

# Assembly Edition!

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## 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 !

April 2020 has been a month of change and Challenge! Participating is a Virtual assembly was truly a unique experience! Thank you to all the Area Trusted Servants for your hard work in bringing this to pass. Please see my report later in this edition. 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 / WSEA 92 / Panel 70 / AA

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## Area Delegate

A warm welcome to another sober day for all the members of our fellowship in Area 92.

Our favorite publication the Big Book, in the chapter "A Vision for You", asks a powerful question... *"Have you a sufficient substitute?"* A.A.'s unabashed response is, *"Yes, there is a substitute and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. There you will find release from care, boredom and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead. Thus we find the fellowship, and so will you."*

What a brilliant set of closing promises! It accurately characterizes the deep satisfaction we experience from the "sharing" at a meeting and the spiritual fulfillment received from more personal connections with fellow A.A.'s. Further, here in Area 92 we are able to enjoy numerous round-ups; monthly group/district AA birthday celebrations; engaging district and area service activities and forums; GSR schools, and just plain old, kick-up-our-heels parties and potlucks.

In my backyard, our favorite Wenatchee Valley "A.A. Band (Rule-62 Quintet)", entertained 50+ members from District 5 at the Mission Creek Community Club in a memorable Valentine's Day celebration. One of our local AA members and his wife were "guest performers" who got onstage, played their own instruments and sang a duet that brought the house to its feet. We absolutely **insist on** having fun.

The above opening paragraphs to this April 2020 Newsletter submission, were originally planned for last month. However, one of the hard lessons learned through maturity is, life happens while we are making plans. This truth has surely been confirmed over the past several weeks as much of our lives in the fellowship has been dramatically upended. However, despite the unprecedented disruption, we alcoholics are proving that we can remain sober, live to good purpose, and carry our vital message - "no matter what!"

In less than 45 days, hundreds of groups and meetings across Area 92, indeed tens of thousands across the world have become virtual groups and meetings. Many of you are reporting having more personal conversations now, with more of your AA colleagues via the airways, than ever. Numerous group, district, area, region and GSO service activities have become, "Hangout" or "Zoom" or teleconference based. Your own Area 92, like many others, conducted a modified Spring Pre-Conference Agenda Item Review last Saturday, where you contributed over 150 personal and group conscience comments in 6 hours to A.A.'s deliberative process. Wow!

So the words ***"it is vastly more than that"*** ring true, even in the virtual world.

Clearly, Bill W.'s focus on fellowship, common welfare, unity and the essential **"we"** is pervasive.

Yes, there is a sufficient substitute - it is **"we"**.

Much love,

Gary P.

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## Area Alternate Delegate

Greetings WSEA 92 AA Fellowship!!

*"Every cloud has a silver lining".....*

WOW! I A "virtual" 70th GSC Agenda review, with 80+ participants uniting in the now familiar world of Zoom....who would have thought? I certainly did not at the beginning of Panel 70 rotation, but here we are! All of Area 92 stepped up to the challenge of meeting our "Great Responsibility". From creating Summaries to Review presentations the Area Committee Chairs and their teams did an amazing job. Equally amazing, was the effort put forth by the review team DCMS and GSRS to successfully gather an informed Area conscience....a *remarkable* coordinated effort! I feel blessed to have been a part of this first-time event with all of you!

On the Registrar front: To date, 54 new GSRS have updated Group information with the GSO via the [area92aa.org](https://forms.gle/V77zFJNRZNDWRL5V6) website form. I encourage those who have yet to, please do so, as it is an important link in our chain of communication. Visit: <https://forms.gle/V77zFJNRZNDWRL5V6>

I had planned to put in each DCM slot, this Pre-Conference Assembly, a list of Active Groups for your District. I will hold onto those until we next meet, in the meantime I have emailed DCMS the electronic Excel equivalent.

On March 27 we were informed by GSO, the rollout for the NetSuite ERP database has experienced another setback. GSO has transitioned to a new support vendor to complete the implementation process. General Manager Greg T. expressed their gratitude for ongoing patience. Registrars remain on a view only status to Group records. With New York essentially locked down, shipping of Service Kits will be further delayed.

I am looking forward to soon having the ability to access/update the ERP and provide a comprehensive Group status report to our Area!

*"The end of all knowledge should be service to others."*

*...Cesar Chavez*

Grateful to serve,

Ben N

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## Area Chairperson

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to all who participated in the Pre-Conference Agenda Review March 28th. All I can say about the last event is, Wow! All the Standing Committee Chairs did a wonderful job of presenting the agenda items and the participating from the area was great. I can tell you that the committees were working diligently in the background to present these agenda items to you. The standing committee chairs met with the DCM's, past delegates and elected officers in groups to review and thoroughly understand each of the agenda items.

