

# Gratitude in Action

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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!

Greetings Area 92! November has been a very exciting and busy month so far with lots of news and announcements. I continue to look for Journalists, Writers and Artists that might be interested in submitting feature articles or 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 92 Newsletter

## Area Delegate

Good afternoon Area 92.

My delegate's report for November is a copy of important General Service Conference (GSC) information regarding plans for the 2021 Conference. It was distributed on Nov.10th via email to Area 92 trusted servants, for whom we have accurate email addresses. Many thanks to Ben N, Area Registrar, for the diligent effort he is making to update these records.

We are endeavoring to share it with as many additional AA members as possible within Area 92. Accordingly, Benjamin G., our innovative Newsletter Chair, readily agreed to lend a hand in this distribution by including the text of the delegate's email below, and as you will discover further in the Newsletter, the information that is readily compatible with the Newsletter, attached to that email from A.A. 's corporate boards and trustees. (See Page 18)

First, the content of my Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> email.

*"Three months ago, the GSO appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the relative merits and advisability of conducting the 71st General Service Conference, scheduled for April 18th through April 25th, 2021, in either an "In-Person" or "Virtual" format. Additionally, in Mid-September, a survey that included a 14-point questionnaire on potential improvements to conference procedures was compiled from all 135 voting members of the Conference. The Ad Hoc Committee then submitted the results of the questionnaire along with extensive Background Information they had assembled to the Trustees General Service Conference Committee (TGSCC).*

*Finally, the TGSCC held a 2-hour meeting on October 15th with the Chairs of the Delegates Conference Committees, key AAWS, and GVLV staff, and board directors to thoroughly review and discuss the overall findings. This resulted in the TGSCC submitting their written recommendations to be considered during the October/November Board Weekend which concluded on Nov. 2nd. Finally, this past Friday, the conclusion of the Board along with the Background Material which has been sanitized for anonymity protection was released to all 135 Conferees.*

*I distributed this same material a couple of hours later to the other 5 Area 92 Elected Servants. This allowed them to be knowledgeable of the content and prepared to discuss at our scheduled Monday evening meeting, and consider the most effective distribution process. Accordingly, included herewith is the cover email from Cathy B. Chair of the TGSCC, and Patrick C. GSC Coordinator and Secretary of the TGSCC. Sanitized review materials accompany the email.*

*In our interest to widen the distribution, we concluded to send as many copies as possible to Area GSRs. Fortunately, Ben N, our Area Registrar has been working diligently to update the GSR records with individual email addresses (we now have 86 Groups updated) and he will be forwarding this package to them as well. Further, Benjamin G, Area 92's Newsletter Chair, is also assisting and will include the email and as much of the Background Material as is readily compatible with the formats for the November Newsletter.*

*Finally, we received yesterday the Spanish translated copies of both the email and materials and will be sending these in soft and a few hard copies.*

*If anyone has questions about how all of this timely and thorough effort came together or needs clarification of any content, please feel free to contact me, or one of the other 5 Area 92 elected servants.*

*With much love and gratitude." Gary P.*

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## Area Alternate Delegate

Greetings WSEA 92 AA Fellowship!!

A big shout out to District 2 and all the folks involved in helping with a successful October Assembly. THANK YOU!

I came away from that weekend with much to think about. First, it is reassuring we can still conduct our Area business given the current circumstances. In addition, with the absence of a spring Assembly, at last the "voice of the body" could be heard. Listening to the GSR reports, and the discussion on the motions, leaves much for consideration as we move forward. Lastly, attendance: Recent in-person Assemblies have been attended by an average of 150-175, while just over half of that participated this October virtually. This is puzzling, considering the convenience, and practically zero expense of a virtual format. One solution comes to mind; Let us all get the word out and encourage our fellow AA Trusted Servants and Members of the importance of participation, regardless of the venue!

I was finally able to connect with the NAAD (North American Alt-Delegates). Newly formed, we meet on the first of each month to share news, ideas, concerns, etc from our respective Areas. You will find my short take away from that meeting attached to this newsletter.

Looking forward to participating in another fun and productive Standing Committee Workshop....see you there!

***At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation" allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must be discharged.....***

***..... Concept IV (short***

***form)***

Always grateful to serve,  
Ben N - Alternate Delegate Panel 70

## Area Chairperson

Area Chair Newsletter  
November 5, 2020

We had a very busy October with planning the virtual assembly as well as deciding whether to have a virtual of an in person PNC event. Allen called an additional meeting on Tuesday October 13th to discuss the possibility of a virtual PNC event. After much discussion we voted to do the PNC virtually in June 2021. We met again last night and discussed the format as well as the length of the event. We will keep you updated as we continue meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please join us if you wish to participate.

I would like to thank all the members that stepped up to help plan the October Assembly. We had a lot of business to attend to and I appreciate all the effort put into helping put it on. I also appreciate everybody staying until the end. I know sometimes they are long but we are here to do area business and that's exactly what we did.

The primary function of a leader is to build enthusiasm for shared goals. I have been doing that by continuing to hold monthly meetings with the DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and the elected officers.

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We share what is going on in our positions as well as keeping everybody informed and updated. I had hoped the assembly would do that too but I'm not so sure. There are a few individuals who wish to make assumptions about decisions made by the elected committee without asking questions. It was assumed and published in the last newsletter that Area 92 had spent \$300 on a zoom account. This is absolutely not true. If you wish to know more about this please read the financial reports and/or check with me. There was also a statement made that the Area, without the approval of the body, made the decision to send GSO \$2400. This is also not true. The \$1800 is designated funds to be paid annually, see the handbook (6.1.1.a) The \$600 was approved by the Finance committee at the January 2020 meeting. The Area Treasurer, therefore sent the \$1800 plus the approved \$600 to GSO for the General Conference. The check got lost in the mail so GSO asked if we wanted to replace it, which we did. If anyone wants more information regarding either of these issues, please pickup the telephone and contact me.

