

The GSC Agenda is here!

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Panel 70, Issue 2

Area 92 Newsletter

Mission Statement

To Report directly “to those they serve”; to publicize AA events; to be a forum for sharing and comment.



Greetings Area 92 !

February 2020 has been a busy and exciting month! With the GSC Agenda out, I have been working with the Area 92 conference summary process which has been very interesting. A huge opportunity for learning and spiritual growth. Thank you to all the Area Trusted Servants for your hard work this month! I am still looking for a bi-lingual English-Hispanic AA member to help with translation on the Newsletter committee. I am also looking for Journalists, Writers and Artists that might be interested in doing feature articles and contributions for the newsletter. Contact me if you would like to be on the mailing list. Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service! Benjamin G, Newsletter Editor / Panel 70 / Area 92 / AA

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Area Delegate

Hello fellow area 92 alcoholics.

This was a busy month. Your Area 92 Committee got well underway, as recently Elected Officers, Appointed Committee and Subcommittee Chairs and District Committee Members moved into their new positions as vital Trusted Servants in the Panel 70 Rotation. For those who may not be familiar with infrequently used A.A. nomenclature, "Panel 70" is a reference to the number of years since A.A. 's "Third Legacy of Service" was transferred to The General Service Conference (GSC) in 1950. The word "Rotation" refers to the fact that each Trusted Servant has a two-year term and then "rotates" out, to be replaced by new blood. There are numerous, superb reasons for this concept.

The history of this period in our evolution is well documented in our publication "A.A. Comes of Age". Bill stated at the time;

"A.A.'s Twelfth Step, carrying the message, is the basic service that our fellowship gives; it is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of recovered alcoholics in action. We must carry A.A.'s message; otherwise we ourselves may fall into decay and those who have not yet been given the truth may die...Action to carry the message is therefore the heart of our third Legacy of Service." So..."an A.A. service is anything whatever that legitimately helps us to reach fellow sufferers."

So, here we are, 70 years after those thoughts were recorded, and it is our turn to embrace the responsibility that we have been given. Importantly, you might ask, just what is that overall responsibility.

While a ***"Twelfth Step call itself remains the greatest of these services"***, the publicity that leads to an inquiry, the opening of a letter, the crafting of a relevant response and mailing it timely, the provision and answering of a hotline, the car, or subway, or bus or taxi we rode in, the gasoline, the coffee, the tolls, all of these aids are necessary. Then there are meeting places to establish, medical facilities, correctional institutions and treatment centers to coordinate. We need intergroup offices, pamphlets, books, public service announcements and many more vital services. Bill admonishes that all these activities are ***"...utterly necessary to A.A.'s existence"***.

Your Panel 70 Trusted Servants then, are deep in the process of absorbing all of these responsibilities from our predecessors, and ensuring they continue until Panel 72 rotates in. If you are already a trusted servant in a Group or District position, welcome aboard! Alcoholics you may never meet, may have the opportunity to recover and survive because of the service you provide. If you are not yet in service, please join us the next chance you have. We are certain you will find it among the more spiritually rewarding experiences of your life.

Gary P.

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Area Alternate Delegate

Greetings WSEA 92 Alcoholics Anonymous!

I've had many things on my plate to begin this year, and for that I am very grateful. First; working with Delegate Gary P. planning in preparation for the upcoming GSC Agenda review has been, at times involved, fast paced, and a lot of fun.! I am excited and confident that Area 92 joining together as a whole will deliver to Gary an informed "collective conscience" for his journey to Rye Brook, New York this April.

Second; the task of keeping Group information current with the Area and GSO is under a significant transformation. The new NetSuite ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) database went live on January 25, hosting online video training for Area Registrars. As of this report I have completed the "portal" training and have complete access to Area 92 Group records on a "view only" basis. Having this access, it is now much easier to assist GSRS with information they may be missing to complete the Group Change Form made available on the Area website.

It is vital to maintain the link with our Groups as changes occur. The system is expected to be fully functional at the end of March. Registrars will then have the ability to update Area records the *moment* new information is provided.

Third; we have three GSR Schools scheduled for the near future. I've been privileged to participate in three of these events thus far, and I encourage Districts to partner up with one another in hosting this event. Our past Delegates deliver an amazing presentation of the AA service structure! A wonderful opportunity for a GSR (and all of us, for that matter :D) in the first year of this rotation!!