The Elected Area Committee members along with the Digital Communication Coordinator, Jennifer and Gina DCM 8 met online Wednesday, April 1st after the Agenda Review for a wrap-up meeting. We discussed how we felt it went and what areas could we have improved. We discussed the possibility of utilizing online concepts more in the upcoming events.

The Standing Committee Chairs and I met Monday April 6th to discuss the upcoming Standing Committee Workshop which will be held in Spokane on June 20th. We discussed and they agreed it would be a good idea to offer the event online using Zoom in addition to the physical meeting, if possible, due to the virus. We have never provided a physical and an online meeting at the same time but we are in a new age and things are changing. We are aware that even if we are allowed to meet there are many members that may not be able to attend due to health issues.

Wednesday, April 8th I met with the area members interested in being a part of hosting the 2021 PNC. (Pacific Northwest Conference). There were 22 members attending and the following stepped up to chair positions. Allen D and I will co-chair the event, Amy B DCM 13 is secretary, Doug M is treasurer, Michelle W is registration, Dawn DCM 4 is hospitality, Nikki DCM 5 is facilities, Dolores E is program, Virginia R DCM 24 is Diversity and Anna V is doing Literature. Many members also made themselves available to help the chairs in each position which is awesome. I didn't list all their names as there were too many. You know who you are.

We do not have anyone to do Public Information/Outreach. If you are interested in this position please let me know and I will forward you the information so you can make a decision. The event will be June 25-27, 2021. You can go online to the website and look at the guidelines and history. I have contacted the webmaster and will be making changes in the future to the website to reflect contact and facility information. Website is [www.PNC1948.org](http://www.PNC1948.org)

Like the rest of the Area I am attending online meetings and getting to see so many people I'm not used to sitting with in meetings. Please our practice of anonymity applies to online the same as in face to face meetings. If you want your online meetings listed please let the Area Alt Chair, Gary H know. Thank you all for a great online pre conference agenda review.

Diana M Area 92 Chair Panel 70

## Area Alternate Chairperson

Happy Spring area 92,

I pray you all are safe and healthy. What an interesting time we have endured. AA comes of age digitally whether we are ready or not. March was definitely busy with phone calls, emails, and text messaging. Almost all of us were looking for answers on how to keep in touch without falling back on John Barleycorn. I really pray we did not lose anyone on the road we trudge. Truly this was a great lesson of service and support for all of AA. How fortunate we have been to have had a great website in place for communication. Personally, without the internet I would have been lost. Our DCM's have been diligent about getting updates to the web site in a timely fashion. This is exactly why the area set up the web site for the DCM to be in charge of their own district meeting updates.

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Area 92 had its first Zoom agenda review meeting. It was a good process and all the committee chairs did an outstanding job presenting the tally sheets for districts. It seems to me that I was involved in a zoom meeting almost daily for the last month or so. Some people jokingly said if I hear Zoom one more time I'm gonna scream..ha ha ha.

As for the web team we have been busy updating our guidelines for the web, and getting central offices on the same page. Making sure that the meeting guide app stays up with our website. The meeting guide pulls info directly from our web, so it is important the we all keep updating as needed.

District 6/20 are working hard to get ready for the July quarterly in Yakima. I believe we will be able to meet face to face and shake hands once again. I really miss all of you and seeing your smiles and sharing laughter. Soon we will surround the tables with chatty conversations about how we all got through this wonderful time of life.

Diana, our area chair, had the first committee meeting for the 2021 PNC which will be hosted by area 92. We really need to offer our service for this conference. Please get involved to make it great and fun.

That is all for now, please stay safe and healthy. I will see you all in July.  
YIS Gary H. alt-chair Panel 70

YIS Gary H  
[alt-chair@area92aa.org](mailto:alt-chair@area92aa.org)

## Area Treasurer

Hello AREA 92

I hope everyone is well and staying safe from the virus. This all has been such an eye-opening event. I know that I will be so grateful to give my tribe (you all) lots of hugs!

The **Prudent Reserve** Balance as of March 31, 2020 is \$2,500.14.

The beginning checking account balance as of <b><u>January 1, 2020</u></b>	\$19,017.08
There were deposits and additions (i.e. paypal transfer) totaling	\$ 3,832.68
There were debits (checks pd) of	\$ 2,299.10
Debit Card	\$ 2,345.02
Ending Balance	\$18,205.64

The beginning checking account balance as of <b><u>February 1, 2020</u></b>	\$18,205.64
There were deposits and additions (i.e. paypal transfer) totaling	\$ 4,918.11
There were debits of	\$ 703.67
Ending Balance	\$22,168.32

The beginning checking account balance as of <b><u>Feb. 29, 2020</u></b>	\$22,168.32
There were deposits and additions (i.e. paypal transfer) totaling	\$ 2,814.82
There were debits of	\$ 2,827.91
Ending Balance	\$ 21,653.76

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The monthly bills consist of postage from donations and ABC Mini Storage. We have sent checks for \$2,400.00 (delegate's fund), \$200.00 International hospitality, 20 Miles North(web), purchased a projector and case, supplied Newsletter and Literature each with \$500.00 seed money, filed tax form, taken care of Delegate's expenses to PRAASA and all January Quarterly expenses, plus the expenses of the officers and appointed. We have seed money out for \$1,000 (April). Our ending balance also includes \$2200.00 seed money for 2021 PNC.

