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I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that:

I am responsible

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Officer and District Reports

Area 92 Delegate: Rad M.

Fellow WSEA 92 Members,

It's been another busy month in service. In a recent letter from Doug R GSC coordinator he states that the Communications Kit which will contain the preliminary agenda will be arriving before January 1st! It's amazing how fast time goes!

This last month I've traveled the Area visiting District meetings spending time discussing the issue of Fellowship self support. The discussions at these meetings have been very informative and I would like to thank all of the DCMs for allowing the time for the discussions during their busy District meeting schedules. I would also like to thank the DCMs for working so hard to keep their Districts informed about the issues from GSO. As it states in the AA Service Manual "The district committee member is an essential link between the group GSR and the area delegate to the General Service Conference." Without the DCMs vital service to our Area my ability to communicate effectively with each of you would be greatly diminished.

On December 13th I attended the Standing Committee Quarterly in Ellensburg. The main business of the day as many of you may already know was to work out the details of the motion passed at the October Assembly. It was wonderful for me to see our fellowship in action as the committee members and attendees developed a new agenda for the upcoming quarterly. I'm excited to see how it turns out when we meet in January and I hope you are too.

In news from GSO the PI committee's Young Peoples Video project is still open for submissions. If you are interested in developing a video or know of someone who is please visit (http://72.47.197.19/youngpeoplevideoproject/) where you'll able read the guidelines for submissions and get registered. If you have additional questions please contact me at delegate@area92aa.org.

The Corrections committee is asking for volunteers to write to inmates as part of the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS). For more information and literature about the CCS please contact our Area's Correction chair Scott R at corrections@area92aa.org.

Beginning January 1st there will be a price increases for all Grapevine (GV) books except for the Best of Bill books. To our benefit however the GV will be offering "last chance" ordering of Grapevine material at 08 prices until February 1st.

Area Delegate Report: (cont.)

In addition the GV is polling area corrections and hospital and institutions (our treatment) committees about the production of staple-free Grapevines.

In the Holiday issue of Box 459 the following was reported: The Archives renovation at GSO has been post-poned. The project was not deemed financially prudent at this time. The 20th World Service Meeting included presentations on topics currently concerning AAs in service around the globe such as: how to handle growth and change; ways of encouraging more young people into the Fellowship; the importance of sharing AA literature; service sponsorship; and how to use the Internet for public information and as a Twelfth Step tool. The 21st WSM will be held in Mexico City, October 17-21 2010 with the theme of "Sponsorship: Our Responsibility." On pages 5 and 6 there is an article about AA's new General Manager Phyllis H. For those of you who are new to Area service Phyllis served as the Area 72 (Western WA) Delegate and as the Pacific Region Trustee prior to being elected to her new position. Hopefully you'll find the time to read about Phyllis and come to know her a little better as prepares to serve us as GM.

In Pacific Region news, I received a letter from the PRAASA 2009 Program Chair Bill M. In his letter Bill is asking for help in acquiring the names of at least 9 members who would be willing to help present a panel topic, moderate a roundtable, provide reading, perform as a timer of other related service needs. Bill would also like a least 3 members to present a topic in a panel presentation. Please let me know if you are planning on attending PRAASA 09 which will be held in Oakland CA. For more information please visit (http://www.praasa09.org/).

Important upcoming Dates, Deadlines and To Do:

12/19/08 > Deadline for submission of suggestions for theme and workshop topics for the 2010 GSC

1/9/09 -1/10/09 > WSEA 92 January Quarterly – Wenatchee WA

1/15/09 > Deadline for GSC agenda item submissions

1/30/09 > Deadline for submission of Self Support input from the Area Fellowship to the GSC committee 03/06/09 - 03/08/09 > PRAASA 2009

Happy Holidays,

Rad M.

District 10: Melissa D.

Ho, Ho, happy holidays. Here in district 10 we are trying to stay warm because it is real cold. However, we continue to conduct business and carry the message. At our monthly district meeting, per our delegate Rad, we discussed the motion regarding the possibility of our GSO becoming fully self-supporting in that they "not" use literature funds. It was a good conversation and it is being taken back to the home groups for a more accurate group conscience. We have our normal venue for next's years Gratitude banquet, the date has already been set for November 14, 2009. Don't worry we will remind you again. Home groups are doing well, lots of holiday events for the month, like potlucks and parties. We still have a few committee chair positions open. James B. was voted in as the incoming T&C chair and we are hopeful about filling the other positions. We are actively taking meetings into our jail as well as out to the boys group home. As for December birth-days; Cle-Elum is celebrating Chris H. 6 mo, Ed C. 9 mo, and Joey H. 9 mo. In Ellensburg we are celebrating Seana B. 2 yrs, Mark S. 7 yrs, Lee Roy 20 yrs, Blair 27 yrs, and Theo & Melissa 6 yrs.

We held the quarterly here in the *Burg* and as far as know it went well.

I will talk to you all again in 2009! Have a Happy & Sober New Year.

Alternate Delegate: Mauro P.

I would like to take this time to wish every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! How time flies. It seems like only yesterday and here we are one year later This is a great time of the year to reflect and thank God for the very special gift of sobriety he has given each and every one of us. It truly is a blessing. This month was a quiet one for me and I took time to enjoy family. Tomorrow morning one of our daughters, Veronica, will be giving birth to her first child, the greatest gift of all. But I have to tell you that without you none of this would have been possible and I would have missed it all. In the month of November I accompanied Rad to the 4th Annual Traditions workshop held in Kennewick by District 24 on the 16th of November. A great time was had by everyone in attendance and like always the food was great! On the 29th of November I was invited to the anniversary of el Grupo Un Dia a La Vez from Kent in Area 72.

Alterno Delegado: Mauro P.

Quiero tomar este tiempo para desearles a cada uno de ustedes y sus apreciables familias Una feliz Navidad y un Prospero Año Nuevo! Como pasa el tiempo. Parece que apenas fue ayer y ya acaba de pasar un año. Este es un gran tiempo para reflexionar y darle las gracias a Dios por el regalo de sobriedad que nos e brindado a cada uno de nosotros. Es verdaderamente una bendición. Este mes fue un mes calmado para mi y tome el tiempo para gozar con familia. Mañana en la madrugada una de nuestras hijas, Verónica, le va dar luz a su primer niña. Pero tengo que decirles, que sin ustedes nada de esto fuera hecho posible. El mes de Noviembre acompañe a Delegado Rad al Cuarto Aniversario de Tradiciónes que se llevo acabo el 16 de Noviembre en el Distrito 24. El evento fue bien asistido y la comida estuvo sabrosa como siempre. El 29 de Noviembre participe en el Aniversario del Grupo Un Dia la Vez de Kent en la Area 72

Registrar's Report

Nothing to Report.

Informe del Registrador

No uvo Informe.

Happy 24 hours and may God bless you Felices 24 horas y que Dios los bendiga Mauro P.

Area Secretary: Nancy T.

Hi Everybody! Nancy here, your alcoholic secretary. Busy, busy, busy! I have been getting the minutes, agenda and announcements finished, printed and mailed, as well as sending out the updated Directory. Next on my agenda is getting the updated Handbook pages printed and ready for the Quarterly coming up in a few short weeks. No need to stress, however, there is only a major holiday between then and now. UGH! Perhaps in my ninth year of sobriety, I will learn how to not procrastinate with things. Time will tell.

Everything else is going along well. I can't wait to see you all next month in Wenatchee!

Area Chair: Jamie S.

SHARE FROM THE CHAIR

The Standing Committee Quarterly in Ellensburg on December 13th was an extremely rewarding experience. I was impressed by the number of people who attended and their enthusiasm for service. There was a great discussion on the motion to make two of the four standing committee meetings at the January and July Quarterlies. Those attending were able to develop a plan for implementing the motion that will go forward in January. All of this on the weekend of he worst winter storm of the year so far.

To see such a commitment to service was inspiring. It is an honor to be a Trusted Servant for Area 92. Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks to District 10The revised Agenda for the January Quarterly should be in this newsletter.

I also attended the Ad Hoc Committee meeting for a Local Forum which we are calling: "Carrying The Message Across Cultural and Language Boundaries". We hope to have the Area Committee vote at the January Quarterly to submit the bid which is due in April. We believe that would allow us to sponsor the forum in September of 2011. The Ad Hoc committee hopes that you all will discuss this idea with your Home Groups and Districts. This Forum would be a wonderful opportunity for Area 92 to reach out to populations that we are not now serving, those who do not speak English as a first language, those who sign to communicate and those who can broaden our perspectives and cultural understanding.

Look forward to seeing you in Wenatchee and remember it is the second weekend of January.

