

# AREA TALK

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## Fresh Assembly Fodder, Courtesy of July Quarterly

### MOTION #1:

That Area 92 create a credit line of \$500.00 for the Area Translation Committee Chairperson to purchase and maintain translation equipment, as deemed necessary by the Translation Chairperson, in order to conduct Area Business.

**Background:** Motion 98.6, through a floor motion, the Area voted and approved a motion to purchase initial Translation Equipment. Motion 01.7, through a floor motion, the Area voted and approved a motion to purchase 20 more headsets. Motion 05.4, through a floor motion, the Area voted and approved Motion to purchase 10 more headsets.

**Intent:** To grant the Area Translation Chairperson the same responsibility and latitude to purchase needed equipment to carry the message as is allowed to other Area Committee chairpersons.

### MOTION #2:

That Area 92 increase its contribution to the General Service Office for the Delegate's expenses for the General Service Conference from \$800.00 to \$1200.00 in keeping with Tradition Seven and self-support. This will also be looked at each year by the Area 92 finance committee to see if we can send a larger contribution.

**Background:** The following is the actual recommendation from the 55th General Service Conference Finance Committee. It was recommended that: In the interest of

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## Calling All Service Junkies!

**Y**ou're needed to help in the planning of PNC 2007! That's right, we are future tripping now in order to make this the best PNC ever.

PNC stands for Pacific Northwest Conference. Currently the PNC rotates between Oregon Area 58 (2006) and WSEA 92 (2007).

Yes, you heard right: YOU can attend AA's longest running conference. One started by Bill himself. How exciting!

You can download a Registration form for the 2006 at [www.PNC2006.org](http://www.PNC2006.org). Help the hosting committee out and pre-register now.

As for PNC 2007, we are currently looking for individuals willing to go that extra mile. The Big Book says "...For if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual life through work and self-sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead." Service can help us to enlarge "THE" Spirit Life that we all seek. To help us plan the PNC 2007, you can e-mail me at [duckie2water@applecapital.net](mailto:duckie2water@applecapital.net)

Joanne Williams, PNC 2007 Chair

### In Case You Didn't Know...

...or haven't heard it repeated enough times, here's the story of how PNC came to be. And rock.

In February of 1948, Bill W. was in Seattle and spoke to a standing-room only crowd of AA'ers and their families. Following the meeting, Bill and some other members from Seattle elaborated on his plan for a world conference,

The first PNC convened in Vancouver, B.C., Canada Area 79 in May 1948. The oldest continually occurring conference in AA still provides and opportunity for AA's from all over the Northwest to gather together and share, learn, reach out and have fun. And rock.

# Area 92 Officers

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: Area Treasurer :

# What Flows In Must Flow Out

**H**i All, I am an alcoholic and my name is Kitt. I hope you all are having a great summer, I am. August is my birthday month. One day at a time, on August 6th I will have been sober, and clean, for 15 years. Wow.. I am so happy to be a member of AA. It has given me a life I never dreamed possible.

I owe a great deal of my sobriety to my service work in the fellowship. I have been in some sort of service since very early in this program. And it may finally be winding down. I have not decided on that as of yet. God will reveal more to me. As your trusted servant I have truly enjoyed being the treasurer of this area.

Here are the finances we have so far. Money came in, Money went out, and we have some money left. (See Figures.) And it is as it should be.

Thank you all so much for your sobriety, because if you didn't have yours I wouldn't have mine. See you all at the Assembly in October,  
Love, Kitt

## JANUARY 1 - JULY 24, 2005

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### INFLOWS

Wsea 92 Inflows	1,131.12
Seed Money	300.00
TOTAL Wsea 92 Inflows	1,431.12

### OUTFLOWS

Adhoc Committee	63.60
Alt-Chairperson	112.44
Alt-Delegate	53.48
Alt-Treasurer	79.70
Archivist	145.60
Bank Credit Adjustment	299.90
Chairperson	105.86
Corrections	821.25
CPC	89.08
Delegate	106.60
GVL	132.94
Newsletter Chair	173.70
Officer Lodging	548.80
Officer Registrations	967.50
PI Chair	97.00
Quarterly Seed Money	300.00
Secretary	117.13
Translation Chair	99.10
Treasurer	78.43
Treatment Chair	248.50
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	4,640.61