Thank you all for your generous contributions.

Please send all contributions to:  
Washington State East AREA 92

**PO Box 103**

**1314 S Grand Blvd. Suite 2**

**Spokane, WA. 99202-1174**

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Jan R

WSEA 92 Treasurer (208) 416-9507

## Area Alternate Treasurer

Hello Area 92

I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing well. Such strange times, but one thing I have witnessed, is the obstacles that have been overcome by the determination of a great group of people. Our Area was faced with a challenge, we took the bull by the horns and made it work. It was pretty cool to see a lot of faces on the Zoom Pre-Conference. Agenda Item meeting. It went super well. Thank you to everyone who made it happen. The contributions for the month of March 2020 were **\$2,827.24**. The total for the first Quarter 2020 was **\$11,033.96**. 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:

**Washington State East Area 92**

**1314 S. Grand Blvd. Suite 2, Box #103**

**Spokane, WA 99202-1174**

**Or**

**PayPal**

**(accessed from our website Area92aa.org)**

Please include your **Group Name**, **Group ID Number** and **District #** on the contribution(s) to ensure that I give proper credit to the contributing groups or if this is a personal contribution, indicate **"personal"** in the memo line.. Contributions can also be made on the AREA 92 website 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.

I know this is uncertain times for our Groups and individually as well. I just want to say thank you to everyone for doing what you can to ensure our Area 92 still meets its obligations. I look forward to seeing everyone in person hopefully soon!!!! I need a HUG lolol....

YIS

Cindy H.

Area 92 Alt-Treasurer

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Finance Committee Chair

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## Area Secretary

Hello Area 92!

As all of us agree, what challenging times we are in. Our pre-conference assembly was beautifully organized and we got the work done via Zoom. I am still working with Gary P, our delegate getting all the information pulled together from your groups/districts that participated with the agenda items for GSC. The Handbook Committee is still diligently working and meeting weekly so we can present the new Area 92 Handbook at the July Quarterly for review and approval. That is our goal. I attended PRAASA back in March in Tucson. That is always a spiritual experience for me. I was asked to be a presenter for Panel 4, "Carrying the message inside AA unity". My topic was, "Diversity in meetings vs Diversity between meetings". I sat in on the secretary round table. It has always been my experience that sitting in on any round table discussion is always beneficial in a service position. We recently had the 2021 PNC "kick off" committee meeting. Per my service sponsor, I didn't raise my hand but I will be PNC secretary backup. I served as co-chair on the 2014 PNC. Funny how life comes into full circle. I am excited to be a part of PNC once again. There is an updated Handbook on WSEA 92 web site you can access. You can also access all Area 92 motions to date. We chose to keep these separate. Also, let your GSR's know the handbook is also in the GSR section of the website as a part of the GSR kit. Work continues as usual. I look forward to physically seeing all my area service family in July.

Yours in Love and Service  
Ann Marie, WSEA 92 secretary

## Area Archives Chair

Lisa D., our Area 92 Archivist met with Mike M., past Delegate at our repository, she said it was amazing. She now has a better idea of the scope of work that needs to be done and work previously accomplished. She reported to me there are thousands of documents, reports and items. She will be working on devising a system to organize, preserve and protect all the fragile and precious material she has been put in charge of. She also said the collection has been treated with care and organized into boxes and files and was very impressed with the amount of work that has been done by her predecessors. She stated, "she was struck with the gravity and takes very seriously the job she has been given."

Thank you, Mike for all your help in giving her a run down and helping her get started. Also, a big Thanks to Tom W. and Gabrielle for helping her with some basics. She is off and running and very excited to learn as much as she can to start accomplishing this amazing task she has been given.

I was planning to stop by the repository on my way through to Ephrata a couple weeks ago, and take some pictures, for those who have never been there before, so you all can get an idea of the monumental task before us, and get excited about preserving your own Archival material from your homegroups and districts, and I am still planning to do this in the near future.

It was a pleasure to work with the review teams and DCM's to go over the agenda items, that's what "committee work" is all about, I look forward to doing it again soon.

Please, remember as an Area Chair, I am here to help the Groups and Districts as well as the Area, so if there is anything I can do please let me know, or if you'd like to do an Archives workshop in your neck of the woods, let me know, I'd be happy to come and help you out. Thank you all for being such a huge part of my Sobriety and Journey,

In Love and Service,  
Lisa G., Area 92 Archives Chair, Panel 70

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## Area Corrections Chair

Greetings Area 92 trusted servants,

Meeting challenges seems to be the current theme. However, this is nothing new to us. All one has to do is look back over their sobriety to validate this point. Working the steps, learning how to deal with life without taking a drink, the various service positions we have held, indeed all these and many more have presented challenges which we have had to learn to overcome.