Area Treasurer: Diana M.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. I also hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving season. We had family with us and ate too much as usual. This was the first Thanksgiving I've had in the Methow Valley without snow and so far none for Christmas even though they keep predicting snow. I'm sure we will have plenty once it starts, just like an alcoholic can't stop after the first one. Once it starts snowing here it keeps it up for a month or so.

The Okanogan Valley groups are putting together a holiday party for Saturday, December 20th which we will be attending, snow permitting.

The only area business I've been doing recently is paying bills. If you have anything you need paid before the end of the year please let me know by either calling me, emailing me or plain old snail mail.

I'm looking forward to seeing some of you at the January quarterly in Wenatchee. Then we will see the rest of you at the Spring Assembly at Sun Mountain. Remember to get your reservation in early for the host hotel or else you will need to be staying in Winthrop which is about 15 to 20 minutes down the hill.

Remember to send your donations to:

WSEA 92 PMB 263 331 Valley Mall Pkwy. E. Wenatchee, WA 98802-4831.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.



Area Corrections: Scott R.

IT HAS BEEN BUSY SINCE THE ASSEMBLY AND I WOULD LIKE TO START THERE. AS I WROTE IN MY LAST REPORT WE HAD A CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP AT THE ASSEMBLY AND NUMEROUS PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR THE CORRECTIONS CORRESSPONDENCE SERVICE PROGRAM [CCS] AND OUR EFFORTS ARE ALRESDY STARTING TO PAY OFF.AS I ATTENDED THE COMBINED QUARTERLY/NEW AGENDA DISCUSSION [2] MEMBERS INFORMED ME THAT THEY HAD RECIEVED LETTERS FROM INMATES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MISSISSIPI RIVER AND I AM EXCITED TO HEAR FROM OTHER MEMBERS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS PROGRAM AT THE QUARTERLY. ALSO, G.S.O. SENT OUT A REQUEST FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS, ECSPECIALLY MALES, TO MEET THE GROWING RESPONSE TO THIS PROGRAM.

[2] MORE BRIDGES THIS MONTH, BOTH TO SPOKANE, SO HOPEFULLY WE WILL GET CARLOS AND WILLIAM TO A MEETING UPON THERE RELEASE SO THEY CAN FIND A NEW WAY TO LIVE, AS WE HAVE BEEN SO FORTUNATE TO DO.

I SEE THE NEW AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY QUARTERLY IS OUT AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR TIME AND INPUT IN CREATING THE NEW AGENDA AND AS EVERYONE WILL NOTICE ALL THE STANDING COMMITTEES WILL HAVE [2] HOURS IN THE MORNING TO HAVE THEIR MEETING. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO EVERYONE WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN CORRECTIONS TO BRING IDEAS OF WHAT WORKS IN YOUR SITUATIONS, WHAT DOESN'T, A MEMBER WHO HAS HAD AN EXPERIANCE WITH THE HAND OF A.A REACHING OUT INTO THE INSTITUTIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ETC.....

Area Archives: Mike B.

Greetings Area 92. I'm Mike, your Alcoholic Archivist. I hope all of you have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

On December 13th the Standing Chairs met in Ellensburg for the December Combined Standing Committee Quarterly. The main agenda was to discuss the new motion that was passed at the October Assembly pertaining to holding two of the four Quarterlies at the Area Quarterlies in January and July. It was agreed, after a lengthy discussion, to hold the Standing Committee Meetings from 10:00 AM until noon on Saturday. If you, as Archive Committee Members, are planning to attend the Standing Committee Meeting only, registration fees do not have to be paid unless you plan on staying for the entire business meeting. I hope you will all attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Archives Steering Committee for all of there support to the Area Archives and to me. They are a very essential part of the upkeep of our Archives, and their unselfish role to help maintain it should be commended. This Committee, which is totally unfunded, travel to the Repository in Pullman, attend Area Quarterlies and Assemblies, and are available to attend Steering Committee Meetings at their own expense. They are available to all of you as well, to help you in any way they can. The members are as follows:

Mike Mc. – Past Area 92 Delegate from District 3

Dave Mc. - Past Area 92 Delegate from District 4

Stan T. – has held numerous positions including Bridge the Gap Chair from District 8

Paula T. – Past Area Secretary from District 8

Dave D. – Currently District Archivist from District 20

Paula H. – Past DCM from District 19

Feel free to contact any of the members including myself, if you have any questions or need help in anyway.

That's all I have for now. Thank you for letting me be of service, and once again I would like to wish all of you **HAPPY HOLIDAYS....**

District 18: Annette P.

Greetings from District 18. Our district encompasses Columbia County in SE Washington, as well as the Northern portion of Walla Walla County.

The groups in our district have been growing and changing, it is a true joy to see. New people are stepping forward, making themselves available for service positions. We have had an eligible member step up to be the treasurer for the district, and another member is contemplating the open archivist position.

The Dayton One Day At a Time (ODAT) group has revised their meeting schedule, both the Tuesday and Thursday meetings are changing from 8 pm to 7pm. The Tuesday night Book Study Meeting will now be a closed meeting, with anyone who has a desire to not drink being welcome. The Saturday morning meeting remains unchanged at 8 am. ODAT will be hosting the annual Christmas Party on December 11, at 6 PM. The group has a busy activity committee and had numerous fellowship events over the past few months. What fun it is to be on the sober path with others who want to have fun. We are not a glum lot! All of these activities and events have been fully self-supporting through our own contributions. It's interesting what happens when the traditions are understood and adhered to.

The Waitsburg group has two new members who are service minded and dedicated. The meeting has held two different segmented events at their Monday Night Meeting, Back to Basics, and Back to the Forties. Both series were well attended. This group has struggled with attendance for some time, but things are looking up.

AA101, with the help of other groups and individuals, hosted the annual Halloween Party in Late October. The event had so many people offering to help with service, it was amazing. Fun was had by all, and no one complained of being overworked. Special thanks to the clean up crew who stayed to the "bitter end."

The 7th annual Men's Winter Campout at the Tucannon Camp Wooten Campground is being planning and anticipated by the Dawg Gone Men's Group, (DGMG). If interested or desiring more information, contact our DCM through the Area Web Site. The dates are Jan 23, 24,& 25. (Men only, please)

The Prescott Study Group continues to meet at 8pm on Wednesday night at the Lion's Club on Highway 124. It is traditional to come early and have a taco at the place around the corner. This is a light hearted group with a serious message for the still suffering alcoholic. Bring a newcomer and join us!

The Sunday Night Women's meeting, Twisted Sisters, has been growing and has members who are dedicated and service oriented. The group is growing and fully participated in a women's Fall campout planned by the ODAT activity committee.

Life is good in District 18, we are small, but sobriety is thriving and valued here. Drop in if you are in the area.

YIS Annette P

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District 14: Loreena K.

Happy Holidays from District 14, all is well here. Our assembly committee held there 1st meeting Dec. 7th, I was unable to attend but heard it went very well. We have a place picked for the assembly to be held, will be getting in touch with Joanne to come check it out.

Yours in Service,

We are on the Web at: http://www.area92aa.org/newsletter/

District 23: Janine

The December District meeting was held on the 7th. The minutes are included with this newsletter. The next District meeting will be held on January 4th at noon at the Apple Cup.

Our Bridging the Gap Chair has resigned. Thus, there is an opening for a Bridge chair person. Te thank Paul for his service. He is greatly appreciated.

The November Birthday Potluck celebrated 6 AA birthdays! The December birthday's will be celebrated at the New Years Eve Potluck.

The 25th Annual Christmas Eve Open House at Dian's will begin at noon on Christmas Eve. You are welcome to come anytime after that. The traditional stew and apple dumplings will be served at 6pm. For more info, call Dian at (509) 687-2830.

The 25th annual New Years Eve Potluck sponsored by New Beginnings will start about 4pm and eating at 6pm. New Beginnings will provide the turkey, ham, and meat loaf. Please bring a side dish, salad, dessert or munchies. Bring your family and friends and indoor games. Plan on staying until the New Year and having a good time!!

As I reflect on the year that is winding down, I am amazed at how fast it has gone. I have been blessed by the opportunities I have had to serve my fellow AA's. The benefits far out weighing the effort. Thank you for my sobriety.

Love and Blessings, Janine

District 3: Chuck H.

Merry Christmas. Joy and peace in the coming New Year everyone.

District 3 wants to welcome our new Treatment Chair Jeremey R. We are excited to have this important position filled. Right now all our service positions are filled, except for P.I. We will attend the upcoming quarterly in Wenatchee. Pray for good roads! The gratitude banquet, put on by the Spokane Central Office was a huge success. Great food and fellowship. District 17 is hosting the Central Office Alcathon this year. We know they will do a great job. We hope for a lot of participation from the district 3 home groups. It will be a great time for fellowship during the Holidays.

