

# April Assembly 2021

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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! This Month we look at our “Fearless and Searching Inventory”, as members, Groups, Districts and as an Area. We ask ourselves “what is our responsibility to A.A.”? Questions of accessibility and Accountability may feature in our inventories. With God’s guiding hand, surely we prevail together in Unity! 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 Delegate

Greetings WSEA 92!

April's submission is for me and you...us. This is truth..."*Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship...*"

Since 1951, numerous A.A. events come to fruition at this time - every year. The events solidly affirm Bill W.'s vision of an A.A. service organization driven by us. It is a minimum year-long process to receive Agenda Items submitted by members (us) from across the U.S. and Canada and these include all significant "*Background Information*". Our 2021 final 112 Agenda Items have 1377 pages of material which our Trustee and Delegate Committees carefully assembled and forwarded to our 93 Areas.

Like others, Area 92's trusted servants worked diligently with our Area Standing Committee Chairs and Past Delegates to engage us (members, groups and districts) in thorough discussions of those items - all with a single purpose. To obtain a wide and deep expression of our (the membership's) views, which constitute the "*Collective World-wide Conscience*" as formally stipulated by Bill in our, General Service Conference Charter.

We submit the A.A. policy ideas (Agenda Items with supporting documentation). We elect the trusted servants who collect, evaluate, clarify, edit, assemble, and publish through our assigned committees, our materials, so they can be distributed and reviewed throughout the 93 areas in the U.S./and Canada. We attend the group and district meetings, workshops, and Area Pre-conference Assembly, to openly express our informed conscience to our elected servants. We send our delegate, fortified with our area-conscience to the General Service Conference, which contributes to A.A. deliberations and decisions which fulfill "*the best interest of A.A. as a whole*". Finally, our elected corporate boards and staff implement our "*Advisory Actions*" and our "*Additional Considerations*" as determined by our Conference. Participation in any of these A.A. activities, is our choice.

In closing, please join your fellows in the 2021, Area 92, Pre-Conference Assembly.

With much love and gratitude!

Gary P.

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## Area Alternate Delegate

Greetings Fellowship!!

It's hard to imagine the Pre-Conference Assembly is upon us, but here it is! Like everyone, I have been busy preparing for this event. And as everyone, I am learning a great deal about gathering, processing, and the distribution of information to inform our Groups. The number attending and *participating* at the March Standing Committee Workshop was a bright example of Area 92's willingness to meet any challenge fulfilling our responsibilities. The March workshop has always been one of the vital milestones in our Agenda Item review process. With this successful workshop, we can look forward to an informed discussion when we assemble April 9. Thanks again to all!!

On the GSR/DCM School front, we are looking at a mid-summer/early fall date. We will definitely host a December event to give the new folks a bit of a head-start with the next rotation. My understanding of the A.A. service structure increases with every one of these we do...they're a lot of FUN!

Area 93 really delivered PRASSA this year. I spent most of my time in the Alt-Delegate roundtables. Listening to other trusted servants, I'm always struck by the diversity/autonomy that exists throughout our Fellowship, yet our common goal remains remarkably clear and unchanged. I feel blessed to be a part of it all!

*"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship"....Concept I.*

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

## Area Chairperson

PRAASA was a very well attended event this year and I attended the Panels and Area Chairperson Roundtables for the following discussions with other area chairpersons from around the Pacific Region. We discussed hybrid meetings and their possible usefulness for Area Assemblies. We discussed third legacy voting using zoom as well as the use of outside applications. Tech12 was available to us for both of these discussions which was very helpful. For a proper presentation the expense could exceed the usefulness.

We also discussed financial issues as some we have accumulated additional funds. Most area chairs felt that the groups contributed to the area they wished for the funds to stay in the treasury and be used for area expenses instead of forwarding additional funds to GSO. It was discussed that various Standing Chair positions such as Archives, Translation and Technology chairs could utilize additional or new equipment. There was a discussion about a possible reduction in contributions over the next few years depending on the country's economic situation.

We discussed outsourcing some positions such as translations. At this time our area outsources the website. We discussed remote communities, technology necessities, technology schools and workshops, Google training workshops, website training for Spanish Districts and many more topics. If anyone wants to discuss any of these topics, I am available.