OVERALL TOTAL	-3,209.49
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### INFLOWS

Wsea 92 Inflows	15,226.19
Seed Money	1,300.00
TOTAL WSEA 92 Inflows	16,526.19

### OUTFLOWS

Adhoc Committee	63.60
Alt-Chairperson	180.93
Alt-Delegate	461.95
Alt-Treasurer	203.70
ArchivesRent	840.00
Archivist	626.85
Assembly Seed Money	1,380.00
Bank Credit Adjustment	299.90
Bank Debit Adjustment	26.92
Chairperson	702.40
Corrections	1,647.78
CPC	488.44
Delegate	1,842.38
GSO Conference	800.00
PRASSA	740.00
TOTAL Delegate	3,382.38
GVL	508.09
Newsletter Chair	173.70
Newsletter-expense	1,002.25
Officer Lodging	5,109.46
Officer Registrations	1,801.50
PI Chair	315.55
Quarterly Seed Money	600.00
Secretary	817.69
Translation Chair	468.70
Treasurer	335.12
Treatment Chair	673.05
Website	240.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	22,349.96

OVERALL TOTAL	-5,823.77
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: Area 92 Chair :

# Slow Motion Action Frees Time To Look At Area's Direction

**S**ummer is in full swing and I am already working on getting ready for the Fall Assembly. You should have the Agenda within the week as well as the motions.

I want to give a special thank you to District 5 for putting on the quarterly. I appreciate all your hard work. I am always overwhelmed by the hard work every district does when they put on a quarterly or Assembly. It is an honour to be with you all.

This last quarterly had 15 Officers, 17 DCMs, 10 Alt. DCMs, 40 GSRs, 7 Alt. GSRs and 30 members in attendance. This was one of the larger summer quarterlies I've been at.

We have two motions that have been passed and forwarded to the Fall Assembly. They are on page 1.

At the quarterly, four DCM's gave presentations on the first four Concepts for World Service. This was well received and the consensus of the group was to do this again. Thank you Jamie, Joanne, Alejandro and Chuck for putting on this panel. It was informative and enjoyable to listen to your experience and knowledge on the concepts.

Two topic discussions that were brought up were, should we have an inventory and what direction should Area 92 go? The consensus at the meeting was an inventory is not needed at this time and we should wait until perhaps until after the 5

year experiment is finished.

It seems that having the Fall Assembly and the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly the quarterlies will also be affected. It seems we have more time to deal with issues other than motions.

We talked on what focus we should have at the quarterlies and some of the suggestions were to continue having panels on the concepts, possibly change the quarterlies from Friday night and Saturday to a one day event, spend more time on panels, possibly have the standing committees chairs give presentations. Possibly we could spend time looking at the issues that the DCM's and GSR's have brought up at their roundtables. If you have any suggestions on what the quarterlies should focus on please let me know and I will pass on to the next Chairman.

Also, one thing that I'm sure Kitti will have made mention to is the fact our Area is low on funds. As of July 29 we have \$439 in our bank account. We have a combined Standing Committee quarterly coming up in Sept and the Fall Assembly as well as our monthly bills.

I'm planning to get to Hog Heaven and see many of you there. It's one of the fun events of the year I really enjoy.

May you all have a great summer,

Sharon

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Waitsburg AA Gets "Back To Basics"

District 18 will be conducting a series of "Back to Basics" Beginners' Meetings in Waitsburg, Wash. at 8pm every Tuesday, Aug. 23 through Sept. 13 at the Presbyterian Church at 504 Main St. What to bring: Big Book, pen or pencil, your sponsor (sharing partners will be provided for those without a sponsor). If you need any additional information please contact PoorBob AT 509-240-2725.

