

# AREA 92 NEWSLETTER

Serving the districts, home groups, and members of the Washington State East Area

## 2004 FALL ASSEMBLY

### Abbreviated Agenda

#### Friday

- 3:00pm Panel Discussions
- 5:00pm No Host Dinner
- 6:00pm GSR Sharing
- 7:00pm GSR/DCM Roundtables
- 8:00pm Ask-It Basket
- 9:00pm Ice Cream Social

#### Saturday

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am Business Meeting Opens
- Reports: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chair, Alt. Chair, Treasurer, Alt. Treas., Archives, Grapevine/Lit., Corrections, CPC, Newsletter, Sec'ty, Translation
- 10:00am DCM Reports
- 11:00am GSR Sharing
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm Business Meeting (cont.)
- Special Committee Reports: Finance, PNC, Jan. 2005 Quarterly, April 2005 Assembly, July 2005 Quarterly, Oct. 2005 Assembly, April 2006 Assembly, GSR Workshop Committee
- Old Business
- Motions
- New Business
- Floor Motions
- Selection of 2006 Assembly host district
- Area 92 Calendar 2005
- 6:00pm Dinner
- 7:00pm Business Meeting (cont.)

#### Sunday

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 10:00am Spiritual Speaker

## Surrender

The function of surrender in AA is now clear. It produces stopping [drinking] by causing the individual to say, "I quit. I give up on my headstrong ways. I've learned my lesson." Very often for the first time in that individual's adult career, he has encountered the necessary discipline that halts him in his headlong pace. Actually, he is lucky to have within him the capacity to surrender. It is that which differentiates him from the wild animals. And this happens because we can surrender and truly feel, "Thy will, not mine, be done."

Unfortunately, that ego will return unless the individual learns to accept a disciplined way of life, which means the tendency toward ego comeback is permanently checked. This is not news to AA members. They have learned that a single surrender is not enough. Under the wise leadership of the AA "founding fathers" the need for continued endeavor to maintain that miracle has been steadily stressed. The Twelve Steps urge repeated inventories, not just one, and the Twelfth Step is in itself a routine reminder that one must work at preserving sobriety. Moreover, it is referred to as Twelfth Step work—which is exactly what it is. By that time, the miracle is for the other person. —Dr. Harry M. Tiebout, M.D.

## "What is that?"

You may run into it some time soon. More inside...



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## Treatment Committee Position Open

The Treatment chairperson uses guidelines of the Treatment Facilities workbook from GSO; holds quarterly meetings with district chairs in the area; maintains list of district chairpersons; encourages participation in Bridging the Gap and maintains its contacts list; coordinates Grapevine subscriptions for treatment facilities (full description in Area Handbook, 8:8, page 23).

If you are interested in this position, please send your service resume to the area chair (see addresses on page 2).

The deadline for submitting resumes is November 1, 2004.

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is currently open.  
The area chair is accepting  
resumes from applicants until  
November 1.

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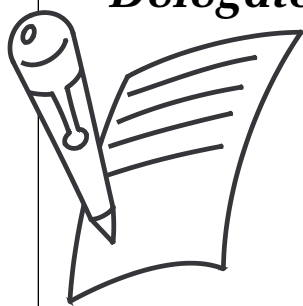
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## New Literature and Service Materials Top List of News From GSO

Hello again Area 92, Each month I wonder what will I talk about this month. Then I look at the pile of brown envelopes that have come from GSO and know that what I should be saying what is in those envelopes.

This past month I returned the membership surveys that were completed by the groups selected in the Area. Of the 6 that were selected 3 were returned a 50% showing from the Area. I couldn't tell you if that is good or bad only what we did. I have sent a message asking the other Delegates about their experience.

The Trustees Literature committee is hard at work following the 2004 Advisory Action on the Third Edition

Spanish Language Big Book. In August I received a letter from GSO. We have been asked to encourage Spanish/bilingual members interested in volunteering to submit resumes from anyone who might like to be on the Story Selection Subcommittee for Spanish Language Third Edition Big Book. The chair of the Trustees committee will appoint members from the fellowship to the story selection subcommittee. Please call or write if you have questions.

Following Criteria will be used in the selection of the subcommittee:

- 1) Must be an AA member;
  - 2) Have a minimum of five years of sobriety;
  - 3) Proficiency in Spanish, both written and verbal;
  - 4) Available to travel to New York for some subcommittee meetings (travel expenses covered)
- The deadline for resumes is Nov. 1.

***We encourage Spanish bilingual members interested in volunteering to submit resumes from anyone who might like to be on the Story Selection Subcommittee for the Spanish Language Third Edition Big Book.***

Group Contributions to GSO for the same period last year are down from 25% of the groups one year ago to 22% of the groups this year. If you want to know what your group contributed last year ask your DCM. They receive the same printout that I get but if you call I can give you the figures too.

The latest translation of the Big Book is in Swahili and it's completed.

Thanks to all the groups and Districts that have been sending me the

minutes from your meetings. It really helps me to be more connected. I intend to give a complete report and do a little on the conference at the Assembly in October in Sunnyside at the Community Center I surely hope you will all be there.

Each month I receive the Newsletter for Professionals About AA. The summer edition is devoted to the early Friends of the fellowship and the Class A (non Alcoholic Trustees) My trip to the Conference and to Portland in July to the forum have brought about a respect for the

Class A trustees that I could not have before without having been able to meet them. Next time there is a forum close to us I would hope that we can send a larger contingent from Area 92. It is such a great time for all.

The Corrections Correspondence Service is looking for volunteers. There is a critical need for male volunteers Weekly GSO gets just over 250 requests from males behind the walls waiting for the hand of AA to be there for them. A sign up form is available at [http://www.aa.org/default/en\\_pdfs/en\\_f-26correctcorrespondence.pdf](http://www.aa.org/default/en_pdfs/en_f-26correctcorrespondence.pdf). Outside AAs can sign up to participate in the service by contacting GSO by phone (212) 870-3400 as for corrections, by email [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org) or by printing and mailing the form. I also have the election form ready to fill out after we elect our Trustee candidate to submit to the conference committee for consideration.