As you can tell it was a very full weekend and I enjoyed all the panels and roundtables. I came away feeling lifted as I hope you did too.

I have continued to meet monthly with the Standing Committee Chair, Elected officials and the DCMs. We are all working diligently to review the Conference Agenda Items so we can send our Delegate Gary P to the Conference well informed.

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The Standing Committee Workshop in March was hosted by the Archives Chairperson Lisa as well as the other chairs and covered the agenda items. They provided us with an awesome presentation and they will be doing a similar presentation at the April Pre Conference Assembly this weekend. Hope to see you there.

Yours in service, Diana M Area Chairperson

## Area Alternate Chairperson

Greeting's area 92,

I trust spring is bringing new growth in many ways. Spring is always busy for me in more ways than one. With GSC item reviews and personnel business it sure keeps me away from the drink. Service is wonderful. As last year i was able to help out with GV/Literature items and it was certainly entertaining to say the least. Anna V has done a great job.

Our trusted servants have scheduled business through the end of the year, District 22 will host the July quarterly and district 4 will host the October voting assembly. LIVE!!! Yes that's right, we will be meeting live in October.

I missed PRASSA due to business and family matters, very sad I missed it. PNC will be in June, i won't miss that. Pre conference assembly was well attended and Gary P. can take all out thoughts to the GSC. That's it for now, till the next time.

Gary H. alt-chair.

## Area Treasurer

Hello AREA 92

I'm looking forward to seeing you all this weekend on zoom.

**Prudent Reserve Balance** as of February 26, 2021 is **\$2,500.38.**

Our monthly bills were paid and we don't have any outstanding checks. You will see another report this week=end at the Assembly.

Our beginning bank balance was	<b>\$35,606.43</b>
There were deposits and additions of	\$ 2,535.21
Checks paid	\$ 2,050.00
Other Debits	\$ 519.99

This leaves our ending balance at **\$35,571.65**

Thank you all for the honor of allowing me to serve as WSEA AREA 92 Treasurer. I will continue to be a vigilant steward of your treasury monies. Please do not hesitate to send an email and request a report or answer to questions you might have. Blessings and virtual hugs to all. Please continue to stay healthy and safe!

Please send all contributions to:  
**Washington State East AREA 92**  
**PO Box 103**  
**1314 S Grand Blvd. Suite 2**  
**Spokane, WA. 99202-1174**

YIS

Jan R WSEA 92 Treasurer (208) 416-9507

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## Area Alternate Treasurer

Hello Area 92

Contributions for March 2021 were **\$2,535.21** and for the 1st Qtr. 2021 were **\$7959.54**. Thank you to all of the individuals, groups and Districts for your contributions and continued support. The March and 1st Qtr. 2021 Contribution Reports were emailed to all DCM's and Alt DCM's. If you would prefer to only get your own District Contributions Report, or just your group, 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. There are several groups with the same name so without at least the District number, it is very difficult to categorize properly. 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 am no longer hand writing receipts, so if you are in need of a receipt or pre-addressed envelopes, for contributions, email me with your information and I will gladly send them to you.

As contributions come in, I will be entering your new Group ID number that corresponds to the GSO database. Your old number will remain in the system but you will see your new one on the reports.

There appears to be new groups forming both in person and online only. Once you register, please send me your Group Name and Group ID and I will get you entered into the system.

If you have questions on contributions or are just curious about finances in AA in general, please email me and I would be happy to bring you up to date. Thank you again.

Be safe, healthy and God Bless

YIS  
Cindy H.  
Area 92 Alt-Treasurer  
[alt-treasurer@area92aa.org](mailto:alt-treasurer@area92aa.org)  
Finance Committee Chair  
P70

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## Area Secretary

Greetings Area 92!