Blessings

District 9: Gene A.

The activities committee is busy getting readyh for our annual New Year's Party at the Walla Walla VA Medical Center Theater with potluck, music, games, speakers, and a great evening of AA fellowship and sobriety.

Rad visited our December District meeteing and posed the GSR's the question of funding GSO with literature sales or not. They are seriously taking this question to their home grou[s and we should have a good discussion in January prior to the quarterly.

God bless you all and have a very Merry and Sober Christmas.

District 13: Holly H.

District 13 will spend our December meeting hammering out a 2009 budget for home group approval. In addition, our new CPC/PI representative had worked up a draft for a long awaited District handbook. In January we will be attending the quarterly and having past Delegate Dave Mc visit our district meeting to discuss GSO financial self support material. Happy holidays to all see you in Jan.

Posted by Mike B. Area Archivist

I would like to pass on to you a Christmas message that was sent out to all of AA by Bill W., on the 10th Christmas of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1944:

"Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world. Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least, are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the prince of peace as they never hoped before.

But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted.

Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that new world.

How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection, that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth.

Knowing it's full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there is poverty, peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos.

Great indeed, our blessings! And so-Merry Christmas to you all-from the Trustees, from Bobbie, and from Lois and me. Bill Wilson"

District 19: Steve A.

Due to severe weather and personal issues I am suspending group visits until March, but if any GSR or other group representative would like me to attend his/her group's business meeting as a special request please call me on (509) 754-4898 and let me know when you would like me to attend. I will honor any such requests. I will be attending the January quarterly in Wenatchee and will bring a report to the January District meeting, since we meet a week after the quarterly. Today we will be discussing the Conference advisory action and I will forward any input to Rad M, the Area 92 Delegate. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team members for a successful first year of this rotation, and wish the best for you and yours this holiday season. I hope we can continue to successfully work together next year. Yours in service, Steve A, DCM District 19

Newsletter: John S.

The Holiday Season is upon us, and I wish to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas, and a Very Prosperous New Year. It has been a busy season, with the Thanksgiving Holiday, and Gratitude Banquets. I had the pleasure of attending the District 7 Banquet in Lewiston. It was especially meaningful, as my wife Suzy and I celebrated our 39th wedding anniversary on the 1st. We also attended the District 8 Banquet in Coeur d'Alene. A wonderful time of good fellowship and food...

At the same time, the district has been busy with a standing committee meeting to set the agenda for the upcoming Quarterly in Wenatchee. A significant change for the members of the standing committees. We will be meeting on Saturday, and will be curtailing at least 2 of the regular quarterly committee meetings. This is the result of a motion passed at the October Assembly. Unfortunately, due to weather and a severe head cold, I was unable to attend. We will learn more about this change at the quarterly.

This issue of the Area 92 Newsletter is especially filled with minutes of the July Quarterly. There is an abundance of information passed on at these meetings. I trust you will find time to familiarize yourself with all of the information. Hope to see you all at the Quarterly.

John

JANUARY 2009 QUARTERLY AGENDA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008

3:00 PM REGISTRATION OPENS

4:00-5:00 PM PANELS

5:00-6:30 PM NO HOST DINNER

6:30-7:30 PM WEB TEAM MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEET

7:30-8:30 PM DCM ROUNDTABLE

GSR ROUNDTABLE

8:45-9:30 PM ASK IT BASKET/DESSERT BAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008

7:00-8:00 AM BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION OPENS

8:00 AM CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENT, SERENITY PRAYER

MOTION TO RECORD PROCEEDINGS

READING OF THE 12 TRADITIONS AND THE 12 CONCEPTS IN ENGLISH & SPANISH

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY QUARTERLY

8:30AM TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

DELEGATE.....RAD M.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE......MAURO P.

CHAIR.....JAMIE S.

ALTERNATE CHAIR.....JOANNE W.

SECRETARY.....NANCY T.

TREASURER......DIANA M.

ALTERNATE TREASURER.....BRYON S.

9:45 BREAK FIFTEEN MINUTES

10:00 STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

NOON-1:00 PM LUNCH

1:00PM STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1:30PM CONTINUE TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

ARCHIVES......MIKE B.

PUBLIC INFORMATION.....RIKKI M.

COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMM.....MICHELLE C.

CORRECTIONS......SCOTT R.

TREATMENT......JERI S.

GRAPEVINE & LITERATURE......RICHARD M.

TRANSLATION.....PAUL B.

NEWSLETTER.....JOHN S.

45pm BREAK FIFTEEN MINUTES

:3:00PM DCM REPORTS

AREA COMMITTEE AND HOST COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMIT-

TEE.....BRYON S.

DCM ROUNDTABLE

GSR ROUNDTABLE

JANUARY QUARTERLY HOST COMMITTEE.....DIST. 5

APRIL PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY 2009......DIST. 12

JULY QUARTERLY 2009......DIST. 4

OCTOBER ASSEMBLY 2009......DIST. 8

APRIL PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLYDIST 4

OCTOBER ASSEMBLY 2010DIST 14

PNC 2009......DIST. 1

LOCAL FORUM...... COMMITTEE

OLD BUSINESS: AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS: LIABILITY INSURANCE

1-800 PHONE SERVICE

NEW BUSINESS

BIDS JANUARY QUARTERLY 2010

ADJOURN

JULY 2008 QUARTERLY KENNEWICK, WA July 19, 2008

Jamie opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Motion to record proceedings passed.

The 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were read in English and Spanish.

The minutes from the January 2008 Quarterly were accepted as written.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Delegate—Rad M.: Fellow WSEA 92 Members, Since our last meeting at the April Pre-Conference Assembly (4/11-4/13) where our Area was able to deliver its collective and informed group conscience to me prior to my departure for the General Service Conference (GSC) in New York, I've been on the go nonstop except for a couple of the weekends.

The Saturday after the Pre-Conference Assembly (4/19), Mauro P (WSEA 92 Alternate Delegate) and I were invited to attend District 24's 3rd anniversary celebration at Groupo Comunidad in Pasco. The main event of the anniversary was a Twelve Concepts workshop that Mauro and I participated in by sharing our understanding of particular Concepts. All of the Concept speakers were excellent; and, of course, the meal at the end was fantastic. Thank you, District 24 and thank you, Mauro.

On Thursday, April 24, Jill and I were off to New York; and on Friday, we spent the day with her brother's family in Brooklyn visiting the local sites. On Saturday, the Pacific Region Delegates took a history tour of New York,

visiting sites like 182 Clinton St, 38 Livingston St., and Towns Hospital. On Sunday, the business of the GSC started early as the Policy and Admissions Committee on which I will be serving next year as its Alternate Chairman met to accept an Alternate Delegate and four guest observers (2 from Mexico and 2 from Great Britain) to the 2008 GSC. And by the time our Pacific Region Delegates' luncheon was over, the Conference started in earnest. The last opportunity I had to spend time with Jill, except for seeing her in our hotel room after each day's events, was during the opening dinner that Sunday evening, during which I was proud to be with the most beautiful woman in the room.

Before I begin a synopsis of the 2008 GSC, I would like to spend a moment to describe my personal experience of the GSC. For many years, I held a romantic vision of attending the GSC and what it would be like. It included bits of the Wizard of OZ mixed in with Star Wars. I would open the emerald doors to the Conference floor and be greeted with a vision of the Galactic Senate filled with members beyond reproach. Thankfully, this romantic and very unrealistic image was discarded for the appropriate reality of the Conference. The Conference is "us," and it couldn't and shouldn't be any other way. When our founders considered turning over the Fellowship to AA, it was the alcoholic that they had ultimate faith in. The people they sat with and shared with, the people they saw through their ups and downs, these were to be the individuals that they would trust the future of our Fellowship to, and rightfully so. If you believe that AA saved your life and can save the lives of others, if you are willing to give back what was freely given to you – you have everything you need to be our next Delegate at the Conference.