All the hard work we did in conference committee has come to fruition. The requests of the CPC kit being made available in 3-ring binder format and changes to the kit and workbook should be available by fall with all of the new changes that the committee asked for during conference. I would like to ask all the committees in the area to begin looking at the service material for adequacy and content and make any recommendations at the assembly.

I hope that you all have made your plans to attend the Assembly in Sunnyside in October. I will make a more complete report at the Assembly. And pass out the final Conference reports to those who have not received them yet.

In Love and Service,  
Mike

## *Delegate Alternate Report*

# **It's Time for School (GSR School, That Is)**

**H**ello Area 92.  
In my last report I said I would write more about the Pacific Regional Forum when I received the final report. As yet, they haven't come out. But I expect they will soon, so I will wait and comment more when I receive the report.

The forum was a great experience for me and I would like to keep interest alive for the 2006 forum that will be in Seattle. Also it isn't too early to start thinking about PRAASA.

PRAASA is usually the first weekend of March but this year it will be held the second weekend due to a scheduling conflict. Last year Area 92 had 9 attendees at PRAASA. It would be a real service to the area if we doubled that in 2005.

If you haven't heard about it, we are putting together a "GSR School" in Area 92. It's an idea that has been kicking around for quite some time. It came back to life at the

GSR roundtable in Ephrata last January. I brought the subject up and several of the GSRs thought it was a good idea.

So we pulled together an informal committee consisting of myself and a couple of GSRs and have been working on putting together a GSR School. We borrowed a GSR School

workbook from Oregon Area 58 and have been revising it to make it fit the needs of Area 92.

Patrick G., a GSR from District 2, and Colleen P., a GSR from District 3, have been helping me do the work. The GSR School runs about two hours and focuses not only on the role of the General Service representative, but also

gives a useful overview of the entire AA service structure in the United States and Canada.

The first GSR School will be held in District 2 on Oct. 9 at the Alano Club at 1700 W. 7th Spokane Wa. We will start with a potluck lunch at 12 pm followed by the GSR school from 1 pm to 3 pm.

The panel will consist of 2 GSRs, the host committee DCM, an area officer, and a past delegate.

After this first one, we'll be looking to hold GSR School in other districts. The idea is to have participation by GSRs in districts and the GSRs in order to get a broader view of the service structure and their role than is now

available through GSR orientation at the assemblies. This won't replace GSR Orientation conducted by the area chair at the assemblies. If you're interested in having the GSR school come to your district, please contact me.

Yours in Service,  
Dave

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# **GSR SCHOOL**



**COME JOIN THE FUN AND  
LEARN ABOUT AA SERVICE**

**POTLUCK AT NOON**

**GSR SCHOOL 1-3 PM**

**WHEN: SATURDAY OCTOBER 9TH 2004**

**WHERE: ALANO CLUB 1700 W. 7TH**

**SPOKANE WASHINGTON**

*MATERIALS PROVIDED*

**GSR SCHOOL WORKBOOK-FREE**

**SERVICE MANUALS**

**[SMALL CHARGE]**

**WSEA 92 HANDBOOK**

**[SMALL CHARGE]**

**“What  
the  
hell is  
that?”**

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# The 12 Promises OF INACTION

(Adapted by J. Barleycorn)

If we are casual with this phase of our development, we will be drunk before we are halfway through.

We are going to know a new imprisonment and a new misery.

We will relive the past and be unable to shut the door on it.

We will comprehend the word *conflict* and we will know *pain*.

No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will sink even lower.

That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will deepen.

We will gain interest in selfish things and lose interest in our fellows.

Self-esteem will slip away.

Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will get totally sucky.

Fear of people, and of economic insecurity will multiply.

We will intuitively know how to run from situations which never used to bother us.

We will doubtfully realize that God would never have done to us what we are doing to ourselves.

Are these exaggerated promises? We think not! They are being fulfilled among those of us who are still drinking — often quickly, sometimes more slowly.

They will forever materialize, if we drink for them.



*Dear Ask-it Basket:*

*I hear my fellow AA members ask why registration is charged for area activities (e.g., quarterlies or assemblies) and conferences. This question also gets brought up by treatment counselors and legal authorities.*

*(signed) onfused in Kahlotus*

As recovering alcoholics we are asked to become responsible not only for ourselves but for our group as well. This principle is embodied in Tradition 7. No entity within AA receives money from an outside source. This Tradition was specifically designed to keep us free from *any* outside influence or interference. This freedom also allows your group to be independent under Tradition 4. So let's say your group feels the need to host one of the Area functions, perhaps a quarterly or even an assembly. Your district supports this idea and wants to be involved. So how in the dickens are you going to come up with the

## ASK-IT BASKET

financial wherewithal to pay for the obvious expenses incurred? Should Area 92 disregard, on grounds of financial ability, your group's desire to participate? Would we then want to withhold from you the great opportunity to serve? Of course not. The miracle of our service structure is the fact that any one can (and indeed is encouraged to) participate. Now is that Cool or what?

The Area provides seed money in the form of a loan to cover your deposits for the building, food, etc. necessary to put on the event. Your district would add up the costs and come up with the dollar amount necessary for each attending member to pay. Remember, we as members are responsible to pay our own way, too. Thus by paying for the event we are allowing your district to serve, regardless of your financial status.

We pay our own way. The use of registration money helps offset the cost of the building, meals, and of recording the meetings. This is the place where money and spirituality come together; we are no longer takers but givers! It is a way for those who put on these needed functions to recoup the money they've outlaid. As recovered alcoholics, our challenge is to rejoin society, apply what we've learned, and share what we've been given. As a fellowship, we understand that in today's world it does cost money to do business.



# 1 thru 22 DISTRICT REPORTS

## District 12

Greetings from District 12, where we hosted a wonderful workshop on September 11 at the United Methodist Church between Twisp and Winthrop! That very day two attendees were celebrating Birthdays: Rusty with 33 years and Tara (mwa) with 10 years. What a great way to spend the day, and what a special treat to have Tom, CPC Chair, plus Mike Mc and Dave attend and help us walk and talk through issues such as CPC, PI and Corrections. Good discussion and helpful hints for all!