Please remember, if you do want to publish something it is best to get the facts correct as we do not want untruths published in the newsletter. If you have any questions or issues you wish to discuss please contact me at [chair@area92aa.org](mailto:chair@area92aa.org) or 509-429-1683.

Yours in service,

Diana M  
Area Chair

## Area Alternate Chairperson

Greetings area 92, thanks to all of you for attending the October assembly meeting. It was well attended by many GSR's which 9 of those were in attendance for their first assembly. Surprisingly only a handful of DCMs were in attendance. That is really too bad when you think about it. Like so many months ago it is a battle trying to get the new DCMs and current DCM so use the google drive and G-suites. DCMs have access to the web site so that they can continually update their meeting schedules.

Apparently, the meeting schedule is up to date because the DCMs aren't changing anything.???  
I did help Dist.3 with some meetings in Ritzville so that's up to date.  
District 8 is getting ready for the April assembly meeting.  
District 3 backed out of the January Quarterly meeting so that is open to anyone who wants to host the event. It will be Zoom until further notice so please contact me if you're interested.

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

I have posted some new flyers on the website as well as some new events.  
Check it out....  
That's about it for now, I am off to AZ for a bit of a vacation.

Thanks for letting be of service.  
Gary H.

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## Area Treasurer

Hello AREA 92

My name is Jan Robinson and I am your AREA 92 treasurer.

It was so good to see a lot of you at our October Assembly. Even if it was just online your beautiful smiles warm my heart. I miss my hugs....soon I hope!

With our assembly being online we did not incur any additional debt, besides our monthly bills.

Our beginning balance as of October 1<sup>st</sup> was \$25,266.89. We had expenses of 693.55, Deposits of \$3,169.45, leaving our ending balance at 27,742.69. Our Prudent Reserve is \$2,500.28.

If you have report requests for your business meetings, please feel free to get in touch and I will send them right out. Everyone please be safe, happy and blessed with good fortune and good judgement. Thank you for allowing me to be of service

YIS

Jan R.

## Area Alternate Treasurer

Happy Gratitude Month Area 92

The contributions for the month of October 2020 were **\$3169.45**. Thank you to all of the individuals, groups and Districts for your contributions. I have emailed out the detailed October contributions report to the DCM's. This report will include all of the Districts in the Area. If you would prefer to only get your own District, let me know and I will modify it. I also want the District GSR's to make sure your DCM's are getting this information out to you. If you are not receiving it, let them know or email me and I will get you a copy.

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.**

You will get a receipt for the contribution amount minus the fee. If you are in need of a receipt, email me with your information and I will gladly send them to you.

I truly hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving. Be safe, healthy and God Bless

YIS

Cindy H.

Area 92 Alt-Treasurer

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Finance Committee Chair

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## Area Secretary

Hello Area 92,

I can't believe we are in November. It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the Assembly last month. I've received so many of your reports. What was so amazing, was all the GSR's that were present and sending me their reports regarding their groups. Great Job! I also want to let you know that I will be getting the new motions to our web team to add to the Area website. There will be some updates to the Area directory so keep an eye out for that. The DCM's have access to any updates as I make them. The revised draft of the Area Handbook was sent out for the July Quarterly for review for the October Assembly. The Handbook Committee had a few suggestions and great discussion on the revised Handbook. We did not change any policies, we simply broke down the job descriptions for better understanding and clarification suggested from past elected, appointed and trusted service members. It was two and half years of devotion and dedication to be able to present it in this rotation. It has not been approved by the body yet, we are still editing as the suggestions come in. I've been blessed with a big promotion in my personal job and I have to tell you that the things I've learned and done in Area service prepared me for my new promotion. I have landed the job of my career. I am truly blessed and honored to be part of something greater than myself. Please email me if you would like a copy of the revised Area Handbook draft at [secretary@area92aa.org](mailto:secretary@area92aa.org)

YIS Ann Marie

## Area Archives Chair

Hello Everyone,

I am an alcoholic and my name is Lisa and I currently serve as your Area 92 Archives Chair.

We held our 2nd Virtual Standing Committee Workshop in September, Thank you all for joining us, what an wonderful turnout. We had some really great conversations, shared ideas and experience, and learned the value of committee work, together we can do amazing things.

I attended the first Virtual National A.A. Archives Workshop on Sept 26th, although very informative and moving, it lacked the human contact one would normally expect, as there was no audience participation. Michelle M., GSO Archivist, did a wonderful presentation, "AA's History in the Eyes of Archives". They put together a video that was to be shown at the International in Detroit, but it never happened, so we were the first to view it. There were 291 participants, which included members from Sweden, Japan, New Zealand and Scotland.

The NAAAW.org website is not so much a site of AA History but a source to learn from, they have some really great "How to" videos on cleaning and preserving documents, how to remove staples, etc. I would encourage everyone to check it out, especially if you are new to Archives.

The Archives Steering Committee and myself as well as Lisa D., Area 92 Archivist, continue to meet on the Second Thursday every month. I am very excited to announce that Tom W., Spokane Central Office Archivist and Gabriele V., District 17 Archivist, have joined the steering committee, I believe together they have a huge amount of experience and techniques that will be forever valuable to our Area. We have a plan of attack to catalog and make an electronic master list of what is in each box, to make searching for documents a breeze. I will be traveling to Spokane later this month to do some "hands on" work with them and get this party started! I will close with this:

"Archives are not just about preserving the Past, History happens around us everyday, it is important to capture our experiences now to preserve our history, and to ensure our future. Today will be yesterday."

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and to be on this journey with you all. Lisa G.

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## Area Archivist

Hello All!