Now we have a new challenge. How do we carry out our various duties from the confines of our own homes? It would be easy for me to say that we just don't because our hands are tied. Resignation has not been my go-to response when presented with challenges and this is nothing new.

While the actual visitation at correctional facilities across the country has been suspended until further notice, the bulk of what I can do at this time has been with phone calls and emails. I am currently in communication with correctional professionals at these facilities to find out what, if anything we can do, and if there are any services for people that are incarcerated.

Unfortunately, the only option we have at this time is the corrections correspondence program. Incarcerated individuals do not have the same things available to them that we have. They cannot attend online meetings and their phone time is very limited. Therefore, all they are really left with is literature to help them stay sober. I can assure you that any correspondence they have with AA's on the outside is very much appreciated. If you would like to inquire about the corrections correspondence program feel free to contact me at 406-291-0093 or by email at [corrections@area92aa.org](mailto:corrections@area92aa.org).

I am also at this time working on an agenda for a workshop in the future. If you would be interested in having a corrections workshop and we can talk about getting one set up and I would love to come to wherever you are to do this.

In closing I hope everyone is staying healthy by following the protocols we have been given with the concerns over Covid 19. Not only for ours but also the health of our friends and loved ones. We will make it through this and will hopefully be better prepared if something else were to happen.

In love and service,  
Chris Jordan  
Area 92 Corrections Chair  
406-291-0093  
[corrections@area92aa.org](mailto:corrections@area92aa.org)

## Area CPC Chair

Hello Area 92!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. It has been a crazy 1st quarter but despite all of the obstacles placed in front of us we got the job done. I am so grateful for Diana and Past Delegate Mike for all of their help and support. Districts 2,3,8,13, and 17 have had a planning meeting and have tentatively planned a professional luncheon on September 9 or 10th. We will most likely have our next planning meeting on Zoom.  
Brande G.



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## Area Grapevine and Literature Chair

Anna, your Area 92 Literature & Grapevine Chair, and I'm an alcoholic!

Good morning Area 92, dang it was refreshing to see everyone's faces.

For starters I would just like to say thank you world for technology and then Alcoholics Anonymous for jumping right into a new movement of using that technology. This time has been trying and I feel confident we will get through this together like it is intended.

I am pleased to report that after all the sweat, stress, and long nights of working on Agenda Items everything has been productive. Communication back and forth has been stronger, and I was blessed with an exceptional team, Gary and Dave. Ben has been my life saver, and really helped me put this into perspective and we were able to accomplish what needed to be done. Then moving on to sending out the specific information to my DCM team, and I am in awe the time and effort each of them has taken to give tallies and feedback on these items. So, thank you D4, D6, D9, D10, and D11. Can I just give a huge shoutout to our Spanish Districts D21, D24, and D25. Even groups not assigned to Literature gave input which is fantastic. Thank you to every one of the DCM's and GSR's who shared the information, gathered response, and gave feedback.

On a special note as well, Doug our Area 92 Translation chair was gracious enough to step up and take on the Grapevine Agenda items with a team to help us out, and I am so thankful. After reviewing the feedback, we did receive on the some of the Literature Agenda items, I wanted to just say that thank you to every single person who took the time and weighed in on the agenda items. After Saturday I felt this immense gratitude and relief.

With everything going on in this world I just wish everyone great health, to keep reaching out, and remember this too shall pass.

With great love & Service,  
Anna V.

## Area Newsletter Editor

Greetings to All!

This first quarter of 2020 has been one of change and challenge! I began in January building up the electronic mailing list for the Newsletter and the current subscriber list numbers over 100 members and trusted servants. The physical Hardcopy list each month numbers at 20 printed and mailed copies in English and Spanish. Expenses for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 for printing and mailing were \$363.56. There were 50 copies produced in English for the January Quarterly of 2020. Since then a Spanish version and English version have been produced and one copy of each is held in reserve for the Area Archives.

In addition to working on the newsletter each month, a lot of time was spent participating in the GSC preconference process working with 3 committees culminating in presenting at our Area "Virtual" Assembly. This quarter also has been challenging in the learning curve of new software needed to learn and participate with. The Area Laptop continues to be kept up-to-date with its software patches. I continue to look for possible submission ideas and subscribers.