Next up, some are preparing for the October Assembly. Mark your calendars for the annual Okanogan Valley Round-Up, which I believe is the 3rd weekend of January 2005 and is always a great time for all. Speakers, panels, meetings, Al-Anon, it's got it all.

District 12 has GSR Meetings the first Sunday of the month at rotating locations, and a current issue is the possibility of Chelan receding to create their own District. Keep your ears open for all of our exciting news!

Yours in service,  
Tara Simmons  
District 12 Secretary

## Traditions Workshop

Saturday, October 23, 2004.  
10:00 a.m.

### Centenary United Methodist Church

10th and Freya  
Spokane, WA

### Traditions 7 through 12

Presented and discussed with audience

### Potluck follows at noon

Raffle after lunch  
Call Donna 251-9029

Bring your experience and food to share,  
and join us for a great meeting.

Questions, call Amy 325-7251

## District 19

Hello from District 19.

We held our monthly district meeting in Quincy on Sept. 19th. We discussed the motions for the upcoming assembly and much of what was talked about at the Cashmere pre-assembly. Thank you to Joanne and all of District 5 for hosting, as well as Mike McM. and Dave McC. for coming and sharing their insights.

Good things happening in the corrections area in our district. The district has donated both English and Spanish Big Books to the jail. Also, reports have it that the new work release meetings are going great!

The Ephrata, Soap Lake annual gratitude dinner and speakers meeting will be held on November 13th. Speakers will be Steve A. from Walla Walla-AA Speaker, and Jan A. from Walla Walla Al-anon Speaker. Dinner is potluck and starts at 6:30. A-K: Bring hot dish, L-S: Bring salad, T-Z: Bring dessert. Ham and rolls provided. Speakers start at 7:30. United Methodist Church. 117 C St. NW Ephrata WA

YIS  
Chuck K.,  
DCM District 19

## District 10

October is almost here and between the drastic and quick weather change, my new job (a promotion), and the hiatus our District took in July, I feel totally out of touch. Thank God for Alcoholics Anonymous, because it gives me the stability to continue putting one foot in front of the other even when I'm not surefooted. The survival instincts are buried deep, just like the foundation of AA. District 10 is a prime example of how AA works, and we have continued to thrive over the summer months.

The Grapevine needs support, so the Sunday Morning Group will

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## COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Since professional agencies and individuals often send alcoholics to us, it is also our responsibility to make sure that the professional community is fully aware of AA and how to reach us. AA meeting lists, schedules and telephone numbers need to be continually distributed among all professionals who come into contact with problem drinkers. When we keep the schedules and meeting times current we stand a much better chance of fulfilling the primary purpose spelled out in tradition five which reminds us that AA's purpose is to carry the message.

### Why We Do It

In the depths of despair, many practicing alcoholics come into contact with a lot of professionals. They might be getting a divorce, in trouble at work, losing all of their teeth, in trouble with creditors, and constantly visiting doctors or clergy members looking for answers... It might never occur to the practicing alcoholic to look up Alcoholics Anonymous in the phone book! And he or she may never cross the path of a sober member of AA who could point them in the right direction.

But many professionals have not had the opportunity to find out that the AA program of recovery works. Unless we reach out to these professionals, many practicing alcoholics may never find us. We do not teach the professional – we do not try to change the way they do their jobs. We simply inform them about Alcoholics Anonymous and let them know that we are eager to help.

### How We Do It

CPC committees help professionals reach out to alcoholics by:

- Creating and distributing information packets that any AA member can give to a professional in their lives.
- Bringing a professional to an open AA meeting so they can see for themselves what AA is like.
- Organizing a "Take a Professional to Lunch" presentation.
- Providing speakers to professional groups (Rotary Clubs, staff meetings, etc).
- Speaking at AA home groups to spread the word about CPC and how it helps us fulfill our primary purpose.
- Tagging along with Public Information (PI) folks at Health Fairs – so we can introduce ourselves to the other professionals in the booths around us and offer them our services.
- Asking members of the fellowship for contacts in the professional community.

These are but a few suggestions of how we cooperate. Maybe you have more to add.

Your CPC Chairperson  
Tom Shropshire

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### District Reports

be selling Grapevines at the end of their meetings. The Grapevine is a perfect way to introduce AA to a new member, or for home groups to subscribe to as a way to spread the message.

Mt. Top has been listed in the phone book as the AA contact for Ellensburg, and now District 10 is taking over the responsibility of the listing. There is a new phone book coming out in October with the new number listed, and the 800 number will be removed.

District still has a couple of service positions open at present, and would like very much for sponsors to encourage sponsees to participate in service work. PI/CPC needs a new chair as Kelly T resigned. Kelly did such an awesome job, and District appreciates all she contributed. We also need an alternate treasure and would appreciate interested peoples to watch for the flyers posted on meeting boards.

Robin, our DCM, attended the Pacific NW Region Conference in Yakima and purchased a full set of tapes. She is going to have them duplicated and then members can borrow them for their listening pleasure. She wants to thank District for their participation and was very pleased with the turnout. Pacific NW Region meets again in June of 2006.

District 10 has completed the handbook that has been in the works for several months. The handbook will be brought to the September District meeting for review.

The Archives are coming along too, and should be ready for display at the Gratitude banquet.

*Cle Elum B-Days:*

Jackie V	8 yrs
Dawn Z	6 yrs
Dave K	1 yr

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# CORRECTIONS

**D**ear fellow travelers on the road to happy destiny, I was hoping to have a glowing report to include great happenings at the combined quarterly. I had it all planned and half written in my head. Then, as someone with my time at the tables should know, life didn't comply with my plan. Due to a broken water line and a small flood in the laundry room I had to stay home and impersonate a plumber. A crime I am sure I will be held accountable for in the future.

I did however contact Tom S. and beg his help at the quarterly. He offered his sympathy and support and handled things at the quarterly adeptly. I got an email from him reporting that though the turnout was low some great ideas had come forward. We are already discussing the upcoming assembly and the December combined Quarterly.

As for my own little piece of the service pie; I have not gotten a lot of things done. I have passed on a couple of bridge requests and am working on one to the east coast. I also think I may have dropped the ball on one or two Grapevine requests. If you have requested Grapevines and they have not gotten to the institution please contact me.