It has been a very busy and productive month in Archives! After the threat of the fire in Airway Heights I went out and laid eyes on the collection and took a hydrometer reading and it seems there have been no ill effects to our beloved archives. I also went out with a good friend David M. who is a member of our fellowship who has an amazing eye for taking pictures and took some for the new Archive Web Page. I will be submitting them shortly after captioning them. Thanks David for your service!

I attended the National Archives Zoom Workshop on September 26th which was thoroughly informative. I also attended the "EARLY DAYS of A.A." put on by Area 79 and learned some amazing history about Sister Ignatia presented by Sister Judith Ann Karam who is a Class A Trustee. Michelle Mirza also did an amazing presentation on the GSO Archives. It was awe inspiring.

I am so happy to report that with the combined effort of Lisa G. the Archives Chair and Gabrielle the District 17 Archives Chair, we were able to put together a cataloguing system for the Area 92 Archives. We worked for 2 days going through boxes of documents dated from 1944 to 2008. With this new system the collection will be recorded and entered into a master list which will enable us to easily find any item after it is entered. This is a major development and I am so grateful for the direction and help from Lisa G. and Gabrielle! Thank-you ladies! It will be a massive and tedious procedure and I will be recruiting help!

I am still looking for Pandemic stories and I have created a new flyer asking for people to send me their stories. I was told to "jazz it up a bit" but I am not the best at creating flyers and anyone with some talent at doing a better one would be greatly appreciated!

Please stay well and safe!

Lisa D.  
Area 92 Archivist

## Area Corrections Chair

Greetings Area 92!

I am grateful to report that I can resume my duties as Corrections Chair. As you all know from my last report I was inactive due to illness. At the assembly I reported there would be a meeting with the corrections committee but I was unable to attend the meeting. I am happy to report that there will be a meeting coming up soon.

The idea is for a brainstorming session to figure out where we stand, and more importantly how to proceed from here. Our efforts to get virtual meetings started in facilities was unsuccessful largely in part to health concerns at prisons and jails. Therefore the question we now face is "What can we do under the circumstances?" Hopefully we can come up with a plan of action to get the message to those in need.

We are also in the process of planning the December SCW and should have a flyer available in the next few days. Currently Jerome is working on securing a facility. If we are not able to secure one then we will be having it on Zoom. It will be December 12 at 10 am. Aside from the normal workshop there will also be a short presentation by Diana our Area chair on "AA leadership during changing times." I believe this is certainly appropriate for those of us in service. After all our second tradition does refer to us as leaders.

In the meantime, stay well and I look forward to seeing you all at our next event.

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YIS  
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## Area CPC Chair

Hello Area 92!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying sage! Our next virtual Standing Committee workshop will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00-2:00. It will be hosted by District 14th. There will be a lot of great information..... The theme will be "AA Leadership in a Changing Time".

Michelle (Area 92 PI Chair) and I are having a CPC/PI zoom meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00. District 8 is also having a CPC/PI Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00. I have attended CPC Roundtables and Q&A's hosted by Area 03 and 58. I also attended a CPC workshop hosted by Area 59 (Eastern Pennsylvania) on the 20th of September. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything!

YIS,  
Brande

## Area Grapevine and Literature Chair

If you are reading this and think you would be interested in participating or knowing more information, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I would love to hear from you. 509-406-2262

Yours in Service with a Heart of Gratitude,  
Anna V.

## Area Newsletter Editor

November has been a busy month so far!

I have been traveling a lot this month with my business, and have had the opportunity to connect with new members for the Newsletter Mailing list. I am truly grateful to live in a community where we have in person meetings. I recently completed a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter financial Report for the Treasurer.

I chair an in-person meeting for my homegroup meeting the Daily Reprieve on Thursday nights at 5:30 pm. We meet at the North Idaho Alano Club. I continue to sponsor and participate with the District 8 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Committee. Thank you for all your support!

I looking forward to the Standing Committee workshop in December, see you online!

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



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## Area Public Information Chair

– Happy Gratitude Month –

My name is Michelle – I am the Public Information Standing Committee Chair. This past month has been pretty busy. There never seems to be a dull moment in my life. I have relationships that I cherish today. I am participating in a type of service I never imagined, and I am a loving and nurturing mother and grandmother. AA has changed my life, and for the better, and I am eternally grateful for my sobriety.

I attended the virtual October 2020 Assembly from Friday evening to Sunday morning listening to panels and reports, participating in the roundtable, tending to Area business and listening to Mac's story. A lot of hard work went into this event and I congratulate everyone that worked together as a team to put this on. Great job! I also want to thank the 'body' for agreeing to complete our business Saturday evening rather than Sunday morning.

The CPC/PI Committee met on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the outreach each District is making with the clergy in their local area. This next month we will be focusing on physicians. Our next meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you are a PI or CPC Chair for your District we would love to have you. If you are interested in participating please reach out to me at [pi@area92aa.org](mailto:pi@area92aa.org).

On October 21<sup>st</sup> I attended a continuation of a workshop held by the Houston Intergroup Seminar entitled: COVID Effects – Fellowship Unity Other Effects. At this workshop, I learned of the upcoming SF Public Relations Committee meeting (formerly PICPC Committee) on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. I will be attending to see how they are carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic during this pandemic.

The Standing Committee Chairs are meeting together planning the next Standing Committee Workshop set for December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm – Diana M. will give a short talk on "AA Leadership in a Changing Time" and there will be breakout rooms for each standing committee.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> registration for the upcoming Virtual Western U.S./Canada Forum will open. You can register at [AA.org](http://AA.org). The Forum will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> – "2020: Experience, Strength and Hope – what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now?" I am looking forward to this event.

I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy thanksgiving. Take a moment to reflect on the positive things in your life today and to be grateful for what we have been given so freely.

YIS,  
Michelle W.  
WSEA 92 – Panel 70  
Public Information Chair

## Area Treatment Chair

November 2020 Treatment and Accessibilities.