I hope you all are well. I was able to get my first round of covid vaccine, I'm so grateful to be pro active with my health today. I'm doing my part. Thank you, Standing Committee Hosts for an amazing pre-conference workshop. Wonderful turnout. Agenda items aren't as intimidating with a better break down and understanding. The October 2020 Assembly minutes are accessible on the Area website. I would like to talk about the Revised draft of the Area Handbook that has been presented to the body. The motion has been approved at the Quarterly and GSR's and DCM's will have the opportunity to vote to move forward with an updated Handbook that is much easier to read and understand at the pre-conference Assembly. There has been some friction or negative comments about the computer skills, we, the Handbook Committee laid out in this new revision. The attached computer skills referenced in my reports is simply a description of computer skills that you may or may not have. Its just a list. I would like to challenge all Committee Members and ask you, could you have done your job for the Area without some kind of computer skills? We are in an age of change, and a big part of AA change has been technology. Smart phones, Ipads, laptops, etc., If you have attended a zoom meeting on any of these devices, welcome to computer skills. It has taken ALL of us in Area positions a great deal of work to keep our Area informed and we have done this literally with technology. I ask you to be responsible with our Area and not move backwards with how we conduct business. The Handbook Draft has been sent out to the best of my ability. It has been given to the DCM's to be shared with the Districts groups. I look forward to seeing all of you soon. God Bless you all.

YIS Ann Marie

## Area Archives Chair

### Area Archivist

### COVID STORY FROM Dennis B.

**Dennis B.** - Best 3 out of 5 has been my home group since 2004.

From the start I always appreciated how this meeting/group was focused on "living in the solution", and that solution was most often found in the 12 steps. The old-timers and original core group have moved on due to various life circumstances and now our meeting faces new challenges.

2020 has been a year that has presented a host of problems, fears and challenges before us. Fortunately, 3 out of 5 has a new core group of tech savvy, "go to any length" members who adapted and learned how to manage the Zoom experience, thus making it readily available and easy for the rest of us to join in, hang together and share our ES&H.

I don't hear a lot of whining and sniveling about zoom from my home group. Instead, I see folks living in a solution. I do miss in person meetings, but I am thankful for zoom because it allows me to stay connected to the program that saved my life. Hopefully, in the near future we can gather in person.

Dennis B. A.A. Member

## Corrections

### Greetings

Looking forward to the Pre-conference Assembly next weekend. We had great discussion in our Corrections Committee meeting at the Standing committee quarterly, thanks for those who were able to join. Sending encouragement for all those who work with inside members. Continue to keep up your communications with facility administrators, if you are a designated contact person. Keeping in touch and offering to provide support in any way necessary or available some ideas: can we send literature, write directly to the Group(s) and/ or specific members, arrange telephone meetings, or meet online. Asking if other groups (religious, attorneys, or legal assistance) have methods that have been successful to communicate in facilities might provide an option that the facility is familiar with that we can utilize as well.

Our monthly corrections meeting is the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5:30 and the invite is now on the website.

Please reach out if you have any questions or topics, YIS holly

## From Behind the Walls

**Gratitude for A.A.** “Thank you for your help and time. Also, I just thought about this: I would like to thank all the people involved in A.A., all the way back to Dr. Bob and Bill W. This program has saved my life; without it I would surely be dead. Thank you for all the future souls that will be saved by the continuing efforts of all the people that make up A.A. — the ‘lifesaving machine’ that it is. Thank you to the person who is reading this letter, for taking the time out of your day to respond to this letter. Whether you can help me directly or not, I am just thankful you exist and care enough about humanity. From my heart to yours, God bless you, and may your life be full and safe while fighting these dangerous and trying times. I hope to hear from you. Until then, goodbye for now.” — Adam B., Pacific Region

## SHARING FROM BEHIND THE WALLS

Winter 2020

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## Area CPC Chair

Hello Area 92!

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe! It has been a busy month getting ready for the Standing Committee Workshop and the Assembly. We discussed all of our agenda items at the workshop and will go over the items with the most discussion at the assembly this weekend. I hope everyone can make it!

Michelle (Area 92 PI Chair) and I are having a CPC/PI zoom meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00. District 8 is having a CPC/PI Zoom meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00. I have also been attending Area 03's CPC monthly meeting. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything!

YIS,  
Brande

## Area Grapevine and Literature Chair

### Area Newsletter Editor

Greetings Areas 92!