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The GSC Committees generally meet three times: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with a combined session time of around nine hours. The Policy and Admissions Committee met three additional times in order to finalize some very important business of our Committee. The Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) and Grapevine (GV) Boards delivered their reports on Monday afternoon, and I am happy to convey that AA remains financially in the black. It is important to note that a statistical trend exists in regard to AA contributions, which are increasing, but are being contributed by fewer members and groups. In 1982, approximately 58% of the Fellowship donated around \$1.8 million. In 2007, 45.2% donated approximately \$6.3 million. Briefly, here are some numbers:

| GSO 2007 | | Grapevine 2007 | | La Vina 2007 | |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Contributions | \$6,526,002 | Total Income | \$1,667,395 | Publishing Income | \$67,781 |
| Literature Profits | \$3,015,809 | GV Expenses | <\$1,765,221> | LV Expenses | <\$134,821> |
| GSO Expenses | <\$8,528,080> | GV Loss | <\$25,047> | LV Loss | <\$67,040> |
| GSO Profit | \$1,018,577 | | | | |
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| Profit for 2007 | \$926,490 | | | | |

In the following, I'll attempt to highlight some of the actions from the 2008 GSC that I feel were most important, many of which were included in the WSEA 92 Conference agenda workshops. Remember, these are just some highlights. For a completed list of Conference actions, please contact me.

Recommendations resulting in Advisories

The theme for the 2009 GSC will be "Our Commitment to Carry AA's Message-Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action"

The Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical, of fully funding G.S.O. services to the Fellowship (G.S.O. functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups and that this information be forwarded to the 2009 Conference Committee on Finance.

The responsibility for General Service Conference site selection be delegated to General Service Office management, subject to approval of the General Service Board; and that a report be forwarded to the 2009 General Service Conference.

A wall poster for young people with information about Alcoholics Anonymous be developed and brought back to the 2009 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Recommendations not resulting in Advisories

A section on posthumous anonymity be included in the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" on Page 9 before the <u>Anonymity at the</u> *Media Level* section.

Additional Considerations

The Committee reconsidered the 2007 General Service Conference Committee Advisory Action recommending that "the Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism with an appropriate disclaimer" and took no action.

The Committee considered a request to reinstate the pamphlet, "Letter to a Woman Alcoholic," and took no action.

The Committee considered a proposal that the current secondary Conference Archives Committee be established as a standing Conference Committee and took no action.

The two items that the Area requested I take to the Conference: the "Interactive SIM" and the placement of AA's Declaration of Unity into the pamphlet "The AA Group" was done. The Interactive SIM idea was brought back for further development and clarification, and the "Declaration of Unity" was found to be missing from all of the current pamphlets and was brought back to the originators for reconsideration of action based on a 1973 Literature Committee Conference advisory action.

A couple of quick notes: the June – July 2008 edition of Box 459 is out with a summary of the this year's GSC, and the 2007 membership survey is out. According to the survey, we are largely a society of older (41-60/52.3%) white (85.1%) married (35%) males (67%) that have more than 10 years of sobriety (33%) and have a home group (85%) and a sponsor (79%) and were introduced to AA through an AA member (33%). We attend 2.4 meetings a week. For additional information on these publications, get your hands on a copy, or they can be downloaded from www.aa.org

After the Conference, the first Delegate's report was in Lewiston (District 7) on May 10th. I'd like to thank DCM Dave R for inviting me and Gene D, Past WSEA 92 Delegate, and his wife for allowing me to stay at their home.

On May 18, I gave a report at the Moses Lake Alano Club (District 19), and I would like to thank DCM Steve A for the invitation and finding my Conference notebook.

May 24th Mauro P, our Alternate Delegate, and I were in Richland for a District 4 inventory/Delegate's report. I'd like to thank Mike S for the invitation, Mauro for being very helpful to the process, and to each of the individuals that participated. I had a great time. And even though the Delegate's Report was a bit of a lullaby at the end of a long day, the fellowship over dinner was a wonderful conclusion to a day doin' AA.

May 25, I was especially happy to be in Trail BC at the Tralano Club for a Delegate's Report to District 1. The night before on my way from Richland, the GPS (which I'm still getting acquainted with) kept trying to take me over an old dirt road mountain pass (Swede) as a short cut from Williams Lake Road north of Colville to Highway 25 just south of Marble, WA. I was later told that driving up and down the roads in that area at 11:30 at night might have raised the attention of some of the local horticulturists. I would like to thank DCM Mike J for the invitation and Sharon T, Past WSEA 92 Chair, for her personal history tour of Trail. Honestly, when I get to these AA destinations, I just want to stay and not go home.

Special note! On May 31, I mowed my lawn for the first time.

June 7, I was fortunate to attend the best workshop that I've ever been to. And I'm not just sayin' that. The Archives Workshop in Ellensburg was very, very interesting and involving. We all got to do projects and learn a great deal. If you passed on this because you thought it might be boring, please don't miss the next one. Make sure you contact Mike B, our Area Archivist, and get information on upcoming Archive events.

On June 8, I was in Leavenworth at the Senior Center for a Delegate's Report to District 5. Thanks to DCM Jeff S for having me over.

June 15, I was in Ellensburg (District 10) at the Central Washington University Student Union Building for a Delegate's Report. I was there on time, but I couldn't find the room. So, thanks to DCM Mark E for the invitation and helping me get to the right place. June 20-22, Jill and I were at the Yakima Valley Campout in Toppenish at the Yakima Nation RV Park for a Delegate's Report on Saturday. We stayed the whole weekend and had a great time. I'd like to thank Michael and everyone else who helped to put on this great Fellowship event. Nothin' beats Teepee livin'.

June 27-29, Jill and I attended the 2008 Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) in Pendleton OR. Jill was invited to be a panel speaker, and I was invited to be one of the guest speakers. If you haven't attended a PNC in a while, you are really missing out, as they are getting better and more fun each year. If the enthusiasm keeps up, I am very excited for the future of the oldest conference in AA. Thanks to Area 58's PNC Committee for doing such a great job with this year's PNC.

The weekend of July 4, you guessed it.... I got to work in the yard.

On July 11-13, I was invited to give a Delegate's Report during the Troy/Bonners Ferry Campout at the Yaak River Campground just this side of Troy, ID (District 14). I had the best time meeting people and making new friends. The time that I had for my Delegate's Report was short, but it worked out great, as it allowed me the opportunity to focus the report just on the highlights, which kept everyone's interest. I also got to attend District 14's District meeting, and they even asked me a couple of questions. How nice. A special thanks to DCM Lorena K for having me up, Scott R (WSEA 92 Corrections Chair) for babysitting me, and the rest that made the weekend a success.

In upcoming events, I have a Delegate's Report in Coeur d'Alene (District 8) on August 12th at the Church of the Nazarene, 4000 N 4th St. Start time will be 6:00 PM.

Don't forget to get to the Pacific Regional Forum in Spokane August 29th – 31st.

Yours in the Fellowship, Rad.

Alt. Delegate—Mauro P.: On Saturday, the 24th of May, I joined the Delegate, Rad M., in Richland, where he facilitated and participated in a District 4 inventory and also gave his Delegate's Report. On May 30th, I chaired the opening ceremony of the sixth Washington State Hispanic Convention hosted by District 16 in Yakima. The Convention was a success and hosted excellent speakers, one from El Salvador, two from Mexico, and an Al-Anon speaker from New York. On June 14, I facilitated a GSR School/ Workshop in Walla Walla in District 9 and 24 combined, which went very well with plenty of discussion. And I extend many thanks to DCM, Gene A., for organizing the Workshop. I also want to thank Past Alt. Delegate, Woodrow W., for the pointers he gave me on facilitating GSR schools, and Delegate, Rad M., for providing the GSR School Workbook.

Chair—Jamie S.: I want to thank all of those who worked on the July Quarterly. It is a great success. Thanks also to all of those who spend their time serving the still suffering alcoholic through service to Area 92, their districts, and their home groups. Since April, I have had the opportunity to visit several home groups in District 7 and District 22. The AA message is strong in Area 92. I briefly attended the Standing Committee meeting in Post Falls. If you have an interest in participating as a District Committee Chair or as a Committee participant on a standing committee, I would urge you to attend a Standing Committee Quarterly. What a great way to meet people from all over the Area interested in serving AA through committee work.

The DCM Roundtable from last night covered issues that face every district and home group, what to do with court cards. It is an issue that will continue to challenge home groups for the foreseeable future. The decision regarding what to do with court cards ties with the informed group conscience of each group consistent with our Fourth Tradition and the principle of singleness of purpose expressed in Tradition Five. Please continue to discuss this issue with your fellow DCMs and GSRs.

I appreciate all of your efforts in making each Area function a success.

Alt. Chair—Joanne W.: Since the April Quarterly, it has been pretty slow for me. I have been in contact with this Committee and the October 2008 Committee. I plan on attending the next January '09 Quarterly Committee, as well as visiting with the rest of the '09 Quarterly/Assembly Committees. I attended the PNC down in Pendleton, Oregon. PNC rocks! What a great conference. I can't wait to go to Canada next year.