## NEWS YOU CAN'T USE

### Booze Linked To Teen Sex

WITCHITA, Kansas—A clear cause and effect relationship exists between alcohol use and increased incidence of teenage sex, according to a report published Tuesday by  
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### Motions for October

self-support, area contributions for Delegates' expenses be increased from \$800 to \$1200 effective with the 2006 Conference and that areas continue to be encouraged to make contributions over and above this requested amount to help cover a greater portion of the Conference costs. Note: The last increase was in 1997 from \$600 to \$800 at which time the requested area contribution covered approximately 26% of the direct costs. By 2004, the percentage has fallen to 17% and this increase will result in approximately 26% of the direct costs being covered.

**Additional background:** The actual cost to the General Service Office for each Delegate's expenses for the conference is approximately \$4500.00. Some more-populated Areas send the actual amount, many do not. Areas that can't send the actual amount are asked to send the amount that is set by the conference.

# Too Many TLA's To Suit Your Taste? Here's Yet Another!

**H**ave you heard about UDB? UDB stands for Unified Database and that is what we now have in Area 92. UDB is a database management system (created with the Microsoft Access program) that contains all of the contact information in Area 92. It includes the GSR's, the DCM's, and the Area Officers as well as all of the meeting information that is on the meetings page of the Area 92 Web Site.

This program was developed by Rad M. in order to get all of our area data in one program. We have always had Delegate Area, a program provided by The General Service Office, which is used to exchange information between the area and GSO's records department. This is mainly to keep group and area committee records up to date. This program works well for its purpose and is designed to fit GSO's needs with regard to the computers and record keeping procedures that used there.

With UDB we now have a database that includes not only groups listed by GSO but also meetings in

our area that are not listed by GSO. These are meetings that chose to not list but are active in the area and often contribute money to district, area, and GSO. What we are able to do is have the meeting information on the web site listed by city and district. UDB is compatible with the database on Area 92 Web Site so we know have a simple way of keeping group meeting schedules up to date on the web site. I would encourage everyone to check your group or meeting on the area web site to see if the information is up to date. If it is not up to date please contact your DCM and have them get the new information to the web site meeting information scheduler.

There will be a GSR School Committee meeting at the Central Washington Central Office on August 14th. At this writing a definite time has not been set although it will be early afternoon. If you would like to attend please call me at (509) 838-4952 and I will give you the time and address.

Yours in Service,  
Dave

## Web Team Report From July Quarterly

The area's webmaster ran statistics on visits to the Washington State East Area 92 website. There are an average of 102 visits to the site each day. The top search phrase which brings people to the site is "area

92." The most downloaded file is the GSR School Handbook, then the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly flyer, and third is the Spanish Area 92 Handbook.

The most frequently visited pages are the pages that contain information on the AA meetings in our area.

The new database (containing meeting/group info) that Rad M. created (thank you!) has been implemented. Thanks to Mark T. also (our

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## Booze Linked To Teen Sex

the Center For Figuring Out Really Obvious Things, a locally based social policy think tank. The four-year, \$3 million project tracked the activities of two groups of 18 and 19 year olds, concluding that those who were given large quantities of beer, wine and vodka in city parks every weekend were more likely to have sex than the non-drinking teens.

"Members in the control group were given cookies and milk and invited to attend Bible classes and to go on group outings with parents and families," explained Myron Gloyven, who oversaw the study. "Our findings prove conclusively that, presented with limited alternatives, kids will make the right choices."

## Local Man's "Having-One-Beer" Plan Goes Awry

SPARKS, Nevada—Due to a series of bad breaks and misunderstandings, the "having-one-beer plan" devised by 29-year-old Keith Burns last Monday afternoon failed utterly.

"This is a one-beer night," Burns told his friend Vern Smendrick as the two approached their usual booth at Fitz's Tavern. "I gotta be to work early tomorrow, so I have time for a quick drink and some laughs, but that's it. I'm not going on a tear or anything."

Burns was at a loss explaining to his boss why he didn't make it in until almost noon. "This is pitiful," he was heard telling the manager. "I just don't understand what happened."

webmaster) for his time to make that possible, technically.