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth"

Muhammad Ali

Grateful to serve,
Ben Nelson
Alt-Delegate WSEA 92 - Panel 70

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Area Chairperson

Congratulations to all the newly elected and appointed members of Area 92 for a great January quarterly in Ephrata.

During the quarterly we discussed completing the 2018 area inventory items during 2020. One of the items that seems to need to be discussed frequently is how we do motions. Because this inventory item is of concern to many members we formed an ad-hoc committee to review it thoroughly and get back to the area body as soon as possible with new ideas. The next inventory item is funding our delegate to the conference, so the finance committee will be reporting back to us on this as well. The 3rd item, are standing committee workshops productive and cost effective. So the standing committee chairs are asked to come up with ideas and possible solutions.

The Area Committee is continuing to communicate directly with each other using G-suits applications such as Hangouts, Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Calendar, Meet and various others. The standing committee chairs and I are meeting Feb 3rd and the area elected are meeting February 10th. All of us will be discussing how we are going to bring the Conference Agenda items to you in a more productive manner due to the short time allotted to us. Please encourage as many AA members as possible to attend the Standing Committee Workshop on March 14th and the assembly on March 27-29

We are continuing to have monthly meetings to continue the theme this year which is communication, communication. We would like to encourage the districts to utilize these tools for communication as well.

Yours in service Diana M Area 92 Chair

Area Alternate Chairperson

Thank you! Area 92 for the opportunity to serve this rotation on panel 70.

Since December I have been working closely with Diana in order for a smooth transition. It has been going well so far. As part of my duties I will also be working with the host committees for all assemblies and quartiles. These duties are to act as a liaison in order for our host committees to have a smooth and successful hosting function. I will also host the area web team which consists of 7 members. We oversee the operations and construction of the website.

I am available, to each and everyone of you, please feel free to ask me anything that might come to mind. Particularly all the new GSR you are the foundation of our triangle. Newcomers are especially welcomed as the most important person in the room today, I welcome you and am ever so humble to be of service. I would like to welcome the committee chairs to panel 70, I welcome the opportunity to serve with you. I really enjoyed being the panel 68 literature grapevine chair, i hope the new chair enjoys it as much as I did.

YIS. Gary H.

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Area Treasurer

Hello everyone

I hope everyone is staying warm. We have had a late winter this year. The flu has kept many people down, myself included, so I am hoping people are healing.

I have been busy! I have paid the Delegate's fund for \$2400.00 (\$600.00 above minimum-more to be paid quarterly). I have also taken care of the registration and hotel reservations for our elected and appointed.

Cindy and I are still very busy in the set up of the new Quick books online program.

Archives chair was informed that the mini storage rent increased as of January 12th to \$252.00/monthly for the two units. For the time being this is on an automatic payment.

January 2020 beginning balance is \$19017.08. The **income in January was \$3832.68**, with the monthly expenses being \$4644.12. This total *includes but is not limited to*, \$500.00 to Benjamin for the newsletter, the January quarterly expenses (building, motel and appointed/elected expense), the purchase of the Quick books program, the projector and case, postage and Mini storage. **The ending January balance is \$18205.64. The Prudent Reserve total is \$2500.08**

YIS

Jan R
WSEA 92 Treasurer
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Area Alternate Treasurer

Hello Area 92

I had such a great time at the recent Quarterly in Ephrata. I was totally nervous but soon found out that everyone there was super supportive and I would be just fine. I have continued to keep inputting groups in the new QB accounting system and will soon start entering the contributions and making sure everything is matching and doing what we want. The contributions for the month of January 2020 were **\$3817.80**. I apologize for taking a bit to get some of your contributions deposited. I will have a system soon once I get familiar with the time frame of receiving them. The UPS mail contractor re-mails your contribution to the Alternate Treasurer roughly every other week so if you mailed your contribution at the end of January, it will be reflected in the February deposits. If at any time you would like me to send you a copy of the contribution spreadsheet for your district, please send me a request via email or phone. Thank you to all the groups for your contributions.

Please send all contributions to:

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DCM's during your District meetings please encourage your members to include:

Group Name, Group ID Number and District # on their contribution(s) to ensure that I give proper credit to the contributing groups. Note cards are available at the events along with self-addressed envelopes to use for contributions. Contributions can also be made on the AREA 92 web site by PayPal. It is set up to generate all personal/group information. If you use PayPal please be complete with your information. I will give receipts the same way as I have in the past: assembly or quarterly. You will get a receipt for the full amount but the fees will become a line item in our budget.