As we prepare for the beginning of the holiday season we have much to be thankful for. We as a community have AA, we have a host of friends that surround us and lift us up. My AA community walks with me in good times and not such good times. AA is and has been what allows me to be thankful and grateful. I hope this rings true for you, as well!

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2020 has been a year of change, and diversity. We as a body get to navigate changes some times quicker than we feel we should be. Are we doing the next right thing, are we still coming together for the common welfare of the groups the individuals and our still suffering fellow Alcoholics? These are the questions I ask myself daily. What else can I be doing?

This morning, I thought, I had my article complete and ready to send to Benjamin. I will try to keep this section short, however I begin my day each morning with coffee and quiet reading time. So my reading this am was inspired by Chris our Corrections Chair, during our conversation yesterday discussing the Standing Committee Workshop he brought up Tradition II, And our Delegate Gary P that sent me 2020 A clear vision for you report. The most incredible healing, and changes come from when I learn and I learn from reading and studying. So if you haven't pickup your 12x12 lately take a moment pause and read tradition II it could bring new insight. As for the 2020 conference report. I spent time reading up on, Treatment and Accessibilities desk reports as well as some of the presentations that were made at the conference. So if you have not gotten a copy of the conference report get one read and learn and explore all of the amazing information right under your finger tips.

In December the Standing Committee Chair's will be hosting a new workshop. Please accept this as a personal invitation to join us via Zoom or in person at a hybrid location to be announced. I as a committee chair love getting a chance to meet with you and committee members to get excited about service and AA as whole. Treatment and Accessibilities will be sharing a room with Corrections committee to discuss how we work together? Area 92 has many districts and many districts have combined resources by combining our workshop we get to share experiences and ask questions of how's and whys and how we can serve more individuals.

Standing committee workshops are a great place to learn about AA. Workshops allow us a platform to share with others what is working well and what is not working well in our districts and area as a whole.

What else is going on in Treatment Accessibilities we have our monthly meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of each moth on Google Hangouts at 7pm. We had a smaller than normal group however our discussion has lead us to working with the corrections chair to host the December workshop. We also. A brief discussion regarding a motion that was presented at the GSO conference regarding creating a Bridge workbook So I have sent this motion to all the chairs that are active on my email list. If you would like to be active on my email list please send me a request at [treatment@area92aa.org](mailto:treatment@area92aa.org) and I would be glad to include you. Remember that you do not have to have a district position to be informed and learn it is for all members of AA.

You as a member are the most important voice in the room. We all need a voice, a purpose, and renewed hope. AA gives me hope ,love, and courage each day.

I need your voice it matters to me. Join me and share your passion.

PS. GSO is looking for Bridge experience strength and hope. If you have experienced being a part of a bridge being the person connected to AA or connecting a member to AA positive or negative please take a moment to write it down and send it to the Accessibilities desk or directly to me and I would be honored to forward it on to GSO. I have asked the Newsletter editor to attach a document sent to me from GSO. They are hoping to have information into GSO by mid December so please everyone sharpen your pencils fire up your computer and share, share, share.

We have our sobriety to be thankful for that allows us to work and share together.  
Thank you again for the privilege of serving with you. Fran L Treatment/Accessibilities Chair

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## **Bridging the Gap (Treatment Committee)**

### **Area Translation Chair**

### **Finance Committee**

See Alt. Treasurer Report

Hello Area 92 and Happy Fall:

For this month's Newsletter, I am submitting the Finance Committee report from the October Assembly for those who may not have attended or have not heard a report back yet. The next Finance Committee meeting will be November 10, 2020 at 6:30pm. Hope everyone has a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

WA STATE EAST AREA 92  
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
October Assembly 2020

Welcome Area 92. I am Cindy currently serving as your WA State East Area 92 Finance Committee Chair.

Since July, the Finance Committee has met 3 times. We are trying to stay on a monthly schedule to work on Area financial topics. As reported in this last month's Newsletter, the FC reviewed and approved a bid for CPA services from L and L Accounting out of Spokane WA. The contract is for 6 months of unlimited basic support and up to 6 hours of QuickBooks training. The cost was \$400 which is within the 2020 budgeted amount of \$500.00. If you would like to see the detailed bid, you are welcome to email me and I can send it to you. With this bid, we also received the signed Anonymity form by Laurie (our CPA).

The FC also reviewed Area 72's website pertaining to their display of financials. It was very impressive, but the Committee wasn't sure on how they felt about anyone being able to log on and look at everything, even potentially non members. When creating a user/password to view the financials, there was nothing to verify you were a member. The FC felt this needed to have more discussion amongst themselves and the Area body to get more input. They did however still want to pursue the "Finance Committee" link to post approved minutes and general information.

The FC discussed, at their October 8th meeting, the 2021 budget projection. They concurred that without full expenses in 2020, they were not able to tell if any items needed to increase or decrease. The Finance Committee moved to pass the 2020 Budget on to 2021 with the addition of the Zoom expense line item. At last night's meeting, October 16th Assembly, the Finance Committee re-reviewed the updated Budget vs Actual through September 2020. In the review they found that there were several items that were budgeted for 2020 that will not be needed in 2021. It was also discussed that a "banking mileage" line item needed to be added under the Alt-Treasurer with a projected amount put in. This was pointed out by Debbie T as a previously approved motion, 15.1 in 2015, in the Area 92 Handbook. Treasurer Jan and Alt-Treasurer Cindy will work on getting the items and figures corrected and re-sent out to the Finance Committee for review then schedule a meeting in the next couple of weeks to finalize the 2021 Budget in QuickBooks and present it to Area 92.