We (the web team) are working on a way to combine the fellowship calendar with the Area 92 events so that we will be able to view all dates on the same page. We are working on how to differentiate the two types of events so that we show only cooperation, not affiliation. An area geographic district map will also be on the web site soon.

Yours in service, Robin K. Ota

# Perfecting Step One

**G**reetings from your alternate chairperson! News on my alt-chair-specific service since last month's newsletter is trim.

The host committee for the July 2005 Quarterly in Wenatchee did a wonderful job. Thank you so much to all of the hardworking, trusted servants in District 5!

The host committee for our Fall Assembly in Lewiston, Idaho is right on track and looking forward to having us down there.

As Alternate Chairperson, I was grateful to travel to Spokane to meet with Mark T., our webmaster for the area website, [www.area92aa.org](http://www.area92aa.org). We talked about the website, and I informed him that we have an active web team currently. We were so fortunate to have him come to the web

team meeting on Friday night at the July Quarterly. See the Web Team Report in this newsletter for further info.

On a personal note, as I announced to the area at the Quarterly, I became engaged to the love of my life, Rob H. on June 25. We will be married in Ellensburg June 24, 2006. I am very happy and excited! This is just one of many, many rewards and joys that have been offered me in this life of sobriety.

Other than that, I would like to go on a side trip for a moment.

I have had the concept of powerlessness over alcohol on my mind and heart lately. I am so deeply grateful that I am fully convinced that I am powerless over alcohol. I came to AA for years nodding my

head and saying, "oh I've already done Step 1. Of course I'm powerless!"

I said the words and brushed off any discussion on the topic, but really had no idea what it meant. It took me many relapses, losses, and crises before I understood for myself what powerless is. Now I have no doubt about it.

Looking back, there wasn't anything you could've said or done that would have caused me to grasp "powerless" one second sooner than I did. It was in the hands of a power greater than myself, I'm certain.

Thank God I am 100% convinced of my powerlessness over alcohol!

Yours in service,  
Robin K. Ota

# Our Message Is Clear, But Are We?

**I**t occurred to me that we think that our communication methods are so complete that the message we send is heard exactly as we intended the other person to hear. That is not always the case because we may have other things on our mind that interfere with effective reception of the message. It could

be that the message was garbled. Send it again as was true in the following written note:

*A drunk bank robber behind the wheel of his car sent a note through a vacuum tube to the teller at the drive-through window at a branch of a Chicago bank, and the teller obliged, returning an undisclosed amount of cash, police said. The exchange was completed through the bank's pneumatic tube communications system, in which canisters are passed back and forth between motorist and teller.*

This is an example of effective communication. It was written!! So many times I try to communicate a subject or answer a question without adequate preparation. I will even try to interpret a written document. But when it comes to providing informa-

tion on Alcoholics Anonymous to anyone new coming to AA or anyone referring people to AA, there is no better written piece of information than the one (F2) distributed from GSO:

## INFORMATION ON ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**What is A.A.?**

**What does A.A. do?**

**Members from court programs and treatment facilities**

**Proof of attendance at meetings**

**Singleness of purpose and problems other than alcohol**

**What A.A. does not do**

**Conclusion**

**Recommended material available from A.A. World Services, Inc.**

Tom Shropshire  
WSEA 92, CPC Chair

# DISTRICT NEWS IS ON THE AIR...

## DISTRICT 19

Hello once again from District 19. Our last district meeting was July 17, where we had a barbeque and potluck at a local park. The event was very well attended, as they say "offer food and they will come."

Things have been going a little slow in our district at this time, I suppose no controversy is a good thing but it does make for less participation.

Jill K. recently made herself available as our new Grapevine and literature chair. Some of you may know Jill as she has been involved in service work in another district before moving to Moses Lake. Welcome aboard Jill!!

It looks like we will be well represented at the fall assembly. It's good to see involvement in service increasing among our groups.

That's all for now. See you all at the assembly.  
YIS, Chuck K., DCM19

## DISTRICT 12

District 12 hosted a picnic along with our GSR Meeting on July 10 at Spring Canyon near Grand Coulee. Paul T. and friends from that area did a great job hosting us - thank you folks!