This month has again been focused on working with groups in my District to prepare for the upcoming April Assembly! I have attended several home group business meetings to discuss the upcoming Area Motions, as well discussion on the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference Agenda Items. The Discussion for my home group went well! Both the GSR and Alt-GSR attended as well as 2 DCM's It was accomplished with the Big Book Video from the GSC and a PowerPoint Presentation from Anna our GV and Literature Chair.

The Standing Committee workshop was a success and we had a great discussion in our breakout room, which featured the Agenda, Trustees and ICRF Committees.

I attended a District 8 Third Legacy planning Session for our May Workshop, "Back to Basics", I will be speaking on the topic of "How to Chair an A.A. meeting" (Meeting Chairperson Workshop).

My Home group is 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.

It is an honor and privilege to Serve! Thank you for all your support!

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



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## Area Public Information Chair

– Greetings Everyone –

Spring has arrived and not too soon. I am ready for some sunshine and outdoor activity. By staying active, reading and praying I am better able to live one day at a time.

Last month I attended my first PRAASA. On Friday and Saturday evening I was the moderator for the PI roundtables. There were approximately 30 attendees each night. I was able to build a larger network of PI Chairs throughout the United States. We had attendees from many countries, including Japan.

March 20th was the Standing Committee Workshop hosted by Lisa G. (Archives Chair) and Keith W. (District 19). We had a full morning of breakout sessions for each agenda committee. During the afternoon we presented our reports and answered many questions. The committee continues working on the final agenda items that will be discussed during the afternoon at the Pre-Conference Assembly on Saturday, April 10th. Benjamin G. (Newsletter Editor) sent out a mass email to almost 600 people including GSRs, DCMs, Panel 70 and many individuals with the final list of items and a link to the Area website that includes all of the background and summaries in Spanish and English.

The PI and CPC committees are holding a joint committee meeting for the District chairs the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. If you are a PI or CPC Chair for your District please send me an email at [pi@area92aa.org](mailto:pi@area92aa.org).

PNC is coming along quite smoothly. The website is up and running with links to flyers in Spanish and English and the program will be posted soon. Registration is not required so if you would like to make a donation there is a link for that on the website at [www.pnc1948.org](http://www.pnc1948.org). All of the committees are working diligently on their assignments. Christina M. asked me to be a timer and I am learning how to do this. Sometimes it takes me a little longer to get new information processed and implemented so I am grateful for her patience.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

In Love and Service,  
Michelle W.  
WSEA 92 – Panel 70  
Public Information Chair

## Area Treatment Chair

Welcome April.

I am so grateful to greet you. I am so blessed to see my tulips spring from the ground. I feel like a tulip myself. As I emerge and bloom back to life from the darkness of COVID. I mourn for those we lost, I cheer for those who are recovered and continue to recover.

It was great to see lots of faces on the screen for our March standing committee workshop. We are currently preparing for the Assembly that is right around the corner.

Lisa and I had the honor of sharing a room at the workshop on zoom. We discussed the upcoming motions that will be discussed at the General Service conference.

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The greatest gifts of AA is sharing our experience strength and hope. I am passionate about, AA and the gifts it has afforded my family, friends, and myself. It's the ability to be kind, loving and compassionate, and sometimes too passionate. Sometimes passion blurs the lines of what is truly good for all of AA, as I have heard spoken by someone, I trust and respect.

Mark your calendar for April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm. Via zoom meeting I'd is 72364067957 password Area92aa Discussion will be focused on our next Standing Committee workshop. Bring all your friends and ideas and conversation topics. Life is about learning and being of service. I long to serve my friends and the friends, I have not met yet, won't you join us.

Reminder check out Area 92 website where you can find upcoming events.

- If you are passionate about Bridging the gap. Check out the workshop from our friends in Hawaii.
- PNC is also right around have you registered? Listen for information that will soon be coming out about this amazing event.

Always remember, I am here to serve and to be of service. I am just a phone call away or email..

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

### **Area Translation Chair**

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## **Finance Committee**

See Alt. Treasurer Report

Happy Spring Area 92!