Lastly, I would like to address an expressed concern that Groups and Districts may not be receiving important information regarding finances and decisions being made and that there appears to be a lack of transparency. To clarify, any and all documentation regarding Finance Committee review or decisions has been emailed out to the Area either in report format via the Newsletter or directly to the

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DCMs to pass on to their Groups. Approved committee meeting minutes are available upon request. Hopefully in the near future these will be posted on the Area Website. Financial documents are also emailed to the DCM's on a monthly and quarterly basis in an effort to keep the body informed and to be inclusive as well as transparent. I am available for questions at any time, please email me. Whether elected or appointed, we are your trusted servants. We serve you! Together we can accomplish great things and I'm looking forward to the rest of my rotation.

Thank you to the Finance Committee for your dedication and commitment to Area 92. You have done amazing work.

YIS  
Cindy H.  
Area 92 P70  
Finance Committee Chair

## Website Committee

See Alt. Chair Report

Web Team report for November 2020  
Greetings area 92, it has been a busy month with updates and upgrades.

We added a new dropdown event flyer submission on the home page banner for your convenience. You can still submit flyers on the calendar page as well. Both are the same. We have been working on some other items in our continued effort to keep up with the technology of today's WWW. Susan has been a great addition to the web team and we really appreciate her knowledge of google and G-suites.

We still need two more positions to fill so if you're just sitting around on a Tuesday evening at 8:00pm come join us.

Contact me @ [alt-chair@area92aa.org](mailto:alt-chair@area92aa.org) and I'll send you an invite. We continue to stress the point of using our website for current events and meeting schedules. It is not that difficult to navigate the G-suites and the website for meeting changes and updates. If this old grease monkey can so it I'm sure most everyone can. I taught my 82 year old mother how to ZOOM and receive emails, come on peeps, let's get it on.. That's about it for me now this month.

Thanks For letting be of service,  
Gary H.

# Area 92 Newsletter

## Area Registrar

Greetings WSEA 92 Fellowship!

Good News! Our Area 92 database continues to grow. We now have 85 Groups that submitted updated information via the Area 92 website form. Thank all of you for your support!

A quick explanation again on how the website Group Information Change Form works: a.) take five minutes to fill in the required fields, b.) click on submit and I receive it instantly. Once received, I check the form for all information required by GSO. When checked, the form is immediately forwarded to the GSO records department, and a copy sent to the DCM of that District. The entire process is less than 10 minutes!

GSO has been processing updates on the day of receipt. I've learned many GSRS have received kits within a week!

Also, hopeful news.....A memo was sent recently to Area Registrars, that it is expected the ERP "My Portal" will be functional by year's end. This gives Registrars access to input Group changes and corrections. With this capability, a more concise database can be created, with the ability to reach out to the maximum number of active Groups in Area 92....exciting!

**\*Is your Group Information up to date?? Please take five minutes to complete this form :**  
<https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8> THANK YOU!

Ben N - WSEA 92 Alternate Delegate/Registrar Panel 70

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## North American Alt-Delegates Meeting - November

NAAD - Alternate Delegates representing the 93 Areas of the United States and Canada. We meet online the first day of every month to share news, experiences, concerns, and whatever to promote Unity across the Areas.....the main topic for November's meeting was Tradition Ten and how it relates to Tradition 5.

A time to focus on Traditions....

There was an expressed concern for the rising occurrence of outside controversial subjects discussed and even argued in meetings throughout the Areas. Of course all were in agreement that passionate outside issues; handling of the pandemic and the presidential election have no place in our AA meetings, but what can be done?

Invariably, all suggestions to prevent this sort of thing, led directly to our Traditions, specifically to Traditions' 5 and 10. "On anvils of experience" our traditions were hammered out and we need look no further. Guided by, and adhering to, the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous ensures our obligation to our one primary purpose be met.... "to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers"

In the end, I am reminded that as a Trusted Servant and member of AA, I must remain an active guardian of our Traditions.

Exciting News: A Trustee visiting our meeting was excited to share that next year we will have 8 new trustees, a new GSO General Manager, and 18 new employees. Big changes he referred to as "a fresh start!"

Ben N. WSEA Alt-Delegate - Panel 70

# Area 92 Newsletter

## District and DCM Reports

### District 4

Greetings from District 4, greater Tri-Cities area,

As our district is finding the way to navigate the Covid Highway. Several groups have started in person meetings while some are having Zoom meetings. Communication with the GSR's has been a much larger task with this current situation. Saturday November 14th at 10am will be our first District Zoom meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

As we are hosting the October 2021 Elections Assembly our chair Adam P is busy getting chair positions filled and getting ready. We can't wait to once again see Area 92 in our great District.

Have a safe and happy month. YIS Dawn C District 4 Area 92 DCM

### District 8

Greetings, it is my pleasure to submit my first DCM report. Being a recent, newly installed DCM I am afraid I have been remiss in completing reports. Ah-progress not perfection as we say.

Our District 8 monthly meeting was held via Zoom on Tuesday October 13, with some participating off site at our regular meeting place. Idaho is fairly open but in respect for those with concerns of attending live meetings we have chosen to do a hybrid meeting. Our 3 elected officers all attended as well as 8 of the Committee chairs. There were 17 GSR's present with a new GSR attending for her first time. It is refreshing to still see the commitment and dedication of our District servants despite the challenges of today's times.

I was notified of a new meeting added, "Freethinkers", I have reached out to them re: GSR & group ID etc. I updated changes of locations for Men's Recovery in AA & Serious about Sobriety. As well as adding Spiritual Awakening in Spirit Lake with Lisa J. as GSR, Athol Big Book Recovery Group with Kim. as the GSR. Also I have a new GSR, Heather M. and Alt GSR Paula T. from Lady As, in Athol.

Of import the business of the meeting was discussion pertinent to the upcoming Assembly. GSR's shared their group conscience regarding the 3 pending motions that will be voted on.