Now, for those of you wondering, we started my kitchen remodel, but don't worry, there is still plenty of finish work for anyone who wants to help. And last Monday was my belly button birthday. I turned 40 something.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Joanne.

Secretary—Nancy T.: Hi everyone. Nancy here, your alcoholic secretary. I've been busy since the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly with finalizing the minutes from the January Quarterly, as well as preparing the minutes from the Spring Assembly, and I got those mailed out to the DCMs, along with the pending motions that we'll be addressing today.

The Handbook Committee met on June 1st, and got the Handbook updated. We also have a motion that we will be presenting this afternoon. If you need a Handbook, you can purchase one for \$6.25, which includes the update pages, or you can just purchase the update pages for \$1.25.

I attended the Delegate's Report in Lewiston in May, and I will be attending the Pacific Regional Forum in Spokane next month. On a housekeeping note, please make sure you turn in your hard copy of your reports after you give them. Also, if you have any motions you want to bring forward, they need to be turned in by noon today. There's two boxes up front here, one for reports and one for motions. If you have duplicate copies of your motions, you get brownie points!

This past quarter, I have spent \$28.37 on postage and \$151.55 on copies, most of which was for the update pages for the Handbook, and then, of course, my mileage for this Ouarterly. Thanks for allowing me to be of service. Nancy T.

Treasurer—Diana M.: As you can see, donations were down from last quarter to only \$7,479.70 with a total of \$10,470.46 for all inflows, and expenses were up at \$12,041.61. This leaves us with a minus balance of -\$1,571.15 for the quarter. This is \$67.56 more than last year at this time. We began the quarter with \$6,877.73, so we are ending the second quarter with \$5,306.58. At this time last year, we received \$10,470.46 and spent \$11,974.05, resulting in a minus balance of -\$1,503.59 for the second quarter of 2007. We had a balance in the checking account of \$3,909.03. We spent \$1,507.58 for copies and supplies, \$2,400.12 for lodging, \$465.89 for phone and postage, \$193.37 for meals and \$2,206.98 on travel.

During the month of July, I will be paying for the officers' expenses for the Quarterly, including lodging, the Standing Quarterly expenses, and the balance of the Delegate's expenses to New York, as well as his expenses for the Delegate's Reports to the districts. You will see an item in the income section called "bank credit" for \$400. We have reversed \$300 of this item below in the expenses as "bank debit adjustments." This item is a cash deposit made on 4/28/08 at the South Center Branch of WAMU, which was mistakenly assigned to our account. These funds are not WSEA 92 monies. The bank assured us that at some time in the future, these funds will be withdrawn when a bank auditor finds that the \$300 belongs to someone else. Therefore, it will show as a credit, then a debit on this report, but will not be reflected again. Both Byron and I have tried to leave as clear a trail as possible for the next officers to be able to figure out where this money came from.

So, we are doing better than last year, but please keep in mind that our expenses will be a bit higher this year than last year. I will continue to do a breakdown of expenses by categories such as travel, meals, etc., for your benefit. If you wish to have other items broken out, let me know, as I can do so. Diana M.

Alt. Treasurer—Byron S.: I've passed out the group donation reports for the second quarter of 2008, the group donation receipts for the second quarter, and self-addressed envelopes. If you do not have enough copies of the reports for your district, check some of the other tables after the Assembly for additional copies. If you have any questions regarding your receipts, please come see me. If you don't see your group's donations, let me know.

Please note that on the inside of the envelope flap, there is a label for your group name, district number, and group number. These help me to account for the correct placement of your contributions to the Area, and any information will help in the groups receiving their receipts. If you don't know your group number or do not have one, it's okay, but please do try to include the group name and district number. Thank you!

\$6,877.73, ending balance from the first quarter of 2008. \$7,479.70, group donations for the second quarter of 2008. \$400.00, bank credit. \$308.00, lodging refund. \$57.50, sale of Handbooks. \$726.46, overage from Assembly. \$1,000.00, return of seed money. \$474.80, travel refund. \$24.00 Newsletter subscription. \$10,470.46, total of inflows. \$12,041.61, expenses for the second quarter of 2008. -\$1,571.15, difference and second quarter balance. \$5,306.58, -year-to-date.

Delegate, Rad M., made a note that he neglected to bring up in his report that the Responsibility Statement will be included in all pamphlets. A committee has been formed to look into producing a game to inform people about AA and what it is.

Archives—Mike B.: Good Morning, everyone. I'm Mike, your Alcoholic Archivist. Last month was a very busy month. It started with an Archives Workshop, held in Ellensburg on June 7th. There were 35 members in attendance. The Workshop was a great success and everyone was in favor of making this an annual affair. Area 72 and Area 58 attended and also were in favor of doing a Workshop every year, possibly rotating it like PNC.

Also in June, I attended the Combined Quarterly at Post Falls. I reported that District Archivists were on the rise. Since then, two more Districts from Spokane have added Archivists, making a total of thirteen Districts out of twenty-four with the desire to preserve the history within our Area. I don't know about you, but I am really excited about this turn of events. Just imagine what it would be like if every District in our Area had an Archive Representative that could gather and preserve the history of their District. With all of that data, the Area would also have a complete history that could be put into a book like so many other Areas have done. I urge every District that does not have an Archives Rep. to do whatever possible to fill their vacancy. If we do not preserve our heritage, it could be lost forever. If I can be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

On the 27th of June, I found myself in Pendleton, Oregon, for the 60th anniversary of the Pacific Northwest Conference. I took a full Archive display and set it up, along with Area 58. Together, we had a fantastic display of AA history. The subject of a PNC Archives came up again this year. It was suggested that the Area Archives combine the material pertaining to PNC in one display. Discussion was asked for, but no one had anything to say and the topic was dropped. Hal E., Area 58 Archivist, and myself discussed the idea and decided that by marking our individual material, we could set up a display together without getting it mixed up and lost. I am going to discuss this more with our Archives Steering Committee and get their approval before entering into anything. We have a very limited amount of PNC material for display and could use some donations from all of you that might have some old memorabilia of past PNC's. Items such as meeting minutes, name tags, coffee cups or anything else pertaining to PNC.

I will be attending the Pacific Regional Forum in Spokane on the 29th through 31st of August. I hope to see all of you there as well. That is all I have for now. Thanks for letting me be of service.

PI—Rikki M.: First, I'd like to make everyone aware of our PI/CPC display board, which is available for you to borrow if you have a need for a health fair or presentation of some kind at a treatment center, school, court, doctor office, etc. It can come in very handy as an aid for you. Please contact me if you would like to borrow it. If you live a distance away, perhaps we can meet half way or we can figure out a way to get it to you.

I am here to serve you. I attended the Combined Quarterly in Coeur d'Alene. We had a fair turnout. We would like to see more of you. This is a service position, and I can't serve you if you don't use me. I am here for you and your needs. I have a budget and can provide racks and literature, PSAs, radio tapes, etc., if you need them, so please contact me.

We will be sending out a letter to the DCMs for information regarding your PI and CPC people combined, so please look for those. I plan on attending the Forum at the end of August and have pursued locally contact with a judge in our rural community who is willing to sit down with us and hear what AA is and is not. He is the judge in our community who sends folks to treatment and requires them to attend 12-step meetings. Also, we are continuing the books in schools program and was accepted in our local community to place a Big Book, a 12 x 12 and a Living Sober in their library for help, as well as a reference book. I encourage you to continue this program in your area. Sharon started this in the last rotation, and it is working well. Thank you.

CPC—**Michelle C.:** During the past quarter, I have attended the June Standing Committee Quarterly in Post Falls, the Delegate's Report in District 10 and PNC 2008 in Oregon, where I got to hear Rad share his story, which touched and inspired me. Based on what Rad said about making time for what matters, I have committed to going to the Pacific Regional Forum (and yes, Mike Mc, I AM registered!)

I have spoken to Jeff M of District 2 and Joel S of the Spokane Central Office, who expressed an interest in obtaining a CPC Power Point Presentation from GSO, which I have inquired into and am currently awaiting a response.

I passed out a yellow sheet and am asking for CPC contacts for each district. I am hoping to open the lines of communication by calling each CPC Chair.