We are all looking forward to seeing everyone this next weekend for the April Pre-Conference Assembly. This will probably be published afterwards so I will save the space this month. There is still room for one more committee member, so if you are active in service and interested in the Area finances, please email me and we will talk.

Stay safe, healthy and God bless.

YIS

Cindy H.

Area 92 P70

Finance Committee Chair

## **Website Committee**

See Alt. Chair Report

We have been busy with trying to secure our sensitive material by adding a login account process for those who visit our website. This is only to protect our anonymity, particularly the newsletter and other sensitive materials.

We added all the agenda review items to the GSR page this year, we added some pictures to the archives page. We added a ZOOM directive for hosting ZOOM events in the hosting guidelines page.

We are also updating the meeting information as it comes into us, DCM's can still do this from there end however we still get requests from districts who need assistance.

We have been pretty busy this last rotation, keeping up with all the technology that was kind of forced upon us. Hopefully the new tech chair position comes through in October. We really need it.

That's it for now kiddos, see you in July and in October.

YIS Gary H. alt-chair

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## Area Registrar

Greetings WSEA 92 Fellowship!

Howdy Folks! Your friendly neighborhood Registrar here.....

The Fellowship Connection database has most of the wrinkles ironed out and is running smoothly. It's important we now maintain current record keeping as a *regular* practice; from the Group level down to the General Service Office. One suggestion would be to have a standing "Group Update" Item your Monthly District meeting agenda. Also helpful; designate one person to aid the new GSR with the process. In My District, this is one of the functions of the Alt-DCM. In any event, incorporating this practice throughout the year will go a long way. In this mindset we'll hit the ground running in the 2022 rotation!

***\*Is your Group Information up to date?? Please take five minutes to complete this form :***  
<https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8> and take advantage of GSO services: GSR Kit, Box 459, (quarterly news and notes from GSO), contribution reports, important announcements, and more.

Always Grateful to serve,

Ben N - WSEA 92 Alternate Delegate/Registrar Panel 70

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## District and DCM Reports

### District 3

Greetings to Area 92!

This is my first written report since becoming Alt DCM in October. Our DCM has asked me to handle the computer-related aspects of the DCM's role, so I'm trying to get up to speed. We've been holding our monthly business meetings exclusively online and are having relatively low turnout by GSRs (four or less). The pandemic took us by surprise and we had only a few street addresses and even fewer email addresses. We are currently reaching out to GSRs to get that crucial contact info.

To our limited list of GSRs I sent a digest of the agenda items assigned to our District and asked for their input before the Pre-Conference Assembly April 9-11.

Most of our groups are meeting online. One of our groups, SPOKYPAA, is meeting in person in two different locations, carefully following rules of masks, distancing and thorough sanitation before and after meetings.

Face-to-face District meetings have been discussed. Further exploration is on the agenda for our next business meeting.

Yours in service,

Larry E / Alt DCM, District 3

### District 8

Hello All:

March was another busy month as we prepare for the upcoming April Pre-Conference Assembly.

At our March District meeting we had an exceptional turn-out with 20 groups represented by their GSR's and an additional 3 Alternate GSR's. Our district added a new group, North Idaho Young People in AA with a new GSR, Jeremiah. Welcome to the district NIYPAA and Jeremiah! There were 3 Officers and all but 2 committee Chairs (9) in attendance, with 7 guest's attending, all either in person or on Zoom. By my count we had 42 District members at the meeting. I commend our District with such outstanding participation. We rock!

This was my first in person district meeting at the Church, it was a pleasure to be "live" and still be able to accommodate our members who wish to attend on Zoom. With a few technical difficulties the meeting was very productive. I was able to get a good idea of the District's conscious on the 3 Area Motions with many of the GSR's following up with me by email.

I appointed an Ad Hoc Committee with our Alt DCM, David R. as Chair. The purpose of the committee is to research past District Eye Newsletters and district meeting minutes to update the District 8

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handbook with the past motions made from October 2018 through present. Cam L. and Emily volunteered to be on the committee. Thank you everyone for this important duty.