Planned upcoming activities for this year would be the December Standing Committee Workshop, then the January 2021 Quarterly. Our District is the host for the April 2021 Assembly which Emily W., D8 Activities Chair is hard at work with her team getting it set up. More will be revealed as we move closer and have more information.

Concerns of the District is, of course, getting back to business as usual. As DCM I would like to see more participation of the members of AA. I want to identify and work with new groups and GSRs. Also, to work on effectively communicating information on new groups & GSRs between all the different people that need to know. My focus is in getting to know District 8 AA groups and GSRs by attending the various meetings in our district. I am planning on attending our monthly DCM roundtable with our Area Chair Diana, which is a great opportunity to interact with my fellow DCM's.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Catherine B. District 8 DCM

# Area 92 Newsletter

## District 9

Hello Fellowship of the Spirit! District 9 has been Live and Online with the technology of Zoom!! Since the beginning of Covid, God has kept District 9 unharmed while Live on the firing line!! WE know it's because we follow directions and our intentions are to Help and be of service to the suffering! We did as God would have us do and found Grace for our district.

We offer meetings 7 days a week live and online, for the common welfare. That comes 1st here in D9 no matter how far we've gone or not! District 9 has plenty to be grateful for in the 2020 Gratitude month. Miracles happen; Stick around!

Honored to be of service!  
Christina D.  
DCM District 9 Live and Online

## District 14

Hello to area 92

Thank you for your service, in district 14 we are still working on getting our meeting schedule updated. We have one more meeting open up face to face and added one more GSR to our roster, this has been a privilege to be a small part of AA during these times because of the people who have risen to the challenges we currently face. We have updated our face to face meetings on a paper schedule and are looking to each group to offer our support and service, ever mindful it is the home group that is the voice of AA. So when we see a home group send us a new GSR it is important to us we reach out a hand of support since it our GSRs who carry that voice.

We will be hosting a hybrid Standing Committee Workshop for Area 92 in Dec the location will be in CDA due to the requirements of a hybrid meeting we are looking forward to this event and see it as a learning tool to other districts as they eventually begin the opening process as we have and are still doing. Hybrid has been a very useful tool in this challenge. Zoom only has served us in our time of need, I believe it is still our responsibility to meet toe to toe, knee to knee and eyeball to eyeball at every level whenever it is safe and legal to do so. This is a commitment I have accepted since I first got sober and I do not see any justification to turn my back on it now and I am looking forward to seeing all who can; safely and legally attend, face to face so that we make sure the still suffering alcoholic knows that Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well.

Thank you again for your service

Sincerely

Jerome W.

DCM 14

# Area 92 Newsletter

## District 20

District 20's Here.

Alano Club 3rd Nob Hill Still Closed till Phase 4 of Covid.

Serenity Hall requires all meetings to mask up and respect Social Distances', hand sanitizer and Mask availability at door.

District 20's has From District 14 via DCM 14 a copy of Hand Book to look at

and maybe Model our Hand book, thanks Jerome.

Jeanette S. Past DCM D20 has gave me District 20's hand book from days gone by...maybe to revise or modify newer handbook.

District 20's Monthly meeting: 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm@ Serenity hall in Yakima.

Yours in service Jim S DCM 20

## District 24

Greetings everyone at Area 92 from all of us at District 24!

Our counties are in phase 2. Our District meeting was on October 25th in person. 2 GSRs were present and our treasurer. Our 5th tradition is alive and well! Six of the seven groups are having in person meetings and one remains closed. All of the open groups have newcomers showing up and continuing to attend. Some newcomers are coming from treatment facilities through group members who themselves were in treatment and have made themselves available as contacts. They are bringing newcomers to meetings and we are all privileged to walk together on this journey of sobriety. Grupo Comunidad continues to tentatively plan for in person it's 33rd anniversary for February 2021. More details next month.

District 24 usually hosts a traditions workshop in November in memory of Dr. Bob. This year the group conscience present decided that those able to attend our Intergroup traditions workshop on November 21st.

The DCM sharing session felt more relaxed to me this time. We share the challenges of being a DCM and especially during Covid-19. and solutions. The experience of past DCMs is so helpful. Thanks to Jerome for sharing your district handbook.

Our October assembly were 3 great days on my tiny phone! Thank you District 2 for hosting! The panels and our Sunday speaker were awesome! Thanks for sharing your experience, strength and hope!

In closing I share with you that our great compañero Eduardo F. (Lalo) of Grupo Comunidad passed away Saturday, October 31. Lalo was DCM for District 24 during 2016 and 17. He volunteered for and left prepared the flyer invitation for the 33rd anniversary of his home group. He was a great support to all, especially the newcomers and he is greatly missed. Thank you, Lalo for your Love and service. And so we continue our journey in unity. Thanks to all trusted servants of our groups, districts and Area 92. See you soon in person or by zoom.

Yours in service  
Virginia R. DCM 24



# Area 92 Newsletter

## **AREA 92 EVENTS**

Greetings fellow trusted servants, I am writing to ask for your help in hosting our area business for January and July quarterlies.

They will be Zoom so it's just a matter of putting a flyer together and a couple speakers.

Please take some time to consider our areas needs for service..

Thank you very much

YIS Gary H.

## **PRAASA**

Hello all,

It is disappointing to say the least I have to announce we are cancelling the in person PRAASA for 2021. We have decided to put all our energy into coming up with the best virtual PRAASA we can.

I will keep you all posted on registration. We are struggling with cost issues right now.

Until then be well. With love in service,

Jeff Gulack

Delegate - Area 93, Panel 69

661-713-8794

## General Service Conference Announcement

Good afternoon Conference Members,

We are providing you the background documentation that the General Service Board reviewed which supported the need for this difficult and important decision regarding the 71st General Service Conference.