I do apologize for any lapses in my service performance and can only offer that my job has just encompassed a much larger field of responsibility by way of a promotion. I have been somewhat over whelmed as I try to get myself aligned with all the new procedures and reporting requirements. It does remind me though that I would have none of it without my continuing membership in AA. I am still amazed at my current position because you just can't get here from where I was. Thank you all for your help in my sobriety and the opportunity to serve.

Yours in humble service,  
Clint H.

# PUBLIC INFORMATION

**H**i folks, I wanted to give you all a heads-up. Richard is planning to announce he will no longer be able to perform his duties as PI Chair due to his health. He is currently in the hospital because he cannot walk. They have found that he has an infection in the disc itself and are going to do a biopsy/spinal tap type procedure this week to determine what type of infection it is and what antibiotic to treat it with. It is good news to finally have a name to tag onto what's wrong, but this thing he has is just as bad as having an infection in the bone itself, which is not good at all.

I will keep you posted with what I find out. When this is solved or healed, we have also chosen to move back to Port Angeles, but Richard is giving up the position due to his health. He simply cannot perform the job any longer. He thought he was out of the woods when it all hit him again. We are still planning to be at the Assembly and hope to see you all there. Richard is in the Spokane VA Hospital in room 420.

Thanks so much to all of you, Rikki

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## District Reports

### District 12 Birthdays (cont.)

Carrine S	13 yrs
Bill E	1 yr
Jason N	3 yrs
Benny B	25 yrs
Marilyn T	3 yrs
Tom T	3 yrs

### E-Burg B-Days:

Katrina K	5 yrs
Randy L	4 yrs
Dave S	3 yrs
Dawn S	2 yrs
Joyce T	18 mths
Kristine D	18 mths
Barbara P	6 yrs
Wanda W	8 yrs

In loving service,  
Wanda W.

## District 2

District 2 assisted district 3 with hosting the combined quarterly in Spokane on September 18th.

Upcoming activities:  
Attend pre-assembly in Coeur d'Alene on September 25th.

GSR School on October 9th at the Spokane Alano Club. The potluck with begin at noon and the school will run from 1-3pm. This function will focus on the GSR's role in Area 92, everyone is invited so please pass the word.

In service,  
Jeff L., DCM District 2

## "What is that dang deal?!"

The photos on pages 1 and 4 are parts of the same thing as this photo. Have you guessed what it is? Or do you need more clues?





# SECRETARY

Hello, all. I am now in the process of transcribing the minutes of the April Assembly and the minutes of the July Quarterly. This per the voice of the Area 92 committee, that we get the preceding assembly and the preceding quarterly minutes at the next event. This is what I will be doing for the remainder of this time before the Fall Assembly 2004 in Sunnyside. The need to have pertinent information is vital to the Informed Group Conscience process.

We are going to look at the need for an Area Handbook Committee. This I feel is very needed.

We will be looking at raising the mileage rate; I know from experience that this needed.

We will be looking at a possible change in the way we structure our Spring Pre-Conference Assembly; will this help us to be more prudent with our time and money?

We are going to look at the way we approach floor motions; if it involves money or controversy, we ought to move forward where it can and ought to go through the process of being looked at and discussed in the Home Groups first.

I want you to know that we all are doing our best to see that the still suffering drunk get the opportunity that we did. In doing our best we are going beyond what Bill W. referred to when he said; the enemy of the best is the good enough. I am to go beyond my petty schemes and plans and to actually become the servant of those who elect or appoint me to do a service for them. I am one of those who have been appointed and given authority to do a job and I am doing my best to do it right.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve Area 92's Fellowship of A.A.

Woodrow W.

# TREASURER

Hi, I am an alcoholic, and my name is Kitt. I am your current Area Treasurer. All is going well in my neck of the woods. I am supposed to be meeting with the Finance Committee this month to work up a Budget for next year. Here's a quick report of where we stand financially.

Total Inflows: \$3648.88

Total Outflows: \$5326.26

As of 9/11/04, this leaves us with a current balance in of \$3672.04.

I hope to see you all at the Assembly in Sunnyside.

Yours in Service,  
Kitti Potter

Contributions in support of WSEA 92  
may be sent to:

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**Yakima, WA 98907**

## *We Could've Told You That! #37*

### **Alcohol Consumption by Violent Men Increases Likelihood of Physical Abuse**

Men who drink alcohol and have a predisposition for physical violence toward their partners are more likely to be violent on the days they drink alcohol, according to a study conducted at the University of Buffalo's Research Institute on Addictions.

Findings were reported in the February 2003 issue of the American Psychological Association's Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.

The odds of male-to-female physical aggression are eight times higher on days when these men drink alcohol than on days with no alcohol consumption, with the chances of severe male-to-female physical aggression on drinking days more than 11 times higher.

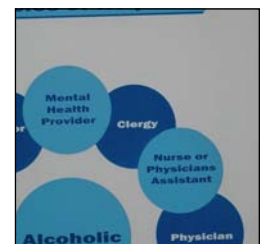
## **They Said It**

*The problem with some people is that when they aren't drunk, they're sober.*

—William Butler Yeats

## **“What the hell is that?”**

If you look around the Community Center, you might just see this dang deal lying around!



# Fall Assembly 2004

## Motions and Background Material

### Motion 1

***That floor motions voted by the Assembly to be urgent or housekeeping would be voted on immediately. Other floor motions receiving a second will go through to the next Assembly.***

#### **Definitions:**

**Urgent-** *Requiring immediate action* (serious-grave-rush-emergency). **Housekeeping -** *Anything that pertains only to the group that the motions affects.* Example: Where the meetings are held. Procedures that affect only that meeting. (How many breaks, when to have the next meeting or adjourn, etc.) These motions affect only the group who is voting on them, they never have anything to do with money, nor will they affect AA as a whole.

#### **Background:**

Area 92 Floor Motions have been increasing and most of them are not emergencies. We do not wish to eliminate this process entirely. We feel that Floor Motions deprive the Home Groups from being able to research and discuss motions and arrive with a informed Group Conscience.

