and Translation committee agreed that the subject of “professional quality” interpretation be put to rest. We translated the area’s BTG workbook and finished in time for the BTG workshop. The committee brought a motion to the ACM and it was approved that the committee provide radio’s at the ACM and assemblies at a nominal donation, so far we have provided over 48 radio’s. Finding a quality radio, at a reasonable price and at a large quantity will be an ongoing task. The committee is ready for the Preconference assembly, to do the interpretation. (Richard H, chair.)

In 2013, BTG had a total of 455 Presentations with 1558 requests for contact. The I & T committee helped get our Workbook translated into Spanish which is a great tool for our Spanish Coordinator to use in his outreach. There was record participation in our BTG Forum in San Jose and was an example of unity in our community with participation from H & I, PI/CPC, and our sister CNIA Area. We were able to have a good presence at BTGWW this year. The year ended with an Inventory of our committee helped us to look towards the future. (Claudia N, chair.)

The DCM Sharing Session has shared on these topics for 2013: “How do I introduce myself to the sub district and how to approach groups without GSR’s.”//“How to obtain a group conscience.”//“Life Cycle of a Motion”//“What happens Now? How does a Motion get to the Conference?”//“Tips and points for bring enthusiasm to our GSR’s”//“Outreach to Groups – How to Bridge the Gap”//“How to do a group/district inventory”//“How to give examples of the Concepts working in our Lives”//“How to help the GSR’s share information from the Conference final report back to their groups”//“The Role of a Sub- District.” (Barbara S, committee sec).

Worked extensively with all the area officers, standing and subcommittees to prepare the 2014 budget. 2012 tax returns were filed. Started going through motions book to update finance committee guidelines and plan to create a pass-it-on for future committees. Reviewed housekeeping motion requests for money and financial reports. Collected money at ACM and assemblies and helped treasurer send receipts for group contributions. (Jennifer B, committee member).

There are several ongoing projects the Archives Committee has been working on. We have begun a project to reorganize the Archives Repository. The new categories will help substantially to locate information within the repository, as well as helping to protect documents by minimizing the handling necessary when doing research. We have been repairing old displays and creating new ones. We have been working with the Web Committee to implement some existing motions regarding the website, to make Archives more accessible to the Area. We have also been collecting many group histories, thank you to all who have participated. (Laura W, chair)

CNCA CALENDAR

2014—Panel 63

February	22—Area Committee Mtg
March	03/07-03/09-PRAASA San Diego
April	22—Area Committee Mtg 5,6—Pre Conference Assembly, Monterey (Hosted by District 01) 26—Area Committee Mtg 4/27-5/3 General Service Conf, NY
May	10—Post Conference Assembly Ukiah (Hosted by District 14)
June	24—Area Committee Mtg
July	28—Area Committee Mtg 26—Area Committee Mtg 7/11-7/13 Pacific Regional Forum (Area 18, Idaho)
August	09—Summer Assembly Vacaville (Hosted by District 90)
September	23—Area Committee Mtg
October	27—Area Committee Mtg
November	25—Area Committee Mtg
November	8 th —Election Assembly San Jose (Hosted by District 40 & 04)
December	22—Area Committee Mtg 20—Area Committee Mtg

2015—Panel 65

January	24—Area Committee Mtg
February	28—Area Committee Mtg
March	6-8—PRAASA Area 69, Layton UT 28—Area Committee Mtg 11,12-Pre Conference Assembly, 19-25 General Service Conf, NY
April	25—Area Committee Mtg 16—Post Conference Assembly
May	23—Area Committee Mtg
June	27—Area Committee Mtg
July	2-5—AA International Convention Atlanta, Georgia
August	25—Area Committee Mtg 1 or 8—Summer Assembly
September	22—Area Committee Mtg
October	26—Area Committee Mtg
November	24—Area Committee Mtg 7 or 14-Fall Inventory Assembly
December	28—Area Committee Mtg 19—Area Committee Mtg

ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

PANEL 63 ASSEMBLY DATES

2014 Pre-conference Assembly

April 5-6; Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairground Rd. Monterey, CA
Hosted by District 01

2014 Post-conference Assembly

May 10; Redwood Empire Fairgrounds
1055 N. State St. Ukiah, CA
Hosted by District 14

2014 Summer Assembly

August 9; Ulati Community Center
1000 Ulati Dr. Vacaville, CA
Hosted by District 90

2014 Fall Election Assembly

Nov. 8; San Jose Scottish Rite Center
2455 Masonic Dr. San Jose, CA
Hosted by District 40

If your District is considering making a bid for an assembly please contact the Assembly Coordinator Phil B at ac.p63@cnca06.org

AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

CNCA Motions – February 2014

Area Committee

Assembly Bids

Housekeeping Motion:

Guidelines

Presentation of New Business

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting

New Business at Area Committee Meeting

Discussion Topics

- 1) Recovery, Unity, and Service - What are our responsibilities? How do we fulfill them?
- 2) Benefits of living in the heart of AA service work.

Area Assembly Motions

Presentation of New Business at Area Assembly

Old Business at Area Assembly

- That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of CNCA Comments/Comentarios except when individually requested. – Web Committee

New Business at Area Assembly

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CNCA Standing Committee & Sharing Session Meetings

are the 4th Saturday every month. Sharing Sessions -10 am

Standing Committee Meetings - 11 am

Area Business Meeting 12:30 - 3:30 pm

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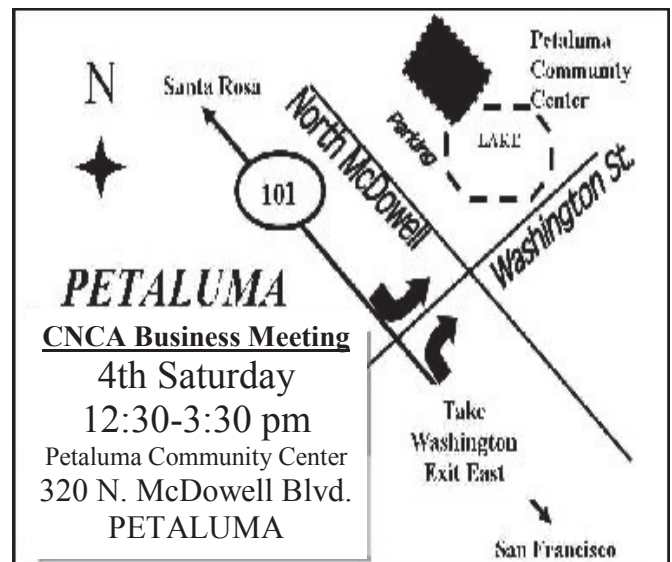
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Web Committee meets at 11:00 am. For information contact webcom.p63@cnca06.org.

DCMs & DCMCs Sharing Sessions meet at 10 am.

Grapevine/La Vina/ Lit. Sharing Session at 10 am.

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