The weather on the Columbia River went from windy and cold to hot and back again, but a great time was had by all who attended.

Our next District Meeting is scheduled for August 7 at the Rock Church in Okanogan. So many of us are pleased to have meetings back at that location. Many fond memories of great sobriety and fellowship there.

Last December the vote (by some!) was to change from monthly District meetings to bi-monthly, but we are re-visiting that decision and have added an extra meeting for August already. Too much going on, too much preparation and work done by our DCM, Diana M., and as we all know, getting information to-and-from our groups via GSR's is vital to AA as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tara Simmons, District 12 Secretary

## DISTRICT 14

District 14 is having a big month of July. We had the 4th of July BBQ and Potluck at Smith Lake Campground. The hamburgers and hot dogs turned out great and it was well attended and a really great time. There were some really good dishes in the potluck and enough to feed an army. Some fished and swam and from the feedback it sounds like it will be an annual event.

We also had the Troy/Bonnors Ferry Combined Campout at the Yakki Campground on the 8th, 9th and 10th. It was a wet weekend but the most fun I've ever had at any campout. I've decided the reason it was better was because it was so crowded we all bunched up in a few campsites. The unity and fellowship made it for me in a big way. I had to adopt Rule 62 on the sweat lodge idea, but it sounded like a good plan at the time.

Anyway, at the Sunday morning meeting the group told me that the sweat lodge was a great success, because we were all nice and dry from the sweat lodge tarp we brought, thanks to Joe, Daren, and Dale, who engineered the awning over our camp. There was an impromptu BBQ out at Dale's place on Fall Creek last weekend. I didn't get to go and was told that I really missed out on some real authentic Filipino food. Several people told me that Rose really outdone herself cooking. This might be the site where the alleged Sweat Lodge ends up! It's been real and fun and it's been Real Fun so far this summer and I expect it to only get better as time goes by.

I invite ya'll to come out and have some fun with us this summer in the

great program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

YIS, Russy\_V

## DISTRICT 23

Hello from District 23! AAs, Al-Anons, friends and family are cordially invited to join us in the Chelan Valley for two events next month.

On Saturday Aug. 13 we will take our annual hike up Stormy Mountain, one step at a time, of course! The 1.5-mile trek (a 900-foot gain in elevation) will conclude with an AA meeting at the summit. Along the trail, there are wildflowers and small animals to enjoy. At the top of Stormy, there is a panoramic view of Mount Rainier to the west, Glacier Peak to the north, Lake Chelan to the east and the Columbia Basin to the south.

We will meet at the Apple Cup Café for breakfast and head out at 8 a.m., hooking up with other folks at 9 a.m. at the Ramona Park Bridge. From there, we will drive on Road 8410 for about 10 miles to the trailhead (elev. 6200 feet). Remember to bring warm clothing, insect repellent, a hat, sunscreen, binoculars, water, lunches and snacks. For more information, call Larry M. at (509) 682-1118 or Max and Anna at (509) 784-7509.

Finally, on Saturday Aug. 27, we look forward to a day of fun and fellowship at our annual family and friends get-together. If you're in the Chelan area, please join us at the new PUD Chelan Falls Park starting at noon. Bring your outdoor recreation gear (e.g., volleyballs, nets, Jet Skis, etc.), along with food or drink to share at an evening potluck to recognize AA birthdays for the month. Hope to see you there!  
Yours in service,  
Laurie S., District 23 secretary.

## DISTRICT 10

District 10 is alive and well out here in hot Kittitas County.