I attended the March 20 Standing Committee Workshop. The information that was presented in the break-out rooms was very beneficial to help understand the agenda items that will be discussed at the Pre-Conference Assembly. I was able to meet with several groups to go over some of the hot topic items and get a general consensus from them. I am grateful that we have involved members and hope that everyone plans on bringing their group conscious to the assembly. Our input is needed!

I attended several events during March:

3/5-3/7 - PRAASA

3/20 – Area 92 Standing Committee Workshop

3/23 – Daily Reprieve agenda item review meeting with Benjamin G.

3/30 -Monthly Area 92 DCM Discussion with Area Chair

Upcoming events:

April 9 – 11, 2021. Area 92 Pre-Conference Assembly. Hosted by District 8. Virtual only.

May 1, 2021. District 8, 3rd Legacy Workshop on Back to Basics

YIS, Catherine B. District 8 DCM

## District 10

Greetings from District 10!

The following members celebrated birthdays in March:

Terry – 38 years, JD – 15 years, Tony D. – 9 years, Debbie R. – 10 months, Carol O. – 10 months  
Cynthia A. – 8 months, Kimmi C. – 8 months, Genaro G.C. – 7 months, Kristine S. – 90 days

Congrats to all!

This month's group spotlight comes from Sunlight of Her Spirit:

Early in the pandemic, two members of the fellowship decided an online zoom women's meeting would be a good idea. It became apparent after a few meetings that the connection between people in upper and lower Kittitas County was something that wasn't happening during "normal meetings" due to the 30- mile distance across the county and was really special. A group conscience was held in June 2020 and the attendees decided to name the group the "Sunlight of Her Spirit" and that it would likely remain online in perpetuity because zoom doesn't limit the meeting geographically and has provided connection that otherwise would have been missed. SOHS is not a registered group; however 7th tradition is collected and funds are contributed to GSO. This meeting has a strong basis in the literature and reaches between 8-18 women each Tuesday evening at 7pm.

Thank you for the update Sunlight of Her Spirit!

More and more groups are meeting in person again. Please check out our website at [kittitascountyyaa.org](http://kittitascountyyaa.org) for up-to-date info.

Stay Safe, District 10

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## District 14

Hello to Area 92

District 14, is very much alive and well, we have been busy with the rest of Area 92 going over our Agenda items. We would like to say thank you to our trusted servants in area for all of the hard work put into getting this information out to us and being there to answer any questions we have had. This along with our service manual has proven invaluable, this has been a great privilege to meet together in district, in home groups and one on one to discuss the items that are important to us as a district. We are still working towards starting our home group workshops and will be resuming them as soon as our assembly is behind us. The introduction of these agenda items to the homegroups has been an eye opener to some as to how our service structure works, especially myself. We are looking forward to and hoping to meeting toe to toe, knee to knee and eyeball to eyeball soon for our area events.

Thank you for your service  
Sincerely  
Jerome W. DCM 14

## District 24

Greetings To everyone at Area 92 from all of your friends at District 24.

The weather is warming up here and that's great after all the snow! All of the groups are having increased in person attendance at their groups. Newcomers continue to show up and become members. The GSRs and I met on March 7 to go over some of the Conference agenda items prior to Them taking them to their groups. Our District meeting was March 28th and the GSRs shared that the group's members are enthused to hear that a fourth edition of Alcohólicos Anónimos is on the agenda!

I encouraged the GSRs and group members to attend the Area 92 Pre-Conference Assembly April 9 - 11 by zoom. We also welcomed one new GSR Arturo and a new GSR Alternate Israel from 2 different groups.

The GSRs have decided to study Concept 1 in our Service Manual at our next District meeting.

I attended PRAASA for the first time, I really enjoyed the diversity and the service knowledge and experiences shared. I'm attending the biweekly PNC Committee meetings and weekly PNC subcommittee meetings with Lisa, Dolores, and Dave also. The event is coming together and June is right around the corner. Thank you so much group members, GSRS, and all Area Trusted servants for your service. See you all at our Area 92 Pre-Conference Assembly by Zoom!