YIS Cindy H. Area 92 Alt-Treasurer

Finance Committee Chair

Area Secretary

Area Archives Chair

Area Corrections Chair

Area CPC Chair

Hi everyone!

I was excited and inspired after leaving the January quarterly It was great meeting all of you. I have reached out to all of the DCM's and got information on their vacant/filled cpc positions. Districts 2, 3, 13, and 17 have scheduled a time (February 22) for us to meet to go over our agenda items. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the SCW in Ephrata!

YIS, Brande

Area Grapevine and Literature Chair

Area Public Information Chair

Wow ... what a month and it has only just begun ... so here we go ... January has been a very informative and productive month. After registering with GSO I received my PI kit which is packed with literature that I have been reading since it arrived. My goal is to become an excellent facilitator of Public Information (PI), teaching at the District level who in turn teach at the Local level.

I called GSO and spoke with Racy J., at the PI desk ... she spent half an hour discussing what she does and how she could help me ... she was very knowledgeable ... she also explained how to find and download a workbook and corresponding information that is available free on-line – **you can download the workbook only once** ... it's not a tool for mass production. I also registered for the Professional Newsletter.

I have sent individual emails to each DCM introducing myself ... Spanish translated emails were sent to Districts 16, 21, 23 and 25. Brande G, CPC Standing Committee Chair, and I video chatted to discuss

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our new positions and responsibilities, upcoming workshop presentations and agenda items ... we plan on doing this often to stay connected and to work together as a team.

I attended the 2020 Quarterly in Ephrata WA ... I met lots of new people and reconnected with those I already knew. I gave my first report at the microphone which was a little uncomfortable but I made it through it. The Standing Committee Round Table discussed creating an Agenda for the Standing Committee Workshops. In March we will be reviewing the GSC Agenda Items.

I am pleased to announce that Amy B, DCM for District 13 from Spokane Valley WA has agreed to co-host the September 2020 Standing Committee Workshop with me. More will be revealed.

Hope to see you at the Standing Committee Workshop on March 14 in Ephrata and the Pre-Conference Assembly on March 27 – 29 in Wenatchee. If you are a new PI or PICPC chair please contact me at either of these events. I look forward to meeting you.

In Love and Service, Michelle W.

Area Treatment Chair

Welcome to February. I have been busy reading, and preparing for the Standing Committee meeting on March 14th in Ephrata . Who knew, time would go so fast. Lisa G the Archives chair, and I am so excited to work with Districts 8,14,15, and 26. Together we get summarize the data forthcoming from GSO, for the General service conference in New York

I want to take a minute to invite you, members and District chairs to join us in this journey of preparing our voices to be carried to New York.

Where the standing committee meeting in Ephrata March 14th 10am. If you have never been to a standing committee meeting this is one of the best times to come, to a service event.

1. it's free,
2. it is members getting information, on service work they are excited about.
3. coffee is provided
4. we get to share a potluck meal
5. we get to spend time making, a difference in our lives, and those who have not found us yet.

The treatment and accessibility committee is also hosting the June Standing Committee meeting with District 17 hosting. If you did not know District 17 is located in North Spokane WA.

If you have a topic or agenda item you would like presented at the June Standing Committee meeting please email me.....

YIS Fran L. treatment@area92aa.org

Area Translation Chair

Finance Committee

The Area 92 Finance Committee would also like to say thank you for the support of the projector motion that was passed at the Quarterly. The new projector will be in good use soon, if not already and I'm sure that those who are hosting GSR Schools are excited too. Can't wait to see it at the assembly. The Finance Committee is now working on Guidelines for the Committee and we will soon be going over the Audit Committee report from the April

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2019 Assembly and the Inventory Items Report from the October Assembly 2018. We hope to report on these at the Assembly in March. Lots of good things are happening and I'm excited to work with this group of dedicated service people.

YIS Cindy H. Finance Committee Chair

Website Committee

Jennifer has been working diligently on our new G Suite accounts. As soon as get your new email this will advance you into G-suites. This new Avenue of communication will streamline our area 92, shared documents, blanket emails at just a click of the mouse.

Ben, our alt-delegate and registrar has updated the DCM change forms and group change forms. These are autofill docs on the website. Everything is literally at our fingertips on the website.