Now I would like to chat about just what inspires me in CPC. While on my way to Kennewick, I put in a speaker tape of Eva S, the Literature Coordinator for GSO; and in sharing her story, she talks about how she came to find Alcoholics Anonymous. It seems that one morning her 11-year-old daughter came to her and said that she thought her mom needed help for her drinking. She handed Eva a piece of paper with a number for A.A., which Eva called and immediately received a response. She later revealed that her daughter had received that phone number from a member of the clergy, and in their district, the CPC Committee had decided just that year to send letters to all the members of the clergy in the district. (I am paraphrasing here, and I encourage you to listen to her story yourself)

Without that CPC Committee's work, would that clergy member have known how to help that little girl find help for her mother? Would that 12-step call have ever happened? I don't know the answer to that, but what is obvious is that CPC work is vital to helping the still suffering alcoholic find the help they need through education of the professionals who come in contact with them every day. It gives the 12-step call a chance to happen. And while it sometimes seems 'boring' to address a multitude of envelopes or 'intimidating' to address professionals in person, it ensures sobriety in several ways. While performing this work, WE get to stay sober AND we are multiplying the chances of the still suffering alcoholic to find sobriety.

Thank you for my sobriety and the chance to serve you. You inspire me daily. Please contact me if I can be of service in any way. I am willing to travel to your districts – no matter how far away. Peace, Michelle.

Corrections—Scott R.: Corrections had a committee meeting last night and discussed the goings on in Corrections. Walla Walla has expanded their facility by 1800 beds, so they need to increase their meetings, so anyone interested in getting involved with this, see Scott. He now has a list of Correction Chairs across the country. He has had approximately 30 Bridge requests in this rotation, averages about five a month. A thank you to all the Correction Chairs who have helped with this. If you're interested in corresponding with inmates, see Scott. A staple-free Grapevine is coming out this month. Let him know if you need some.

Treatment Chair has resigned. If you're interested in making yourself available, get your resume to Jamie here at the Quarterly, or e-mail it to her. She would like to get it filled in the next two or three weeks.

Grapevine/Lit—Richard M.: Greetings to all. Over the past three months, I've been working on Grapevine distribution. I went to District 3's monthly business meeting and was able to share the Grapevine magazines and share that Grapevine was still evaluating making the Grapevine staple free. The La Vina is not staple free, however; but they haven't just tabled our Area motion (to make Grapevine staple free).

I was also able to go to the Area Standing Committee meeting in Post Falls. We gave all that were there a copy of the Grapevine and asked that they all subscribe to help carry the message. I hope that if you don't have a copy of "the meeting in print," Grapevine, please consider to do so.

On another note, if you bought an AA Service Manual at the January Quarterly or April Assembly, the literature price was marked wrong, and I owe some ten people \$4.00 for every book they bought.

I will be working with the District Grapevine and Lit Chairs with the new items GSO has coming out. If there are any Grapevine/Literature Chairs that read this, please contact me at montaguenews@yahoo.com, and I'll be able to help you. Thank you. Yours in Service, Richard M.

Translation—Paul B.: Not much to report for the last quarter. Area 72 borrowed some of our equipment to support their Quarterly last week. I have been approached by some members of the Fellowship about supplying a sign language person for our Quarterlies and Assemblies. I realize this crosses into the special needs category, but what I would like is for the GSRs and DCMs to go back to their groups and ask if they see a need for this; and if so, how would we support it? At this point, I'm not making any motions, but would like to get a sense of the Fellowship on the matter. So, please ask your group, and then either let me know at the October Assembly or e-mail me. I am still looking for volunteers to help with translation. If your district is hosting one of our gatherings, please ask around for local folks that would be able to take an hour or two doing the translation.

Newsletter—John S.: Be sure and get information about functions going on in your district to John if you'd like it included in the Newsletter. Please get reports to him by the 15th of the month so he can get the Newsletter out in a timely manner by the 1st. He is sending out as many Newsletters as possible via e-mail in order to save on postage. We are spending approximately \$500 a month on printing and mailing. The Newsletter will be out a little late this month because reports haven't come in; and with the Quarterly scheduled, we delayed the due date, but please get your reports in.

BREAK

DCM Reports:

District 1: 21 groups. Planning on attending Pacific Regional Forum in Spokane. Will be stepping down as DCM for health reasons. Shane F. will be new DCM.

District 2: 20 groups. Attended PNC in Oregon. Planning District picnic August 29th. Will be attending the Pacific Regional Forum

District 3: Last Quarter attended Standing Committee Quarterly. Prescription for Living Group had campout last weekend. Planning on helping with the Pacific Regional Forum.

District 4: Had District inventory hosted by Rad. District website has been updated. Had Fourth of July District picnic.

District 5: 21 groups. Jeff attended PNC in Oregon. Also hosted Delegate's Report in June. Hosting 2009 Quarterly in Wenatchee.

District 6: Have formed a Home Group Committee to increase communication with the different home groups. First Handbook Committee will be meeting next month.

District 7: 27 groups. Still looking for Newsletter Chair, but all other positions are filled. Planning a speaker workshop for speaking at non-AA meetings. It will be held before the September District Meeting at 8th and 8th. Will be attending Pacific Regional Forum.

District 8: Area Standing Committee Quarterly was successful. District Handbook Committee finished revision of the District Handbook. Planning Delegate's Report for the 12th of August in Coeur d'Alene.

District 9: 14 active groups. Still has committee chair positions open. Mauro hosted a GSR Workshop for the District. Corn Roast and potluck coming up Labor Day Weekend.

District 10: 17 meetings in the District. Eight of them have GSRs. Trying to increase interest by attending different meetings. Hosted Spring Pre-Conference Assembly.

District 11: No report.

District 12: 29 groups. Hosting Spring Pre-Conference Assembly in 2009. Trying to encourage people to get involved in service.

District 13: 17 groups. Held annual picnic with about 150 people in attendance. Discussing holding a Bridge the Gap Workshop.

District 14: 22 groups. Seven active Standing Committees. Encouraging people to attend the Pacific Regional Forum.

District 15: No report.

District 16: 17 groups. Holds monthly District meetings. Supports the Hispanic State Convention.

District 17: Had Central Office Potluck last month that was very well attended. Hosting Christmas and New Year alkathons. District Meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month.

District 18: Attended PNC. First part of June had birthday party for Doctor Bob and speaker meeting. August 3rd, next District Meeting in Waitsburg.

District 19: Rad hosted Delgate's Report at their last District Meeting. Trying to get around to all home groups to explain the service structure. Planning an Archives organizing get-together.

District 20: Seven groups, six active in District. All committee chairs filled. Starting a Handbook Committee, will meet this coming Monday. Business meeting 3rd Monday of the month.

District 21: Working on motivating GSRs in the District. Last quarter, about 30 new people have come to groups for information. District is working with Intergroup Office. Hosting the 7th Hispanic State Convention.

District 22: Two active committees. Looking to have informational meeting for Latah County Drug Court. Trying to increase participation in the District. Visiting different groups in the District to do this. August 10th, next District meeting.

District 23: 10 groups. Planning End of the Road swimming and BBQ party. Trying to encourage and get people involved.

District 24: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Registrar—Mauro P.: I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you. I continue to input updated and new group information into the FNV database system. In the April Assembly, I distributed Group Information Group Sheets to all the Districts except for District 15, which was not present. And I have received group changes and feedback from Districts 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 21. I'm working on improving the Registrar's responsibilities and will need the help and feedback of all of you. YIS, Mauro P., Alternate Delegate.

October 2008 Assembly—Craig: Registration forms have been distributed. There will be a dance held in the evening. LUNCH BREAK

Web Team—Joanne W.: Now here there has been a lot of action. I would like to thank everyone who has checked and updated the online schedules. If you haven't checked lately, please do. Many districts haven't been updated in many years.

We are also still needing Web Team members. We meet at 6:30 on Friday night of the Quarterlies and Assemblies. If you would like any more information, please see me on the break. Please send your schedule changes to duckie2water@gmail.com.

Finance Committee—Byron S.: The Committee met last night. Diana gave a presentation on the motion regarding non-profit tax status. We discussed at length Motion #2, to increase the responsibilities of the Finance Committee when a decision must be made that would alter the financial status of Area 92. Added to Area Handbook, Section 6.6: Prior to acting on such matters, the Finance Committee prepares a motion for substantial majority approval of the Area Committee and GSRs on matters that might affect the financial status or position of Area 92.

Finance Committee's Recommendation: The Finance Committee is not in favor of this motion, but would be in favor of a motion that would better define the responsibilities of Area 92's Finance Committee.

Tom brought forth WSEA 92 Handbook Committee Report of Findings (see attached report). The secretary of the Handbook Committee requested this be brought to the Finance Committee.

Tom read from IRS Publication 557. Membership fees distinguished from gross receipts. (See attached statement).

Tom stated that Area 92 Chairperson, Jamie, has an appointment this next week to meet with a tax attorney for direction that Area 92 should pursue with our tax situation.

Diana stated that the one-year contract for the archives storage facility needs to be signed. The cost is \$125.00 per month. We voted and passed the motion for the facility.