The trustees' General Service Conference committee continued discussions at its October 31, 2020 meeting and put forward a recommendation to the General Service Board. On Monday, November 2, 2020 the Board reviewed and discussed the recommendation and approved, with 100% unanimity, the following motion regarding the 71st General Service Conference:

*Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the 71st General Service Conference be conducted during the scheduled time period of April 18-24, 2021 via remote meeting technology. Sessions of the 71st Conference will be conducted on a digital platform.*

The Board members wanted to thank the Delegate Chair and Conference Committee Chairs for their participation in the October 15, 2020 Special meeting of the trustees' General Service Conference Committee. Your voices, as well as all Conference members, were heard at the special meeting, in the Conference evaluations and recent surveys. Your feedback continues to be valued, needed and important as we move forward with planning.

Please find attached the following:

- Epidemiological reporting on safety concerns
- Report on industry best practices
- Current CDC Guiding Principles on Gatherings
- Current travel guidelines

The total estimated cost reviewed for a Virtual 71st General Service Conference is \$285,100.

The total estimated cost reviewed for an in-person socially distanced 71st General Service Conference is \$1,847,050.

If you any questions, your Regional Trustees are at the ready to share with you.

**Cathy Beckham**

**Trustees' General Service Conference Committee, chair**

[c.beckham.wv@gmail.com](mailto:c.beckham.wv@gmail.com)

**Patrick Claymore**

**Trustees' General Service Conference Committee, secretary**

[conference@aa.org](mailto:conference@aa.org)

## 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](mailto:alt-delegate@area92aa.org) - Ph# 208-755-2345

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## Financial Contributions

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

Please send your contributions to:

**Washington State East Area 92**  
**1314 S. Grand Blvd. Suite 2, Box #103**  
**Spokane, WA 99202-1174**

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> of each month at 5pm. Pacific Standard Time. Each submission should be approximately 250 words.**

**Submission Methods:** Email to [newsletter@area92aa.org](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to the 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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Area 92 Newsletter Archive

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[area92aa.org/newsletter](http://area92aa.org/newsletter)

## Area 92 Service Opportunities - Your local AA needs You!

Volunteer for the committee that interests you

### TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

- Help arrange for Translation Services with our Hispanic speaking Districts in Area 92
- Helps with document translations needs for Area assemblies, workshops when requested.

Chairperson: Doug M. 509-319-7510

[translation@area92aa.org](mailto:translation@area92aa.org)



### ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

- Assist the Chair in compiling a chronological history and help them maintain the history of the Area.
- Help maintain an inventory.
- Be available to display the archives at Area 92 functions and other invited functions.

Chairperson: Lisa G. 406-334-7091

[archives-chair@area92aa.org](mailto:archives-chair@area92aa.org)



### LITERATURE COMMITTEE

- Inform groups, district or area assembly members of AA approved literature, audiovisual material and other special items.
- Become familiar with the information on G.S.O.'s A.A. website ([www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)).
- Provide literature for groups, area, and district functions.
- Consider suggestions regarding proposed additions to and changes in Conference-approved literature and audiovisual material.
- Encourage A.A. members to read/purchase A.A. literature.

Chairperson: Anna V. 509-406-2262

[literature@area92aa.org](mailto:literature@area92aa.org)



### CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

The purpose of a corrections committee is to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics behind the walls, and to set up means of smoothing the way from the facility to the larger A.A. community through prerelease contacts.

Chairperson: Chris J. 406-291-0093

[corrections@area92aa.org](mailto:corrections@area92aa.org)



## Service Opportunities - Your local AA needs You!

Volunteer for the committee that interests you

### C P C COMMITTEE

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

Members of these committees provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession, including healthcare, E.A.P. and H.R. professionals; educators; members of the clergy; lawyers; social workers; military professionals; government officials; and those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do.

Chairperson: Brande G. 509-868-4123

[cpc@area92aa.org](mailto:cpc@area92aa.org)



### P I COMMITTEE

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The purpose of P.I. service work is to provide accurate A.A. information to the public when requested. P.I. committees visit schools, businesses and community meetings for this purpose. They also serve as resources for our friends in the local media, emphasizing our Traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and non-affiliation, as well as offering A.A. public service announcements to media outlets such as radio and television stations.

Chairperson: Michelle W. 509-388-6086



[pi@area92aa.org](mailto:pi@area92aa.org)

### TREATMENT/ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

- With approval of the facility, takes A.A. meetings into treatment settings within its area.
- Encourages group participation. In some areas each group has a representative on the Treatment Committee.
- Coordinates temporary contact programs, such as Bridging the Gap.
- Arranges purchase and distribution of literature for these groups and meetings.

Chairperson: Fran L. 509-936-1045

[treatment@area92aa.org](mailto:treatment@area92aa.org)



### WEB COMMITTEE

- The Area 92 website provides and maintains information about our local group meetings and services of AA. Maintains an events calendar which includes local and Area 92 events.
- Committee members exchange ideas on Web site design, format and content.
- Seeks feedback from AA Groups, GSRs, Service committees on Web site functionality/content.
- Posts newsletters, other AA resource links, etc

Chairperson: Gary H. 509-670-8860



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



## Online AA Meetings

Good afternoon fellow trusted servants!

Attached you will find the new "G.S.O. Information Form — Online A.A. Meeting"

- This new form from GSO is for **newly created online meetings** who wish to be included in a confidential service piece and in the confidential A.A. Directories published by G.S.O. to allow members to get information about the meeting.
- It is also for in-person meetings who have changed to online meetings **permanently**.
- Meetings completing this form will be issued a NetSuite ID number used for GSO communication, contributions, etc
- This form **does not** apply to temporary online meetings that intend resume in-person meetings.

**\*Note:** This form is for GSO records and is **NOT** a requirement to list your online meeting on our Area 92 website meeting schedule.....Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions....THANK YOU!