Yours in Service

Benjamin G. Area Newsletter Editor / WSEA 92 / Panel 70 / AA

## Area Public Information Chair

**My name is Michelle and I am an alcoholic.  
I am the Public Information Standing Chair, and this is the  
Pre-Conference Virtual Agenda Item Review  
for the P.I. Committee**

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**Summary Review Team: Chair – Michelle W., Past Delegate – Scott R. and Elected Servant – Ben N.**

**Assigned District Servants: DCM 5 – Nikki M., DCM 19 – Vera H., DCM 21 – Rogelio C. and DCM 23 – Steve B.**

**Total Agenda Items: 12                      Items for Review: 3**

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### **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item H-1 – Review the 2019 report on the “relevance and usefulness of video PSAs”**

**2019 Advisory Action:** That the video PSA “MyWorld” be discontinued.

The Committee found 3 Conference-approved video PSAs relevant and useful. In keeping with a 2019 Advisory Action the following PSA titles were updated for SEO.

- Sobriety in A.A.: Since getting sober, I have hope
- Sobriety in A.A.: Opening doors to a life without drinking
- Sobriety in A.A.: We made changes to stop drinking.

**From the trustees’ February 2020 report** the audio PSAs “Contact A.A.” sections are in the process of being updated to reflect the current ways that people search for A.A. The Committee asked that this information be included in the report.

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### **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item H-2 – Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA “Changes”**

**2002 Advisory Action:** The newly produced television PSA be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.

**2008 Advisory Action:** The video PSA, “Changes” be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$42,000.

**Combined, the A.A. U.S. and Canadian TV PSAs aired a total of 71,278 times with 584,893,597 impressions and \$21,011,517 in donated media value.**

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### **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item H-3 – Review a report regarding the new financial reporting system for PSA media valuations**

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**From the February 2, 2020 trustees' Committee on Finance Report:** the P.I. Committee asked the Finance Committee to look at background regarding an Advisory Action to apply for Google Grants and how it would be reported on our financial statements. The P.I. Committee asked the Finance Committee to determine the value of the Google Grants.

**A letter dated February 22, 2020, from Connect360 MultiMedia states:**

"I am pleased to provide you with this 12-month valuation of Gift-in-Kind donations your organization received during its fiscal year ending December 31, 2019." The dollar value received is \$20,843,307. "It was calculated in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles."

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## **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item H-4 – Review a progress report on the development of 2 PSAs**

**From the February 2, 2020, report of the trustees' Committee on Public Information:** The Committee discussed the 2019 Advisory Action that two PSAs be developed at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 for each PSA, and that if full-face characters are shown, to include an "actor portrayal" disclaimer on screen.

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## **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item H Committee Discussions and Rationale**

The Area 92 Committee relied on the published reports contained in the background material regarding the benefits of the Gift-in-Kind value. The data shows the widespread distribution (hundreds of stations with tens of thousands of airings, impressions exceeding hundreds of millions) across the U.S. and Canada annually.

Our Committee discussed the information in the reports and concluded that PSAs are widely distributed and used, with an in-kind value in the tens of millions of dollars.

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## **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item H Progress on the Overall Use of PSAs**

The floor is now open for Conscience Discussion

Should A.A. continue to develop, evaluate and use PSAs as a means of "Carrying the Message" to the still suffering alcoholics?

Why?

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## **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item I – Discuss a request "to create a new form of communication" to address anonymity on social media**

"This proposal had its origins in an August 2017 discussion of anonymity, safety, electronic communications, and social media during the post-Conference meeting of the Conference Agenda Review Committee (CARC2). This discussion led ultimately to the adoption of Advisory Action 26 of the 68th G.S.C., to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to include a section on anonymity. This brief discussion of digital anonymity is not enough to change the habits practiced by many of our members."

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“On Facebook pages, numerous posts are found referencing anniversaries, photographs of members and anniversary chips. This is a serious anonymity issue. While this is no doubt unintentional, the unintended consequences could be serious. People do not realize that potential employers and current employers now use social media as a tool when making decisions on whether to hire or fire. New members of AA are the most likely persons to inadvertently break the anonymity of another member or even their own.”

## **Additional Research:**

### ***What’s Good about Online AA Meetings***

People can access a group around the clock, every single day. **Writing** about your desires for a drink as well as your reasons for not wanting to give in to the urge is often a **cathartic experience**.

### ***Are there Downsides to AA Online Meetings?***

It is far too easy to shut oneself off from **human contact**. This could lead to unhealthy emotional states. A major negative is that AA meeting are supposed to be **completely anonymous** – no record of members. With online meetings you need to register with your first name but all of them required an email address. These two things can be used to find your identity within a matter of a few minutes.

“When using digital media, AA members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others.”

While racing to keep up with technology we need to make sure we are not excluding anyone from our Fellowship. Tradition 3 tells us that AA membership should **NEVER** depend on money or conformity. Are there risks in AA not having an official presence on social media sites such as Facebook?

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## **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item I Committee Discussions and Rationale**

The Committee relied on the background material as provided by the G.S.C.