There were more agenda items, but we ran out of time to discuss them.

DCM Roundtable: Lots of discussion about current events in the different districts. There was also a discussion about Corrections, and the different needs in the districts in this area. The issue of signing court slips was also discussed. Each group is autonomous in how they deal with those.

GSR Roundtable: Topics included pink cans, birthday donation envelopes, group changes, and encouraging participation in service.

July Quarterly Host Committee—District 4: Thanks to everyone that helped on the Committee.

April Pre-Conference Assembly 2009—District 12: The Assembly will be at Sun Mountain Lodge. Rooms are at a substantial reduction. Reservations must be mad by March 15. Rooms will be between \$70 and \$80. Registration will be posted by the October Assembly.

October 2009 Assembly—District 8: We are just now getting started with Committee meetings. Positions are filled. The Assembly will be held at the Kootnai County Fairgrounds.

January 2009 Quarterly—District 5.: We already have a location. The Quarterly will be held the 16th and 17th of January. A flyer will be available in October. Friday night there will be a pie party.

PNC 2008—Jamie S.: PNC came out okay financially. Seed money and a little more will be passed on to the next Committee. Guidelines were changed at PNC to include anybody who is in attendance be allowed a vote. pnc1948.org is the website. Postcards will be going out to encourage people to attend PNC.

PNC 2009—Sharon T: PNC 2009 will be in Canada. Sharon sent out an e-mail about the border pass requirements and how to get a pardon if you need one. The Committee positions are filled, but still looking for volunteers.

Pacific Regional Forum—Mike Mc.: We are getting closer. The Forum is 40 days away. If you have not made your reservations at the hotel, get them ASAP. The hotel is filling up. As of last Wednesday, there are 306 registered for the Forum, which is excellent! History shows that 50 percent will walk in unregistered, so we are on track for a very typical Pacific Regional Forum, if not larger.

The Pacific Regional Forum is always one of the largest of the eight regions in the US and Canada. Our Forum 2008 could possibly be the last one most of us might see in our Area. The natural rotation means that we will not have a chance again to host for 30 years. Now is the time to take advantage of this great opportunity to meet with the members of the GSO staff and the Trustees who will be here to share with us.

Handbook Committee—Tom S.: WSEA 92 Handbook committee report to the Washington State East Area 92 Assembly regarding Motion # 2, tabled from the January Quarterly, that the Area 92 Finance Committee present a motion before the Area 92 Assembly for approval when the financial status of the area is to be changed. The example used in support of this motion by the maker is:

"Action on the part of WSEA 92 to register as a charitable organization with the IRS."

The Area 92 Chairperson directed the Handbook Committee to research the origin of the statement in Section 3.0 of the Area 92 Handbook and report that information back to the Finance Committee. The information as follows was reported to the Finance Committee on April 11, 2008 at the Finance Committee meeting.

The quote from the Washington State East Area 92 Handbook, section 3.0 is:

In order to satisfy our Area's legal responsibilities; for fully and properly reporting our income, the Area will seek a tax-exempt status.

The research reveals that the statement is part of the Area 92 first handbook adopted in Silverdale as Motion 95.1 stating:

That we adopt the revised Washington Area Handbook as the starting structure for the new Area 92.

The origin of the statement is the Washington Area 72 Handbook, section 3:

In order to satisfy our Area's legal responsibility for fully and properly reporting our income and to seek a tax-exempt status, The Washington Area established a non-profit status in 1989.

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The paragraph was modified by the new Area 92 transition committee.

The findings are:

- 1. 1988 Washington Area 72 motion 88.8 that the Area Treasurer select a study group to investigate the requirements...for our not-for profit fellowship... and to submit a written report on all the alternatives available to us at least three months before the 1989 Area Assembly.
- 2. 1989 April Quarterly in Okanogan—"the treasurer, reported that she had filed a letter of determination with the IRS which would establish the area as a not for profit, non-taxable organization." The History Committee *Our Stories Disclosed*, 1939-2002, 2nd edition
- 3. 1989 Area 72 Assembly Failed Motion-"In order to comply with current tax laws, move that the Washington Area Assembly immediately proceed with the following process:
 - 1. Incorporate as a non-profit organization.
 - 2. Apply for the IRS tax-exempt status required filing the appropriate tax returns. THIS MOTION FAILED.
- 4. 1990 Washington Area failed motions could not be found. However, In February, The Area Treasurer..., received notification that the Area had been classified as a Not For Profit, Non-Taxable Organization. The History Committee *Our Stories Disclosed*, 1939-2002, 2nd edition. Resolved
- 5. There have been no motions passed in WSEA 92 related to this subject since

Motion 95.1

6. The Area Finance Committee submitted a motion to the April 12, 2008

Pre Conference Assembly to file an application with the IRS for Non-

Profit Status. That motion was tabled and referred back to the Area 92

Finance Committee.

BREAK

Presentation of thank you card to Mike, District 1 DCM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #1: Would like Area 92 to consider the formation of a 1-800 phone service to incorporate all of Area 92.

District 19 moved to take the motion off the table. District 17 second. Motion passed. Maker of the motion spoke to the motion. Discussion on the motion. District 8 brought a motion to refer this motion to an ad hoc committee. Second District 10. Discussion on the motion. Motion carries.

Motion #2: TO INCREASE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WHEN ANY DECISION MUST BE MADE THAT WOULD ALTER THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF AREA 92.

ADDED TO AREA HANDBOOK, SECTION 6.6

PRIORTO ACTING ON SUCH MATTERS, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PREPARES A MOTION FOR SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY APPROVAL OF THE AREA COMMITTEE AND GSR'S ON MATTERS THAT MIGHT AFFECT THE FINANCIAL STATUS OR POSITION OF AREA 92.

ARGUMENT SUPPORTING THIS MOTION

IE: Action on the part of WSEA 92 to register as a charitable organization with the IRS:

- Violates Traditions 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9
- Could cause (if approved with a letter of determination from the IRS) an action to register with the states (WA, ID, MT & OR) and CANADA in which WSEA 92 represents its members. Idaho, as an example, would require registration as an unincorporated association.

Registration with the Secretary of State then require public notice of WSEA 92 to include such information as full names and addresses of all officers, annual financial reporting, disclosure of when and how all monies are distributed to the community along with a liability policy to protect the officers.

Charitable organizations receive contributions from the general public and gives charitable monies or services to the general public. Those charitable organizations which receive more than \$5,000 in (gross receipts) must apply for and receive a "determination letter" from the IRS to maintain a tax exempt status under IRS rules to qualify as a charitable organization.

Contributions made to the home groups by individuals are not considered donations (although some use the terms synonymously, Webster's dictionary, does not) and are forwarded on to the area to cover cost associated with doing business and to pay the bills. WSEA 92 is not a charitable organization and groups make no contribution to WSEA 92 to be used as a charitable tool to the general public.

Individual cash contributors to a charitable organization, as of year 2007 in any amount, are responsible to the IRS for their own donations and must substantiate such donations with written documentation from the receiving charitable organization ie: cancelled checks, bank statements and/or receipts from said charitable organization to verify the monies.

Second District 7. Maker of the motion withdraws the argument supporting the motion and speaks to the motion. Discussion on the motion. Motion fails.

MOTION #3: To amend the Washington State East Area 92 Handbook.

Paragraph 8.1 <u>AREA SECRETARY</u> add to line 9 after sentence ending in "Area Handbook updated." the following sentence:

The immediate preceding outgoing Area Secretary shall be one of these members in order to maintain continuity of the Handbook Committee.

Paragraph 8.1 <u>AREA SECRETARY</u> would then read:

Assists Area Chairperson in preparing agendas and meeting notices of Area meetings and distributes to the committee. Attends Area Quarterly meetings and Assemblies and records the proceedings for the minutes, using notes, audio tapes and written reports. Prints and mails to the DCMs, Area Officers, Committee Chairpersons and others on the mailing list. Establishes and maintains an up-to-date Washington State East Area 92 Directory that contains the names, addresses and phone numbers of Area Committee members to be distributed to the committee. Updates and prints the Area 92 Handbook. The secretary appoints a permanent, rotating handbook Committee made up of the Area Secretary and 4 AA members, this committee will be responsible for keeping the Area Handbook updated. The immediate preceding outgoing Area Secretary shall be one of these members in order to maintain continuity of the Handbook Committee. The Area Secretary will have updated copies available for sale at Quarterlies and Assemblies.