This step may help to conduct business in a time frame that will allow a Saturday night banquet and AA speaker. This may help us to become more prudent in that our Area Officers would be able to return home instead of spending another night which adds to the area expenses for food and lodging.

A quote from Paul Cleary, AAWS director at January 2004 Board meeting. "Be cautious about Floor Actions at the Conference, as a hurried group conscience decision can bypass the advantages and wisdom of the lengthy Conference process." This could also apply to our area floor motions. Do we really have an emergency today or can that business be carried over to the next Quarterly and Area Assembly allowing Home Groups' voices to be heard. Floor motions that are not Housekeeping or urgent that receives a second will be placed on the agenda for the next Area Quarterly and then will be voted on at the next Area Assembly.

### Motion 2

***That the WSEA increase the mileage rate from .22/mile, as set in 1995, to .30/mile.***

#### **Background:**

When WSEA first formed, we adopted a mileage rate of .22/mile (Section 95.5 of the Area 92 handbook). This decreased the mileage rate that was set in Section 89.5 of the Area 72 Handbook, which set the mileage rate to the current IRS mileage rate. The current IRS mileage rate is .34/mile, and we feel that .30/mile is more than fair and would not overburden the Area finances. An increase in the mileage rate was also a recommendation from the Finance Committee at the April 2003 Quarterly in Kennewick.

### Motion 3

***That Area 92 add a permanent rotating handbook committee under the responsibility of the Area Secretary and reporting to the Area Chair. This committee would be made up of the Area Secretary and 4 appointed DCMs. The committee will assist the Area Secretary in keeping the handbook updated as stated in the Secretary's job description. There will be no funding for travel. All communication expenses would come from the secretary's communication expenses as stated in the area handbook.***

#### **Background:**

Area 92 accepted the handbook and style of Area 72. That first handbook was typed by our Area 92 past delegate Ginger B. who was Area 72 Chair; she also chaired the first handbook committee. That committee was formed out of necessity and completed the job of making the first handbook. During that first rotation the Area Secretary made the necessary changes/updates and the Area Alternate Treasurer printed the handbook and sold them at quarterlies and assemblies for the actual cost of producing.

The handbook updates are the responsibility of the  
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Area secretary whose job was to keep the handbook updated and print copies for sale at the Area functions.

When the handbook was added to the Area 92 website it was decided to have a committee look at the handbook and make updates so that the handbook could be downloaded and printed from the website. In 2002 a committee appointed by the Area Chair updated the handbook and there was some concern that the chair lacked the authority to authorize the expenses for the handbook printing by the committee.

Most of the communication by the newly formed committee members can be done by email and phone. Face to face meetings would happen at the Area Quarterlies and Assemblies. To be inclusive you will not have to have a computer to be on this committee

Today it is still the responsibility of the Area secretary to update and print the handbook. It is felt that the task at times might be more than one person could do and a committee could help in the matter. That committee would also be more familiar with the handbook and could if they find necessary to bring comments and maybe even motions to the body regarding the handbook. They also could be called upon in matters of discussion regarding the handbook.

It would seem prudent to have the handbook maintained under the authority of a formal committee made up of area committee members whose job will be to maintain the handbook make corrections and possibly propose changes in style etc.

## Motion 4

***That the WSEA 92 handbook be amended to allow funding for the Area Corrections chairperson to one function per year inside a major correctional facility within Area 92. Said funding would be within the current funding guidelines that apply to other area functions.***

### **Background:**

Currently the Corrections Chairperson is only funded to quarterlies and assemblies. The correctional facilities workbook from GSO describes the duties as "to ensure a positive reciprocal working relationship with administration and staff.

*Reciprocal (def.) "Given by each side, given or shown by each of two sides or individuals to the other."*

Being able to meet with administrators and staff would aid in personal communications and cooperation with the various facilities and demonstrate a willingness to help from the area level. It would also help show area support to the local groups that are the main volunteers carrying the message. Based on my research when I was planning to attend the workshop at Walla Walla the cost would be about \$120.00 including mileage, lodging and one meal.

This motion was discussed and assembled with the help of all correctional committee members attending the June combined quarterly. It received unanimous support from them.

## Motion 5

***That the Spring 2005 and 2006 Assemblies during the trial period of this Assembly model be two-day events consisting of Saturday and Sunday.***

### **Background:**

As we now have two assemblies with one quarterly in between there should be less business to address. This means we need less time to do our business. This coupled with the cost savings in facility rental fees would enable us to pass on to each GSR and DCM lower registration fees.

The purpose of group and district financial remuneration to his or her representatives for assembly attendance is so no one is excluded due to financial status. Now groups have a choice, if limited funds are a problem of spending twice as much per year or only sending those who can afford it on their own in terms of time and money.

Financial responsibility in our area at a time when groups, districts, and area are struggling with increased costs and depressed donations seems to suggest we need to decrease the expense per assembly as we now need to finance two per year. All GSR and DCM Roundtables, reports, sharing and ask-it-baskets will continue within the format of a two-day assembly.

### **References:**

Area Handbook pg. 6, 2.0 "The Assembly is currently a three-day event."

AA Service Manual, pg S-33: Assemblies may run from half a day to a full weekend.

Area Handbook Housekeeping Motion 98.7 "Roundtables may be held on Friday and/or Saturday."



*Am I Grateful for...*

## Coming to Prison This Time?

Yes, because I have finally found a way to deal with and overcome my disease. If I hadn't come to prison and become an active member of AA/NA, I would still be out on the streets thuggin' and druggin'. I started coming to AA/NA to visit my partner, but then all of a sudden I found myself asking for the First Step. I am now on my Second Step and am grateful for the AA/NA programs. I have a great sponsor who I can talk to about anything. I would just like to thank the AA/NA programs and my sponsor and my partner for everything they have done for me to help me realize I had a disease. I am overcoming it and learning how to deal with it.

James "Dog" D.