We had a fantastic turnout at the July 2005 Quarterly, with our DCM, alt DCM, Newsletter Liaison, Central WA Central Office Liaison, 4 GSRs, and 2 AA members present. Welcome to Richard, who has been elected as the  
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# This Thing Called AA

*AA: Being a part of something is more important than being the center of attention.*

*If you are in the center of AA, you won't fall off the edge.*

*Directions to AA: Go straight to hell and make a U-turn.*

*Look for a way in; not for a way out.*

*AA is the only place where you can walk into a room full of strangers and reminisce.*

*Romance in AA? The odds are good, but the goods are odd.*

*We are not reformed drunks, but informed alcoholics.*

*AA has no fixed address--you can take it with you.*

*AA Groups: An AA group will be judged by the worst behavior of its members.*

*AA Groups: When you clean up after your group, you leave the signature of AA behind you.*

*AA is a check-up from the neck up. Before I came into AA I was dead, but I did not know enough to lie down.*

*AA is not a sentence, it is a reprieve.*

*AA is a self-help program but you can't do it by yourself.*

*AA won't keep you from going to hell nor is it a ticket to heaven but it will keep you sober long enough for you to make up your mind which way you want to go.*

*AA won't open the gates of heaven to let you in, but it will open the gates of hell to let you out.*

*In AA, there are no losers -- just slow winners.*

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new District 10 CWCO Liaison.

District 10 had a Going Away Party for Marv W., who is a long-time AA member in Ellensburg, and who had made such an impact on so many lives. Jeanne was gracious enough to host the party, and we BBQ'ed and fellowshiped for hours. Marv was our most recent Grapevine & Literature Chair and CWCO Liaison, and he will be missed by all. We wish him well in his new town.

We are still looking for volunteers to serve as Social Committee Chair and Grapevine & Lit. Chair.

Birthdays for June: Rob H-16 yrs, Pat J-12 yrs, Michael C-1 year, Dan-9 yrs, Doris- 9 yrs, Lisa G-1 year, Kim A-9 months, Mike L-1 yr, Sharon C-60 days, Mikey-60 days, Robin S-6 months, Richard- 60 days. And ps. I forgot last month to put in that Red L. celebrated 28 years sober in May. Happy birthday, Red!

Last but not least, Cle Elum will have its Annual BBQ potluck speaker meeting on Aug. 13, 2005 at the Cle Elum Park at noon. There is a flyer with more info posted on the area website, [www.area92aa.org](http://www.area92aa.org). In love and service, Robin

## DISTRICT 6

Hello Area 92: District 6 is probably the most active district in the area(?). We constantly have activities going on. A long-standing and continuing part of this district is the "Early Birds" speaker meeting. The next one will be the third Saturday of September. It will be at the bingo hall in Terrace Heights at 8:00 pm. "Early Birds" hosts this event every quarter, or four times a year. The final speaker meeting will be the third Saturday In December. Mark your calendar and come and join us; we will keep the light on for you.

Holding with AA traditions the "Union Gap" group hosted a group inventory held at the Central Washington Central

Office. It was well attended and successful. The result of that group inventory is that now "Union Gap" has grown to three meetings a week. Monday is a step study, Wednesday is a newcomer meeting, and Friday is an open AA meeting. Growing and carrying the message.

"God Only Knows" will have a speaker meeting and dance July 30th at the Wapato Community Center and they are growing so much they have outgrown their current meeting hall and are on the search for a bigger facility.

The fireside meetings are taking place in Selah On Saturday nights at the Methodist Church. Bring your smores and have an AA meeting and a camp fire. We welcome newcomers, elder statesmen and whiners. Come on and join the path of recovery.

We observed the passing of Bill's friend, Howard K., sober 45 years, who took his final Third Step May 12, 2005. Howard was active in AA and service, and attended lots of Washington Area assemblies and service workshops as well as meetings, etc.

The committee is working very hard on the Standing Committees Quarterly. It is all arranged at this point and ready to go, so we will have food and fellowship. This event is co-hosted with District 20.

We will be stocking meeting schedules in area motels with maps on the back so visitors to the area can find AA meetings if they so desire. Home groups will be asked to adopt a spot, so one group will be responsible to make sure one motel is stocked.

We are already making plans for 2006, looking toward a fun calendar of events for next year. There is talk of a "grass mash," a dance, food and fun in the grass.

GSR School will come to our district is we will ask, so the up and coming new GSR can begin their service work well informed. Reports on the school are positive. Thank you. In service, Peggy L. Mosshart