Grateful to serve,  
Ben Nelson  
WSEA 92 Alt-Delegate - Panel 70  
208-755-2345  
[alt-delegate@area92aa.org](mailto:alt-delegate@area92aa.org)



## G.S.O. Information Form — Online A.A. Meeting

Online A.A. Meeting Name

Meeting Contact E-mail\*

### Contact Person:

Name

Street Address 1

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City

State/Province  Zip/Postal Code

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Phone Number 2

E-mail Address 1

E-mail Address 2

### Submitted by:

Name

Phone Number 1

Phone Number 2

E-mail Address 1

E-mail Address 2

\* *This e-mail address will be included in lists of contact emails for online group in a confidential service piece and in the confidential A.A. Directories published by G.S.O. to allow members to get information about the meeting.*

*Three ways to return this form:*

**Mail:** A.A. World Services, Inc., Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4-5-9, New York, NY 10163

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**General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.**

475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 / Telephone: (212) 870-3400

Dear A.A. friends,

Warm greetings from the Treatment desk at your General Service Office, and we hope that you are doing well during this challenging time. We need your help.

In today's world, alcoholics from all walks of life participate in, or are confined to many types of Treatment, Correctional, Medical, Therapeutic, Crisis or Community settings. They all leave that place at some point, but some are looking for an A.A. contact to help them get involved and become a part of the A.A. Fellowship to maintain their sobriety on the outside.

Would you please share your experiences with Bridging the Gap (BTG), or some type of Temporary A.A. Contacts, which might be included in the development of a BTG Workbook and AA Guidelines on BTG?

If you have experience and call the temporary A.A. contacts by another name, then we want to hear from you too.

Ways to pass on your experience to [tf@aa.org](mailto:tf@aa.org):

- Typing it up in an email
- Recording a voice memo from your smart phone
- Sharing the Audio portion from a videoconference recording of local sharing (such as zoom meeting)

**Please send your sharing as soon as possible, or before December 15, 2020.**

Sample questions that might help to spark some sharing:

1. Due to the pandemic, what has changed for carrying out BTG service? Have you been able to adapt BTG? Has it help you start BTG near you?
2. Communication with professionals at settings – Can you share any samples that have been effective?
3. How do you experience the Traditions applying to BTG service work?
4. Does your BTG committee participation in a Group Conscience with a Central Office or Intergroup, General Service District or Area Committee?
5. How do you coordinate and find Volunteers? What has worked the best for you? What has been the biggest challenge? Anything to avoid?
6. Where/how do you ask for volunteers? Announcements? Flyers? Newsletters? Private Social Media Page? Workshops? Any samples to share?
7. What are your suggestions?
8. How did you get started with a BTG committee?

Thank-you!

Diana Lewis, G.S.O. Staff Member

[tf@aa.org](mailto:tf@aa.org)



## ***SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH US!***

*We are living through an historic time in our history and we want to document how our fellowship has been able to overcome the obstacles of the COVID19 PANDEMIC and kept it thriving.*

WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR YOUR STORIES OF HOW YOU ARE ABLE TO MANAGE THROUGH THIS TIME OF CHALLENGE TO STAY SOBER AND CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS. ALSO TO KEEP THE DAY TO DAY BUSINESS OF AA RUNNING! I KNOW PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE WILL WANT TO KNOW!

*Submit your stories in writing or email them to me to:*

AREA 92 ARCHIVIST  
1314 S. Grand Blvd. Suite 2 Box #103  
Spokane, Washington 99202-1174  
[archivist@area92aa.org](mailto:archivist@area92aa.org)

## Area 92 Standing Committee Workshop



*Guest Speaker Area92 Chair Diana M.  
On AA Leadership*

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/95590981949>

**Meeting ID: 955 9098 1949**  
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**THANKSGIVING ALCOTHON**

**AT THE ALANO HALL 425 E BORAH AVE IN CDA!**

**STARTS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AT NOON**

**ROUND THE CLOCK**

**TILL FRIDAY THE 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:30PM.**

**THANKSGIVING DINNER POTLUCK ON THURSDAY**

**NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM.**

**SIGN UP TO HOST MEETINGS AT THE ALANO HALL**

**COFFEE COUNTER!**

**SEE STEVE N FOR TURKEY DONATIONS TO THE HALL**

**HOSTED BY THE DAILY REPRIEVE, BEST AVE, AND GMAA GROUPS!**

## 5th Hispanic Women's Workshop

Date: December 5th 2020  
Time: 10:00am to 4:30pm PST

Hosted by Area 93



Meeting ID: 953 6100 6019  
Passcode: TMH93

*Even the most beautiful flower withers  
If you don't take care of it  
You are not alone AA is with you*



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## Gift of Despair

(why service work?)

From the bottom looking up... this mountain of unhappiness... looked insurmountable  
Hiding in the shadows of misery I lay trembling in my fears and alcohol.  
Joy to me is only a fable.

Who am I to dare to think I could ever warrant such feelings above... misery and despair?  
Now homeless, hungry I drink because I must,  
Dreams are lost and there is no one left care.

After all I am the one who drank when I should not drink.  
Over and over again and again.  
But I couldn't quit anymore, the more I quit, the more I drank  
And today I woke up with no plan.

Now you give me this schedule with numbers on the back and expect me  
To call you... a stranger.  
How can you possibly know this... my pain?  
How can you possibly know my sorrow, let alone my anger?

Yet in a meeting nine days ago I sat and listened, defeated and driven by despair  
With trembling hands, I gripped my cup and listened as you told my Story, it seemed unfair

As I looked through tear-stricken eyes, I saw your love, your kindness and  
Your understanding born of experience.  
As you listened to my trembling voice, I felt not your pity but rather your  
Love, hope and joy and I found a second chance.  
I gave you my gift of desperation and in return you offered me the...

Gift of Sobriety

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