This was supplemented by additional research of other A.A. materials including:

- “Anonymity is fragile; it can be broken with one finger.”
- PNC 2019 – “How do we keep up with technology and social media within the parameters of our Traditions.”
- “Understanding Anonymity” pg 5
- Panel discussion from District 5’s – 2019 Soberfest

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## **VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item I Addressing Anonymity on Social Media**

The floor is now open for Conscience Discussion

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Should A.A. create a new form of Communications (i.e. “workbook, guideline, pamphlet, or ?”) specifically focused on addressing anonymity on social Media?

Why?

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## VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item J – Consider a request to develop a plan to create a A.A. podcast

**A 2015 Advisory Action** authorized the A.A.W.S. Board to produce and post audio/video service material on the aa.org website provided the following conditions are met:

- The material produced provides information already available on aa.org;
- The material is for posting on aa.org only. Items produced for distribution beyond the aa.org website will continue to require Conference review and approval;
- The material is reviewed for content by an appropriate trustees’ committee prior to posting; and
- The material is reviewed and approved for posting by the A.A.W.S. Board

A motion was submitted from Area 49 South East New York for the 70th G.S.C. to create a podcast. A motion of support has already passed at the Suffolk County General Service Assembly.

- A podcast is a digital form of radio.
- There are many podcasts but not by the A.A.W.S. or the G.S.B.
- We are not currently using this media to reach the alcoholic.
- It could cover a variety of sobriety and service topics, including:
  - Experience with Steps/Traditions/Concepts
  - The Service Manual
  - Experience/strength/hope from current and past trustees and delegates
  - Our different pieces of literature
  - The Grapevine and La Vina
- It is suggested that the G.S.B. consider utilizing class A trustees as our class A trustees are underutilized and are not alcoholic thereby eliminating any concern about breaking of anonymity.
- It could address the issue that “communication is inconsistent throughout the conference structure.”
- Within the summary of the communications audit are the following findings:
  - “most of the technology in place is ineffectual, unattractive and underutilized”.
  - In most cases, G.S.O. and A.A.W.S. are not using communication platforms that are relevant for the external audiences they are trying to reach and engage”.
  - That we have an “attachment to paper/manual processes vs. leveraging technology” to accelerate and streamline: and that this was found to limit our ability to communicate.

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## VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item J Committee Discussions and Rationale

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The Area 92 Committee reviewed the document provided by Area 49 and did not find specific numerical evidence to support the conclusion that A.A. should invest in this technology.

The Committee believes that we may in fact miss some segments of our society by not having this capability. We encourage the G.S.C. P.I. Committee to gather additional information and do more research to substantiate this request.

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## VIII. P.I. Committee Agenda Item J Consider a Request to Develop a Plan to Create an A.A. Podcast

Is there a segment of the “still suffering” population that can be reached more effectively by a podcast than by conventional methods we use to carry the A.A. message?

Why?

### Area Treatment Chair

Good morning here it is April; I can say sheltering at home and working with staff remotely has changed many things for me. Number one I have a bigger aversion to the internet, computer screens, and phone-sat the end of the day. I have always worked in an office filled with humans and now my human contacts come via internet meetings, phone calls so when I say at the end of the day it's time to go to a remote meeting my heart is not always in it.

That I guess is why my job in AA has changed so much because now the world of AA has true meaning to Accessibilities not just Treatment.

I have been wondering for years how we carry the message of AA to those who are sheltered in retirement communities, hospitals, treatment centers, those who no longer have access to AA in what was the norm. Now we have become the community that needs accessibility. So with Zoom meetings, calling and connecting with others via the 100 pound phone. I have the ability to have access to meetings that were not available six months ago even 3 months ago. It has allowed my company to change and adapt and trust that things will be ok even though we are.

My life is not about what, I have to do but, what I get to do. So, what **do you get to do today?**

Soon we will be back in our daily meetings. I ask you to remember today how you adapted to your need for Accessibilities let's continue to change the way AA looks and functions, **one day at a time.** That is what we have is just today sober making a difference in our own lives, those we love, and the ones today that are still suffering from alcoholism.

So, let's get ready for the first day of the rest of our lives together. Thanks for letting me be of service. If you need me, I am always available Fran.

YIS Fran L. [treatment@area92aa.org](mailto:treatment@area92aa.org)

### Area Translation Chair

It was an interesting Area 92 "Zoom" Assembly and I can say I missed seeing everyone in person. Getting and giving hugs, seeing the smiles and just the inter action was missed for sure. However, Area 92 business got done, even in a compressed form. I helped Anna, Grapevine/ Literature Chair, with the Grapevine portion which was condensed from eight item's down to four.

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The first two items were concerning changing the A.A. Preamble on the Preamble sheet and in the Big Book. The change focused on the first sentence where it reads " is a fellowship of men and women" to " is a fellowship of people".

The next item was to consider developing a pamphlet on how the AS Grapevine could be utilized to carry the A.A. message.

The final agenda item was to consider an Instagram account in line with our twelve traditions.

I was too busy reading the material and answering questions that I cannot give a report on how the sharing from DCM's and GSR's went for each of these conference agenda items.