DCMs can now have a login password for you to change your districts information immediately. This is also directly in conjunction with the meeting guide app, which by the way we own now. AAWS is the meeting guide app.

So it's really important to get updated with Jennifer if you haven't already done this.

Another part of my duties is keeping the website updated with your flyers for area functions as well as district functions. All flyers should be submitted to alt-chair@area92aa.org.

Submissions will be proofed for spelling and contact info before being posted to the web.

District DCM Reports

District 2

"Hello Area 92!

While I am still learning the ropes of what it means to be DCM, I have found support in countless members in district 2 and area 92. It has been a blast so far and I'm very much looking forward to what we have planned.

Currently, the Spokane area districts are working on a city-wide GSR school tentatively scheduled for April. I am looking forward to assisting with the planning of this, and hope that our new GSRs get as much out of it as I did at my own GSR school last year.

I attended the January Quarterly in Ephrata and my biggest takeaway was the urgency at which we should be preparing our members for the General Service Conference. As a result, we are hoping to schedule a discussion meeting in mid-February to discuss the agenda items at length. I am grateful to my fellow DCMs in district 13 and 17 in their support of this task.

That's about all I have for this month. I look forward to seeing everyone at the pre-conference assembly in Wenatchee next month.

Yours in Service, Ryan B. District 2 DCM

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District 7

Rich G. reporting in,

Our GSR school in January went well. Thanks to Ben N., Mike Mc and Gene D. for their participation. We had a nice turn out, then a District Meeting following. Thanks to everyone.

Your District 7 DCM Love and Service Rich G.

District 12

Greetings! Our District 12 does not currently have a DCM, so we're working on what kind of report, if any, to submit to the newsletter. Although we're in a bit of disarray, the GSR's, committee members and AA members are still meeting on the first Sunday of the month. The last two months, however, we've met after the new deadline of the 5th. I was wondering if it's possible to submit a flyer for the Okanogan Roundup we're having in March? I'm attaching it and if it can still make it in to the February newsletter, that's great! If not, please attach it to the March Newsletter. Thanks for your service! It's much appreciated.

Sincerely, Angie L. Secretary for District 12

District 13

Hey, Hey, Hey from District 13, where we've got some fun things in the works. So far this rotation, we've gotten all but one of our district positions filled (activities chair). This month, District 13, along with 2 other nearby districts, will be meeting to discuss the GSC agenda items since we will all be on a crunch time there, getting the info from us DCMs, to our GSRs, to their groups, and then back again before the Spring Pre-Conference Assembly. We are also stoked to be working with District 2 putting together a GSR school, with the fabulous help of our Area 92 trusted servants and past delegates, which will be held April 4, 2020. At the WSEA 92 January Quarterly, I volunteered our District to host a Standing Committee Workshop this fall, so there will be more info on that as it approaches. There are new and exciting things happening as a new DCM, feeling blessed to be working with my dedicated District 13 trusted servants.

Blessed in service, Amy B. District 13 DCM

District 24

From district 24 , a warm hello to everyone in area 92! We had our first district meeting for this rotation on January 25th. There was great participation by everyone. Represented by their GSRs and 1 alt GSR were 3 of our 7 groups. The committee and several GSRs visited 2 groups this month. One of those visits turned into an information meeting as we all welcomed the visitor to AA. One order of business in our district meeting is the planning of our district anniversary, more details will follow next month. And coming up in February , our oldest group (Grupo Comunidad) is celebrating its 32nd. anniversary and everyone in AA and the public in general is cordially invited as follows: Public information meeting, dinner and dance: February 22, 3pm, at St. Joseph Church gymnasium, 901 W. 4th, Kennewick, Wa. All is provided by the group. Please come! District 24 meetings are every last Saturday of the month at 5pm. Join us. Thank you for your support and confidence . Yours in service, Virginia

Net Suite and G Suite

"AA in the digital age"

A few years back I heard that phrase being bantered about the Fellowship at assemblies, quarterlies, workshops etc. Fax, and email move over for video conference,

NET-SUITE and **G SUITE!**. *"AA in the digital age" is now.....* Fact is, the digital age has been with us and growing for quite some time!

While older in years, my time in AA service is relatively short, and I have been spared the old "this is the way it has always been". With this advantage, coupled with overcoming the initial fear of change, I discovered it isn't so bad...and it is actually quite amazing.....check it out!