Expenses reimbursed by WA State East Area:

- 1. Expenses for recording and printing of Quarterly and Assembly minutes.
- 2. Area 92 Quarterly meetings and Assemblies
 - a. Travel
 - b. Meals
 - c. Lodging

d. Registration (where applicable)

- 3. Communication Expenses
 - a. Telephone

b. Mail (postage)

c. General (envelopes, copies, etc.)

NOTE: The Area Officers are reimbursed for expenses listed. Travel is reimbursed on the basis of actual mileage with the calculated mileage setting the allowable upper limit. Mileage is reimbursed at .37¢ per mile.

RATIONALE: This motion is brought forward by the handbook committee in order to maintain continuity of the committee and the Area Handbook.

District 18 second. Discussion on the motion.

Motion to amend. Second District 9. Motion now reads:

To amend the Washington State East Area 92 Handbook.

Paragraph 8.1 <u>AREA SECRETARY</u> add to line 9 after sentence ending in "Area Handbook updated." the following sentence:

The immediate preceding outgoing Area Secretary will be encouraged to be one of these members in order to maintain continuity of the Handbook Commit-

tee

Motion to amend passes.

To amend the Washington State East Area 92 Handbook.

Paragraph 8.1 <u>AREA SECRETARY</u> add to line 9 after sentence ending in "Area Handbook updated." the following sentence:

The outgoing Area Secretary will be encouraged to be one of these members in order to maintain continuity of the Handbook Committee.

No discussion on the motion. Motion to amend carries. Vote on amended motion carries.

MOTIOIN #4: MOTION PRESENTED BY VALLEY GROUP, MILLWOOD, DISTRICT 13.

It is moved that the effective date of Motion #1, presented and approved on April 12, 2008 at the Pre-Conference Assembly, be retroactive to January 1, 2007.

HISTORY: This would cover the expense for Woodrow Wilson, Past Alternate Delegate, standing in for Dave Mc., who was ill. Woodrow submitted his expenses (approximately \$40.00) assuming this was a covered item, but was declined. This action brought forth the need for the motion.

District 9 second. Maker of the motion speaks to the motion. Discussion on the motion.

Question called. Second District 4. Motion to stop debate carries. Vote on the motion fails.

MOTION #5: WSEA 92 creates an AD Hoc committee to check the feasibility and costs of obtaining a \$1 million liability insurance policy to cover the organization and its officers. Moved by District 4, WSEA 92.

This will be handled as a housekeeping motion. Second District 10. Maker of the motion speaks to the motion. Discussion on the motion. Motion carries. Jamie appointed four members to serve on the committee chaired by Jim from District 4.

MOTION #6: Move that Area 92 elected and appointed officers be funded up to an extra \$250 per year to attend functions, meetings, etc., pertaining to their committee or the good of Area 92. The officers would then report and submit expenses at the following Assembly the cost of function they attended.

Submitted by the Trail Group and endorsed by District 1 to pass on to Area 92.

Background information:

This motion is to cover those meetings or functions that appointed and elected officers of Area 92 that are not currently funded to attend and would have to either bring forward as a motion for funding, pay out of their own pockets or present a motion for reimbursement. For examples, see Motions 00.4, 00.6.

Some examples of functions that Area 92 standing committee chairs have attended are: Statewide correction officer conventions have been in our Area which Cooperation with Professionals chairs have attended, but Area 92 has not funded. Corrections have changed their standing committee workshops to attend special functions at Walla. Often the Chairs of Standing committees find out about these workshops shortly before they are happening, as well as the workshops taking place between Assemblies so that the committee chair cannot present a motion for funding prior to the event. There have been times that the Alternate Chair had to meet with the Webmaster and gas expenses for this meeting are not currently covered under our guidelines.

Some other examples of service this motion would also give are: opportunities for the Chair to attend districts that are struggling, pay gas mileage to the Alternate Delegate to get GSR workshops where districts are not able to fully fund workshops, as well as the Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer to speak at various districts on the 7th Tradition.

The maximum amount this would cost the Area would be \$4000 per year.

Second District 14. Maker of the motion speaks to the motion. Discussion on the motion. Motion carries.

MOTION #7: To change the name and scope of the Translation Committee to "Translation/Special Needs Committee" with the added responsibilities of arranging for any special needs for members attending Area Assemblies and Quarterlies. The Translation/Special Needs Chair would be the Area contact for the District and Central Office Special Needs Committees. Submitted by Mike Mc.

Second District 14. Maker of the motion speaks to the motion. Motion carries.

MOTION #8: (Housekeeping) To clarify the description of District 9 in the WSEA 92 Handbook.

As the Area Handbook now describes District 9: District 9 Walla Walla and Columbia Counties: Walla Walla, Milton Freewater, Oregon.

As the Area Handbook describes District 18: District 18 Dayton, Prescott, Waitsburg.

Whereas the WSEA 92 Handbook gives an older version of District 9, and

Whereas the WSEA 92 Handbook gives a misleading description of District 9, and

Whereas Prescott and Waitsburg are the North portion of Walla Walla County, and

Whereas Dayton is Columbia County.

Be it resolved that the WSEA 92 Handbook be changed to read: District 9 Greater Walla Walla metropolitan area and Milton-Freewater, OR.

We move the adoption of this resolution. Submitted by District 9.

Second District 18. Maker of the motion speaks to the motion. Motion carries.

MOTION #9: Purpose: To comply with the WSE Area 92 Handbook and to demonstrate that WSE Area 92 is capable of fiscal responsibility.

Whereas Motion 97.5 as so reads:

[Move that a working reserve for Area 92 be established. This working reserve be made by taking the sum of the most recent two years of operating expenses and multiplying that figure by 16.66%. This would establish a working reserve of four months operating expenses. Additionally, that funds in excess of the budgeted expenses and the amount set aside for the working reserve, be contributed to the General Service Office of AA. Such contributions if appropriate be made yearly only after the year end closing.] was passed in Libby, MT in 1997, and

Whereas no working reserve has been established to date, and

Whereas we are not in compliance with the motions of the WSE Area 92 Handbook.

Therefore be it resolved that each Home group may designate a portion of their contribution to WSE Area 92 to be earmarked for a working reserve, and

Be it further resolved that the Alternate Treasurer set up a savings account in an approved banking facility and deposit such designated funds into such until the full amount be accomplished.

We move the adoption of this resolution. Submitted by District 9.

Second District 4. Maker of the motion speaks to the motion. Discussion on the motion. Motion fails. Minority opinion heard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids for July Quarterly 2009: District 2. District 2 will host 2009 July Quarterly. Motion to adjourn. Second District 2. Motion carries.

LOCAL FORUM

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CARRYING THE MESSAGE ACROSS CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE BOUNDARIES

The Ad Hoc Committee to investigate submitting a bid for a Local Forum to be held September of 2011 which would discuss reaching out to those whose language or culture is different than ours has met and we will be reporting to the members of the Area Committee at the January Quarterly in Wenatchee.

The Ad Hoc Committee would like the Area Committee's approval to go submit the bid, which is due the first of April. Due to the due date for submitting the bid, we would like you all to take this issue to your home groups and be prepared to discuss the issue at the January Quarterly.

There may be some expense for the Forum for renting meeting rooms. The preliminary estimate is around \$2000 to \$3000. We will be visiting other Areas to develop interest in participating, which would offset the cost to Area 92. We also discussed a small registration fee to cover the cost of room rental.

Please place this issue on the agenda for your District meetings if you have a meeting before the Quarterly. Thank you.

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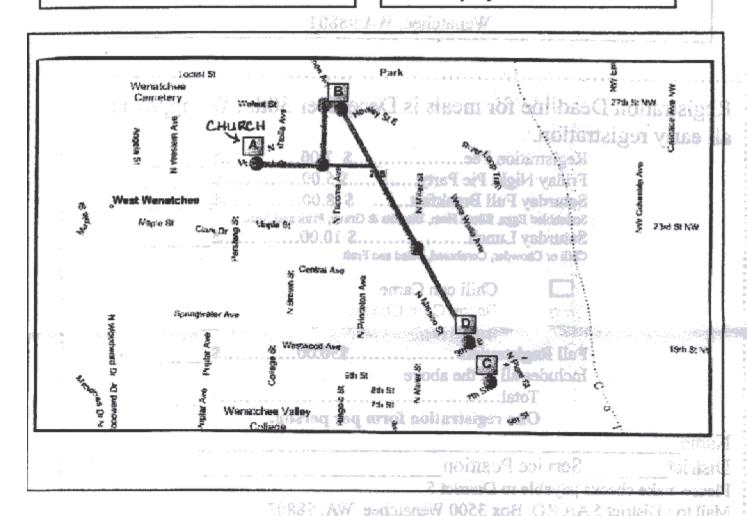
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