Thanks, and in service. Doug M.

Doug McGuire  
Area 92 Translation Chair  
[translation@area92aa.org](mailto:translation@area92aa.org)

## Finance Committee

See Alt. Treasurer Report

## Website Committee

See Alt. Chair Report

## District DCM Reports

### District 2

Greetings Area 92! It has been rather quiet around District 2 over this past month, although I am quite pleased with the positive effect Zoom meetings have had in an otherwise isolated and lonely life for this alcoholic. I greatly enjoyed attending the virtual Assembly/Agenda Discussion, and I dare say we achieved just as much in terms of the agenda as an old-fashioned assembly would have. Many, many thanks to our committee chairs for making the best of an unfortunate situation!

I have little to report in the way of activities, as the majority of our district activities have been cancelled. The GSR School event planned by districts 2, 3, and 13 will be rescheduled for later in the year, as I suspect a number of other events will. We have made the bold leap to Zoom for our upcoming District meeting on April 14th, and I am cautiously optimistic about how that will go. It seems we are all coming together well to educate the less technologically inclined and are ensuring as many members as possible have access to meetings, virtual or otherwise. Indeed, the Fellowship of the Spirit lives in us all as we trudge the road of Happy Destiny (at a safe 6 foot minimum distance, of course)

I wish you all good health, and the opportunity for reflection during this time. I hope to see many of you in person again very soon!

Yours in Service,  
Ryan B.  
District 2 DCM

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**District 13**

Well, as the rest of you are experiencing, we have had all of our meetings closed down due to the coronavirus, as well as our previously planned GSR School that was supposed to be 4/4. What has been interesting to watch has been the pop up of Zoom meetings, and then those meetings rise in participation and popularity. The people involved in hosting and attending them have been very communicative and it's been great watching the community work collectively to ensure everyone knows what's going on so as to participate in the Zoom meetings.

Similarly, I attended the virtual Spring Pre-Conference Assembly on 3/28, also via Zoom. What an experience that was! Our Area was able to come together to allow our Delegate to get opinions and group consciences regarding a whittled down list of agenda items. And it worked! I am REAL pregnant these days, and thus did not hate being able to sit on my couch, super comfy, and participate 100% as much as I would have in person, without the uncomfortableness. Pretty cool experience to have been a part of - this is not usual, it's not how we function on the norm, and it'll definitely be something I'll always remember in my sobriety and service journey. Kudos to our Area committee and anyone involved in getting that gem put together. I'll also be planning our monthly district meeting to be held via Zoom too, even if it's to simply touch base with one another, as I'd assume there won't be much reporting going on.

I have a favorite quote I've had since junior high, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are," - Teddy Roosevelt. I feel that I'm seeing this exact thing in action - we cannot reach out in person to the next alcoholic, visiting, getting coffee, or gathering at meetings. What we CAN do is reach out online, over the phone, with a text, whatever it takes to reach a fellow alcoholic. Good on ya - let's keep it up.

Amy B.

DCM District 13



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**District 24**

Hi to everyone in area 92 from all of us in District 24!

March has been a month of unity, change, challenge and acceptance. It began with information of something that did not seem possible. Then reality set in as more was learned about the challenge facing us all. Remembering and leaning on our principles of unity and well being and 5th tradition as the passing of information to the GSRs and they to the group members began to take place. As notification of cancellation of most events happened and then meetings, then the creativity of how to stay in contact, some good old methods and other new ones, phone, conference calls( even for business meetings), texting. What a great time to be sober! And our Serenity prayer! Yes! Thanks to all the our Area trusted servants for passing on the information as soon as received and the GSRs for relating to their group. as To Anna thank you for your help! To Doug M and Genaro for the Conference call of about that made possible for the group conscience of the 4 Hispanic districts to be heard on some of the conference agenda items, thank you both! Until next time,

In service, Virginia

## **July 2020 Quarterly / District 6 Host Committee**

The host committee met on March 6th and had an excellent turn-out. We are grateful to all those who stepped up and made themselves available from both District 6 & 20 to plan this event. With the uncertainty of whether or not this event will take place, we are proceeding as if it will. We have secured a block of 40 rooms and have possibly two venues to choose from. We have food options waiting for approval by the committee. Once these items are confirmed we will finish the registration flyer and send it for posting on the Area website. We will be discussing how we will be conducting upcoming planning committee meetings, perhaps by Zoom. Our next committee meeting is planned for April 3rd. Unless we are told otherwise, we look forward to seeing everyone in Yakima July 17th & 18th. YIS, District 6 July Quarterly planning committee

## **2021 April Pre-Conference Assembly / District 8 Host Committee**

District 8 Activities Chair Emily W. announced the Addition of a Co-Chair, Sally A. and a Treasurer, Dennis L. as part of the Assembly Host Committee. The committee will be holding monthly meetings beginning in May of 2020. Currently reviewing site locations for the Assembly and working with the Area Alt. Chair, Gary H.