## Back Again

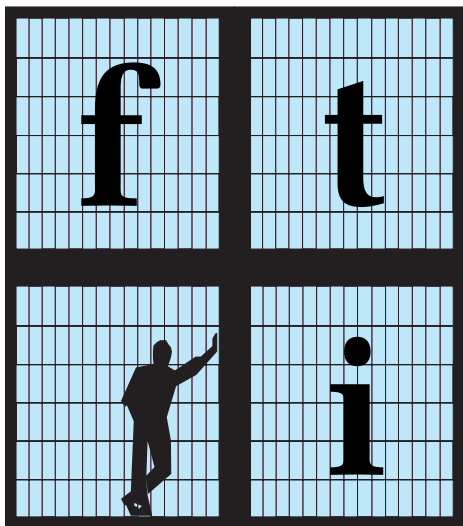
Hi, I'm Roy. I'm an alcoholic-addict. My whole life has been based on alcohol and drugs. I've been doing time in jails and institutions since 1977. That's when I first got a taste of AA. But I guess I had to hit bottom after bottom until I lost everything out there in life. Every time I'd get out, I'd try the same things while expecting different results. *Not!* Here I am again, in prison. The insanity of the disease is so overwhelming; thinking I can have it all. When I got locked up this time, for the first time, I looked in the mirror and saw this older man saying, "How'd you get here?" The tools have finally kicked in, waking me up from this 47-year nightmare I've been in.

I can actually see that this time I'm back again as my final wake-up call. Jails, institutions, insanity, and death – I've lived 'em all except death, and I'd like to live longer. I am ready. Thanks for my life today, AA. I'm ready for that better life out there!

Using what I've learned tells me I won't be back again. It's not the life I've lived that's got me baffled, it was the way I lived it. So easy does it and I'll keep it simple, thanks to the tools AA has given me. My life is told in all of you that share at meetings, so you already know me at heart. Thanks for sharing my life!

Roy L.

## From The Inside AIRWAY HEIGHTS CORRECTIONS CENTER



*Positive forces*

## At Last, Serenity

I've never felt free from the inside – "inside" meaning behind these walls as well as inside me. When I came through the doors of AA/NA here at Airway Heights, I was ready to dig in and begin to build a foundation for my life through God, mixed in with the Steps.

Since then I have been strongly searching for that inner peace that at the present time, I can't remember having before. I used to be lost but now I am found because God and the program are the strong forces that push me each day to stay clean and sober. I just finished working the Third Step and have found a new hope, faith, and trust which I've never had before.

It's really hard to maintain in here. Sometimes as often as daily, I'm brought to reality. Constantly being around negativity, it can be hard to stay out of or even caught in the middle. But I surround myself in here with people in recovery, and one day at a time is how I make it. I have hopes and dreams, short term and long, and they all include being clean. At age 22, I have another chance to stand strong for my new way of living, and I know someone needs to hear my story. God has a purpose for me. He wants me to be a good father to my two daughters, a good husband, and son, and overall be a better me.

I know I'M ON THE RIGHT ROAD!

Kenneth S.

## Anger = Self Hate

I am one of the angriest men alive. Why? Self pity, "poor me," and just the feeling of worthlessness that I have. Using never gave me the feeling of pride, self-worth, or any sense of security. I spent my days hating people – but most of all myself. Now I can easily fall back into these feelings, but it is harder with the brothers of the program always there for me. I feel good about myself today and like to help others who have same feeling.

Travis

## Home Is Where the Heart Aches

There was exactly \$17.04 left of her paycheck when she got home late that night. Her husband read her the riot act, and when he'd finished, the drunk wife said defensively, "Well, at least I bought something for the house." The husband brightened. "What was it?" he asked. "A round of drinks."

## A Bar Walks Into a Joke...

A man walks into a bar with a chunk of asphalt under his arm and says to the bartender: "A beer for me, and one for the road."

A baby seal walks into a bar and pulls up a stool. "What'll you have?" asks the bartender. "Anything but a Canadian Club."

A five-dollar bill walks into a bar. Bartender says, "Hey! We don't serve your kind here. This is a singles bar."

## Don't Be So Negative

A hydrogen atom walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Hey, how ya doing?" The atom replies, "Not so good. I lost my electron." "Are you sure?" asks the bartender. "I'm positive."

## Let's Get Physical

A neutron walks into a bar and orders a beer. The bartender promptly serves one up. "There you are," he says. "No charge." *Epilogue:* Sub-atomic particles having very low tolerances for alcohol, the neutron was soon lit up, at which point he was mistaken for an electron by a very attractive positron of the opposite charge who tried to make contact with him and, in doing so, annihilated them both, leaving nothing but two equal gamma rays consisting of energy equivalent to their combined masses.

## Pick your favorite caption:

- A) "If he didn't pick up the first one, we wouldn't have to pick up all of these."
- B) "Let's put these on the front porch with a meeting schedule."
- C) "Looks like Mike's wife went away for the weekend again."
- D) "First time I've ever picked up an empty bottle!"



## Shirley? You must be kidding!

A man walks into a bar and sees his friend staring into a martini glass and mumbling to himself.

"Yo, holmes... wus-up," says the man.

"That bee-otch wife of mine is a liar," says his pal.

"How do you know?" the man asks.

"She didn't come home last night and when I asked her where she was, she tells me she spent the night with her sister Shirley."

"And your point is...?"

"I spent the night with Shirley!"

That's not  
funny...  
That's  
sick!

**Q:** What do you call a drunk who works at an upholstery shop?

**A:** A re-covering alcoholic.

## Better move fast

A house painter, very hung over, showed up one morning for a new job. The homeowner greeted him at the front door and said: "There's a can of white paint in the back see if you can get the porch done by lunchtime."

Half an hour later, the homeowner was surprised to see the house painter at his front door again.

"Well, I'm finished," the painter said.

"All done? How could you work so fast?" asked the homeowner.

"It was a breeze," the painter replied. "Oh, by the way, that's not a Porsche. It's a Ferrari."



Washington State East Area 92  
2004 Fall Assembly  
October 15,16, and 17, 2004

Hosted by District 11  
Sunnyside Community Center  
South Hill Park, 1521 South First Street  
Sunnyside, WA

Please use one registration form per person

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Service Position: (please circle one, if applicable)

GSR	Alt GSR	DCM	Alt DCM	District Officer	Area Officer	Past Delegate
				_____	_____	
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Basic Registration .....	\$15	\$ _____
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Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Deadline for meal registration is October 1 2004

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# Las Promuevas 2004

**Promueva 1:** Ese piso promueve votado por la Asamblea para ser urgente o el gobierno de la casa se votaría en inmediatamente. Otro piso promueve recipiente un segundo atravesará a la próxima Asamblea.