Yours in service  
Virginia R.  
DCM District 24



Service Material from the General Service Office

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON PRACTICING THE SEVENTH TRADITION AT VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

In recent years a number of groups have utilized digital payment platforms to provide opportunities for members to make cashless contributions. There are different payment platforms to facilitate this service, and it is up to the group to determine which one to use. Experience suggests that the treasurer is a natural choice to handle digital contributions. Some groups, however, share the responsibilities among trusted servants or even create a new service position to inform group members about digital payment options and assist those who are interested in contributing this way.

- 1. Q. Our group is meeting virtually as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our meeting costs are low, so why do we need to take a Seventh Tradition collection?**
  - A.** The spirit of self-support ensures that even minimal expenses are borne by the whole group rather than by individual members. In addition, many groups want to continue support for other A.A. services. Local intergroup/central offices still have bills to pay, such as rent and utilities. Many have employees who are working hard to keep meeting information updated and respond to calls for help. The Online Intergroup of A.A. also has its own costs which require support, and many districts and areas continue to have expenses as they support the work of committees and plan future events. Furthermore, the General Service Office needs to cover its operating expenses in order to continue providing services. Literature sales, which traditionally help pay for services, currently are much lower than usual.
- 2. Q. If our group decides we want to “pass the virtual basket” how would we get started?**
  - A.** Often a group will have their treasurer or other members gather shared experience and information on different digital payment options, then present that to the group for discussion at a business meeting.
- 3. Q. What kind of options are available?**
  - A.** Here are some of the digital payment platforms that groups using: Apple Pay, Cash-App, Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and Zelle. Information on options being used locally may be available from your intergroup/central office, district or area.
- 4. Q. How would we decide between them?**
  - A.** Groups often compare the costs and benefits of each platform, considering things like ease of set up and use, payment processing fees, security, privacy, and how commonly known it is. Some groups offer multiple options for their members.
- 5. Q. Once the group decides, then what?**
  - A.** Often it will be the group treasurer who sets up the account and links it to the bank account the group is using (for more information on setting up bank accounts and tax ID numbers, see the links below). It is helpful to choose a username for the account that is simple and intuitive since it will be shared with those attending the meeting. Groups usually avoid



using a personal email that reveals someone's full name so as not to compromise that person's anonymity. Often at the beginning of a digital meeting, or during a break, groups will share the username through the chat or a screen share as they make an announcement about practicing the Seventh Tradition. It is recommended that groups do not share the username as part of the meeting's public online information.

**6. Q. What about anonymity?**

- A.** Some digital payment platforms have social components that members may want to disable to protect anonymity. For example, members have shared about changing the privacy settings on Venmo so contributions are only visible to the sender and recipient. A couple of intergroup/central offices have posted helpful guides to practicing the Seventh Tradition at virtual meetings:

[Best Practices for Online 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Contribution from SF and Marin Office](#)

[Remote meetings 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Best Practices from New York Intergroup Office](#)

For more information on the Seventh Tradition and shared experience for A.A. group treasurers:

[The A.A. Group Treasurer](#)

[Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix](#)

[A.A. Guidelines on Finance](#)

# 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

## Area Contact Information

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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.

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**Submission Methods:** Email to [newsletter@area92aa.org](mailto:newsletter@area92aa.org) or US Mail to Address below

Area 92 Newsletter

212 Ironwood Drive Ste D #212

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

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.
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- 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

## Missed an Issue???

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: Holly H 509-251-3669

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





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### 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

Street Address 2

City

State/Province  Zip/Postal Code

Phone Number 1

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

**E-mail:** [records@aa.org](mailto:records@aa.org)

**Fax:** (212) 870-3003

OnlineFRM, Revised 09/13



# Area 92 Newsletter

## Treatment/Accessibilities Area 92 Committee meeting:

Service work is about giving of oneself. Won't you join us as we help our districts, members, and potential members.