## **04-20 GSR Reports-Assembly Edition**

### **Primary Purpose**

#### **District 8**

#### **Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

The Primary Purpose group is a Big Book study. Please don't come unless you bring cake.

Wait.. That's not what they told me to say! Something just took over me. Let me try again:

The Primary Purpose group of Coeur d'Alene is a cool little Big Book study that meets every Sunday at 4pm, at the North Idaho Fellowship Hall. We are an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend. We use the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Guide, which follows a question and answer format, line by line throughout the first 164 pages of the Big Book, the introductions, The Doctor's Opinion, and Dr. Bob's Nightmare. The reading is followed by a discussion period during which any alcoholic who wishes may share their thoughts and experiences as they relate to that day's reading.

In addition, we offer a foundation meeting - typically held in a smaller room - for anyone who would like one. A foundation meeting serves as an overview of what AA is and has to offer the alcoholic. It is a basic introduction into how the program works, and a very brief primer for the 12 steps.

On the Sunday following the District 8 GSR meeting (which falls on the 2nd Tuesday of each month), we have our group conscience meeting at 3pm. The group conscience is also a pot luck event, and the odds are pretty good that there will be cake!

Yours in service,

David B. - Primary Purpose GSR

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### **Serenity Sisters**

#### **District 8**

#### **Coeur d'Alene Idaho**

Serenity Sisters has moved! Please check us out at our new location at His Place Church. 3079 E 16th Ave in Post Falls. We still meet at 10am every Saturday. We are a Woman's meeting. We have a speaker on the last Saturday of the month. Our business meeting is the first Saturday of the month following our normal meeting. Please join us! \*\*\*His Place is currently closed. See district website for updated online meeting information.\*\*\*\*

Wendy S.

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## **Prairie Dogs District 8 Coeur d'Alene Idaho**

Prairie Dogs Meets at 15702 Boise St, Rathdrum on Wednesday and Friday nights at 7 PM. Our Wednesday meeting is a closed meeting and Friday is an open meeting. Our business meeting is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month followed by our regular meeting at 7PM. The last Friday of the month is our Birthday potluck meeting at 6PM. Our attendance is anywhere from 10 to 45 people. We are the only AA group in Rathdrum, making us the best meeting in town! Come join us!

Beth T.

## **OFF 53 Hauser Lake @ Firehouse 7pm Monday Night Open Discussion meeting GSR: Stan B**

Off 53 is an open meeting that meets every Monday night at 7pm-8pm. It is held at the firehouse in beautiful Hauser Lake. Service oriented-Topic Discussion meeting come join us, Business /Potluck meeting is held the Monday after the District meeting. YIS Stan B

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## **New Beginnings District 8 Coeur d'Alene Idaho**

We are having our meeting thru Zoom for the time being. The meeting are still from 8:00 - 9:00 . Just not in the church. Our conference calls are getting 9+ people.

Sharon B.

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## **Best Avenue Group District 8 Coeur d'Alene Idaho**

The Best Avenue Group is an open AA meeting that meets seven days a week at 12:00 p.m. The group's meetings are held in the Alano Fellowship Hall of North Idaho located at 425 E. Borah Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814. On Tuesdays we hold a Big Book study. Thursday meetings are chaired by members having 20+ years of sobriety. Meeting topics are selected out of the Big Book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the Grapevine, Daily Reflections or other GSO approved literature. On the third Friday of each month the group provides lunch to all guests. This is followed by a Speaker Meeting at Noon, then the monthly business meeting at 1:15 p.m. We acknowledge milestones in sobriety by handing out coins on a daily basis. Attendance at the Best Avenue Group's meetings varies from anywhere between 10 to 50 people. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Yours in Service,

Rachel H. GSR for the Best Avenue Group

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**Ft Sherman Chapel**  
**322 Hubbard Ave, CDA**  
**7 Days week, 7:45 a.m.**  
**GSR Courtney T.**

Fort Sherman Chapel group is an open meeting that meets 7 days a week at 7:45 a.m. Our meeting is held in the historical red chapel near Lake Coeur d Alene and the North Idaho College campus. We have a great mix of old and new sobriety with approximately 75 home group members, and welcome many visitors who are traveling or vacationing in the Lake City. We choose a topic from the Big Book, Daily Reflection or other AA approved literature with a 12 and 12 study every Friday. Our Business meeting is held the second Saturday of each month, and on the last Saturday of the month, we acknowledge and celebrate all Birthdays held that month. Patients of KBH Treatment Center join us each Sunday that provides an excellent opportunity to carry the message and support the newcomer. We have a Speaker meeting at the end of the month on Sunday at 7:00 and for the summer months we include a BBQ at 5:30 joined by the Speaker. Please come join us at one of the oldest meetings in town in beautiful Coeur d'Alene, ID!

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