Las definiciones: Urgente- Requerir la acción serio inmediata). El gobierno de la casa - Algo que pertenece sólo al grupo que los afectos de movimientos. El ejemplo: Dónde las reuniones se tienen. Los procedimientos que afectan sólo ese reunir. (Cuántas interrupciones, cuando tener el próximo reunir o suspender, etc.) Estos movimientos afectan sólo el grupo que vota en ellos, ellos nunca tienen algo que ver con dinero, ni hace ellos afectan AA en total.

El fondo: Area 92 Movimientos de Piso han estado aumentando y la mayoría de ellos no es las emergencias. Nosotros no deseamos eliminar este proceso enteramente. Nosotros nos sentimos que esos Movimientos de Piso se privan los Grupos Buscadores de es capaz de investigar y discutir los movimientos y llegar con una Conciencia informada del Grupo. Este paso puede ayudar a conducir el negocio en un marco de tiempo que permitirá un banquete de la noche de sábado y a orador de AA. Esto nos puede ayudar a llegar a ser más prudente en que nuestros Oficiales de Area serían capaces de volver hogar en vez del gasto otra noche que añade a los gastos de área para el alimento y habitar. Una cita de Paul CLEARY, director de AAWS en la Tabla de ENERO de 2004 reuniendo. "Está cauteloso acerca de Acciones de Piso en la Conferencia, cuando una decisión apurada de conciencia de grupo puede evitar las ventajas y la sabiduría del proceso largo de la Conferencia." Esto podría aplicar también a nuestros movimientos del piso del área. Haga tenemos realmente una emergencia hoy o podemos ese negocio sea conservado al próximo Trimestral y los Grupos de Hogar de permitir de Asamblea de Area' las voces para ser oídas. El piso promueve que no es el Gobierno de la casa ni urgente que reciba un segundo se colocará en el orden del día para la próxima Area Trimestral y entonces será votado en en la próxima Asamblea de Area.

**Promueva 2:** Que el WSEA aumenta la tasa del kilometraje de .22/milo, cuando el conjunto en 1995, a .30/milo.

El fondo: Cuando WSEA formó primero, nosotros adopted una tasa del kilometraje de .22/milo (la Sección 95.5 de la Area 92 guía). Este disminuyó la tasa del kilometraje que se puso en la Sección 89.5 de la Area 72 Guía, que puso la tasa del kilometraje a la tasa actual del kilometraje de INFRARROJOS. La tasa actual del kilometraje de INFRARROJOS es .34/milo, y nosotros se sienten que .30/milo es más que la feria y no sobrecargaría las finanzas de Area. Un aumento en la tasa del kilometraje era también una recomendación del Comité de Finanzas en el abril 2003 Trimestral en Kennewick.

**Promueva 3:** Esa Area 92 agregan un comité de guía de girar de permanente bajo la responsabilidad del Secretario de Area e informar a la Silla de la Area. Este comité sería compuesto del Secretario de Area y 4 DCMs designado. El comité ayudará al Secretario de Area a mantener la guía actualizada como expresado en la descripción del trabajo de Secretario. No habrá la financiación para el viaje. Todos gastos de comunicación vendrían de los gastos de comunicación de secretario como expresado en la guía de área.

El fondo: Area 92 aceptaron la guía y el estilo de Area 72. Eso primero guía fue escrita por nuestra Area 92 Jengibre pasado del delegado B. que era Area 72 Silla; ella también chaired el primer comité de guía. Ese comité fue formado fuera de necesidad y completado el trabajo de hacer la primera guía. Durante que primero rotación el Secretario de Area hizo los cambios necesarios/actualiza y el Area Alterna a Tesorero imprimió la guía y los vendió en trimestral y las asambleas para el costo real de producir. La guía actualiza son la responsabilidad del secretario de Area cuyo trabajo debía mantener la guía actualizadas y copias de impresión en venta en las funciones de Area. Cuando la guía se añadió al Area 92 website que lo se decidió para tener un comité mira la guía y la marca actualizar para que la guía se pueda cargar y podría ser impresa del website. En 2002 un comité designado por la Silla de Area actualizó la guía y había algunos concierne que la silla careció la autoridad para autorizar los gastos para la guía que imprime por el comité. La mayor parte de la comunicación por los miembros nuevamente formados del comité puede ser hecha por correo electrónico y teléfono. La cara para encarar las reuniones acontecerían en el Area Trimestral y Asambleas. Para ser inclusivo que usted no tendrá que tener una computadora para estar en este comité Hoy es todavía la responsabilidad del secretario de Area para actualizar e imprimir la guía. Es el fieltro que la tarea en tiempo quizás sea más que una persona podría hacer y un comité podría ayudar en la cuestión. Ese comité sería también más familiarizado con la guía y podría si ellos encuentran necesario traer los comentarios y quizá aún los movimientos al cuerpo con respecto a la guía. Ellos podrían ser utilizados también en cuestiones de la discusión con respecto a la guía. Parecería prudente tener la guía mantenida bajo la autoridad de un comité formal compuso de miembros de comité de área cuyo trabajo será de mantener las correcciones de la marca de guía y proponer posiblemente los cambios en el etc. del estilo.

**Promueva 4:** Que el WSEA 92 guía sea enmendada para permitir la financiación para el presidente de Correcciones de Area a una función por año dentro de una facilidad mayor de correctional dentro de Area 92. Dijo financiando estaría dentro de la corriente las pautas que financian que aplica a otras funciones de la área.