The GSO (General Service Office) recently rolled out the new **NetSuite ERP** (Enterprise Resource Planning). This robust database system is to replace the existing FNV (Fellowship New Vision).

Area 92 also has taken the next step in "digital growth" by implementing **G Suite**, a powerful cloud computing productivity/collaboration software.

The vast majority of our work within the service structure is gathering and sharing information. ***Maintaining the communication link throughout the Fellowship is imperative!*** While independent of one another, these two changes alone will greatly improve just that! Here is what's happening....

At GSO - NetSuite ERP (Area Registrars Access)

- With NetSuite ERP - Groups, Districts, Areas, DCM, GSR contributors etc, any individual or entity is assigned a NetSuite 9 digit ID.
- Groups registered prior to August 5, 2019 will now have 2 (two) service numbers a "Legacy" number (original) and a "NetSuite" number.
- New Groups registering after August 5, 2019 will be assigned only the NetSuite ID.
- **Either number** will identify your Group. NetSuite numbers must include all Zero's... ie: WSEA 92 #000000133 **NOT:** ~~133~~.
- Information search and reports are greatly enhanced.
- Area information is searchable in a variety of options and downloaded as needed.
- Full functionality is expected by the end of March. The backlog of data input and shipping of few Group, DCM, GSR, Kits etc. are steadily improving.

At Area 92 - G Suite

- Area Committee - DCMS, Elected and Appointed Officers are assigned a G Suite email address with access to Area 92 shared Google Drive.
- DCMS are able to share information with their District's Groups the moment it appears on the shared drive.
- Communication via video/teleconference with simultaneous document editing; one of the many collaborative features improving communication.
- Using the Google Forms, we simplified the DCM/Group Change Form submission process. With the completion of **one form** - a receipt and copy are sent to the responder, a copy for GSO,

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DCM and Area 92 are created, a spreadsheet of all submitted data is maintained - all automatically. The Change Forms are available on the Area 92 website.

- Forms are used to inform GSO of any changes to Area Groups/ Districts as they occur. With this the Area can take a current information "snapshot" at any time.

Pretty cool huh? New is good!....Heck if an old guy like me can pick this stuff up, I don't suppose it is out of anyone's reach.....Bottom line? Continual improvement in the link of communication will help ensure the collective voice of AA is always heard....

Grateful to serve,

Ben Nelson WSEA 92 Alt-Delegate/Registrar

General Service Representatives

5 EASY steps to get CONNECTED



1. Go to Area 92 website: <https://area92aa.org/>
2. Under the "Area Committee" tab click on "Documents"
3. At that screen (on the left) click on "Other Documents"
4. Click on "Group Change Form"
5. Complete and click "submit"

Your Group Info is now up-to-date with Area and GSO!

??? QUESTIONS ??? Contact: alt-delegate@area92aa.org - Ph# 208-755-2345

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Our 7th Tradition states: "Every A.A. Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

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Area Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The Area 92 Newsletter- Published Monthly

The Newsletter is our primary mode of communication in Area 92 and relies on the submissions of each of us: Our DCM's, GSR's, Elected officers, Appointed Chairs and Delegates, Past and Present, as well as any member within Area 92. Geographically Area 92 includes Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana and Hermiston Oregon.

Submissions: Any Member of A.A. may submit information, questions, reports, ideas or discussion points to the Editor. All Submissions are subject to editing for Grammar, sentence structure and spelling. Any opinions expressed herein are not endorsed nor approved by A.A. as a whole nor is any article or activity published by A.A. as a whole except when Conference approved literature is quoted or otherwise copyrighted by A.A.W.S.

The Submission deadline is the 5th of each month at 5pm. Pacific Standard Time. Each submission should be approximately 250 words.

Submission Methods: Email to newsletter@area92aa.org or US Mail to Address below

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This is the disclaimer and submission guidelines that will be found in each monthly Area Newsletter.

Changes include:

- Submittal deadline has been changed from the 10th of the month to the 5th of the Month.
- No Phone Text entries will be accepted.
- The Mailing Address has been changed.
- All forms of Mail Accepted, US Postal, FEDEX, UPS, DHL Etc.
- All entries and flyers should be clear and legible.
- Submission does not guarantee publication.

Thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely yours in Service!

Benjamin G. Newsletter Editor AREA 92 / Panel 70