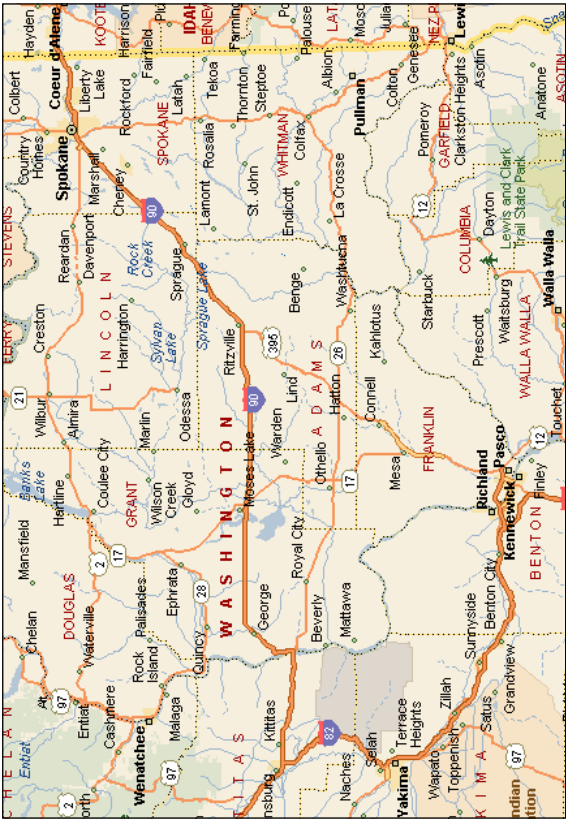
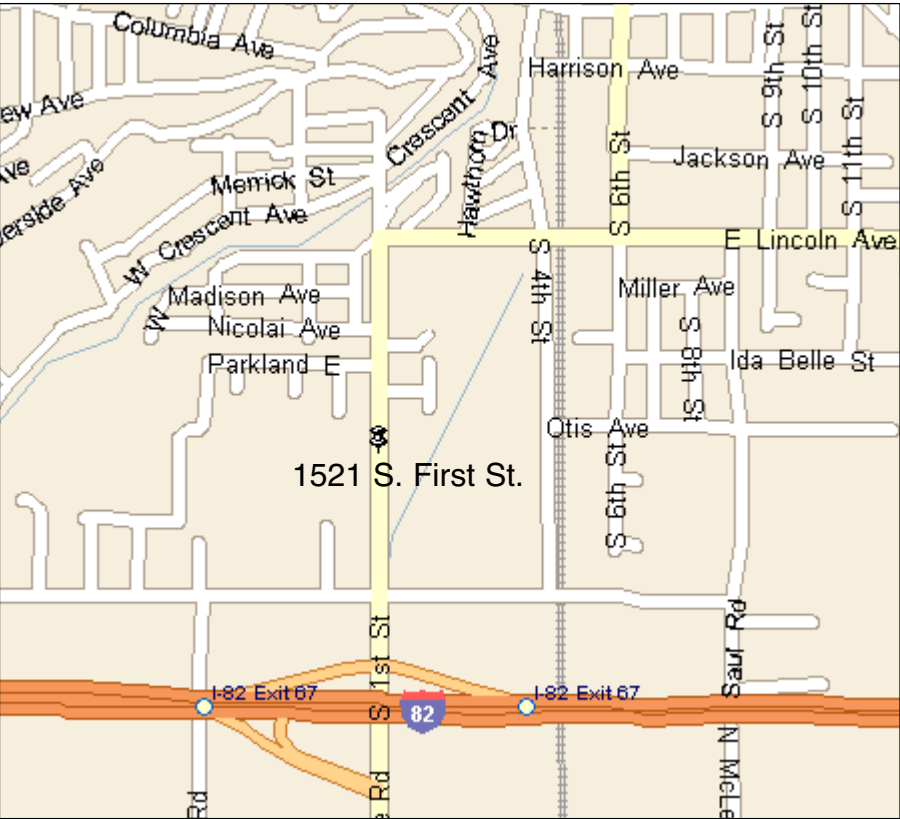
El fondo: Actualmente el Presidente de Correcciones es sólo financió a trimestral y las asambleas. El cuaderno de facilidades de correctional de GSO describe los deberes como "asegurar una relación positiva de trabajar de "cantidad recíproca" con la administración y el personal. La cantidad recíproca (definición.) "Dado por cada lado, dado o mostrado por cada uno de dos lados o individuos al otro." Es capaz de reunir con administradores y personal ayudaría en comunicaciones y cooperación personales con las varias facilidades y demostraría un consentimiento para ayudar del nivel de área. Ayudaría también apoyo de área de exposición a los grupos locales que son los voluntarios principales que llevan el mensaje. Basado en mi investigación cuando planeaba para asistir el taller en Walla Walla que el costo estaría acerca de \$120.00 incluyendo el kilometraje, habitar y una comida. Este movimiento se discutió y fue armado con la ayuda de todos miembros del comité de correctional que asisten el junio combinó trimestral. Recibió apoyo unánime de ellos.

**Promueva 5:** Que el Resorte 2005 y 2006 Asambleas durante el período del ensayo de este modelo de la Asamblea son los acontecimientos de dos días componiéndose de sábado y domingo.

El fondo: Como nosotros ahora tenemos dos asambleas con un trimestral debe haber en medio menos negocio de dirigir. Esto significa que necesitamos menos tiempo de hacer nuestro negocio. Este emparejado con los ahorros del costo en honorarios de renta de facilidad nos habilitaría a pasar en a cada GSR y honorarios de matrícula de bajar de DCM. El propósito del grupo y el distrito remuneración financiera a sus representantes para la asistencia de la asamblea es tan nadie se excluye debido a la posición financiera. Ahora grupos tienen una elección, si limitó los fondos son un problema del gasto dos veces más mucho por año o sólo mandar los que lo pueden proporcionar en su posee en términos de tiempo y dinero. Responsabilidad financiera en nuestra área a la vez cuando los grupos, los distritos, y el área luchan con costos aumentados y donativos presionados parece sugerir necesitamos disminuir el gasto por la asamblea como nosotros ahora necesitamos financiar dos por año. Todo GSR y DCM Roundtables, los informes, compartir y lo pregunta cesas continuarán dentro del formato de una asamblea de dos días.

Las referencias: Guía de Area Pág. 6, 2.0 "La Asamblea es actualmente un acontecimiento de tres días." El Manual del Servicio de AA, S de página-33: las Asambleas pueden correr de la mitad un día a un fin de semana repleto. El Gobierno de la casa de la Guía del Area Promueve 98.7 "Roundtables puede ser aguantado viernes y/o sábado."

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