Let's learn how to reach out to treatment centers or facilities to get members connected to AA

## Monthly meeting

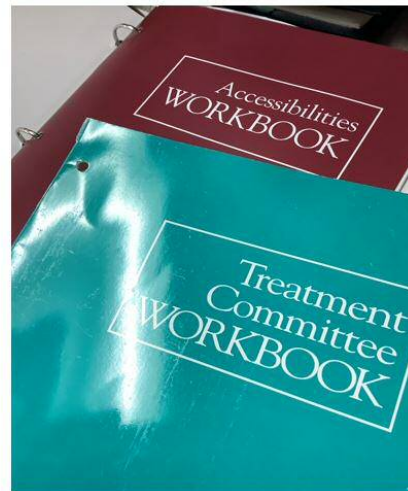
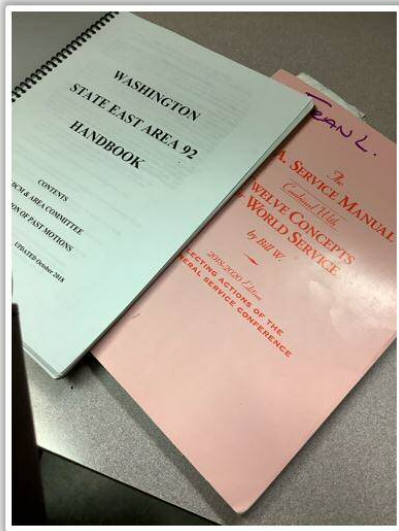
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Password: Area92aa

Please Join us:

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month

7pm pacific standard time



*If you have questions please feel free to email me:  
[treatment@area92aa.org](mailto:treatment@area92aa.org)*

*Call : Fran L 509-936-1045*

**AA in a Time of Change**  
**Washington State East Area 92**  
**April Pre-Conference**  
**Assembly April 9th-11th**  
**Virtual ZOOM Assembly**

**Recovery, Service, and Unity in a changing World**  
**How do they apply to you?**

Friday @ 5:30 introductions and panelists

Cameron J District 22

Jackie W District 17

Beth T. District 8 S

Saturday business meeting @ 8:00am

Sunday Morning Speaker: Scott R District 26

<https://zoom.us/j/97255360626>

password: 922021

## BACK TO BASICS

**District 8 Workshop** *sponsored by 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy committee*

What was AA like 30+ years ago?

Speakers will tell us what it was like when they got sober.

- Books they were required to read
- How a group was conducted
- What your sponsor told you to do & not to do
- AA Etiquette
- How 12 step calls were done (wet ones)
- Fun skits about the “Good Old Times”

### IN PERSON & ON ZOOM

**When: Saturday MAY 1<sup>st</sup> 2-4 pm**

**Where:** Alano Club 425 E Borah Ave CDA, ID (208) 667-4958

**Zoom Meeting Info:** **835 296 71777** No password required

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83529671777>

**For more information contact:** Natalie W. | **208-819-8808**

[3rdlegacy@northidahoaa.org](mailto:3rdlegacy@northidahoaa.org)

# Virtual Pacific Northwest Conference

AA In A Time Of Change

JUNE VIA ZOOM

26 &  
27

2021

Meeting ID: 936 7321 9809

Passcode: pnc2021

Sat 8AM - 7pm PST

Sun 9AM - 12pm PST

Hosted by WSEA 92

For Full Program

Details Visit

[www.pnc1948.org](http://www.pnc1948.org)

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WSEA 92 PRE-CONF

POST FALLS, ID

April 9-11, 2021

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## Welcome to the WSEA 92 Pre Conference Assembly

Hosted by District 8

**We are glad you are here!**

Friday April 9, 2021

**5:30 – 6:45 PM**

Introduction **District 8**

**“AA in a Time of Change” Panels**

**Practicing AA’s Spiritual Principles in a Changing World**

Cameron J District 22

Jackie W District 17

Beth T. District 8

Please feel free to join any of the committee meeting that are being held:

**7:00 – 8:00 PM**

Web Team – Gary H

Finance Committee – Cindy H

Handbook – Ann Marie K

Standing Committee Chairs – Diana M

**8:15 – 9:30 PM**

DCM Roundtable – Chaired by Host District/Diana M

GSR Roundtable – Chaired by Host District/Gary H

**9:30 PM**

Virtual Ice Cream Social

Ask it Basket – Gary P Delegate

*I am responsible - when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that - I am responsible*

# Area 92 Newsletter

**WSEA 92 PRE-CONF**

**POST FALLS, ID**

**April 9-11, 2021**

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**

- Call to Order  
Moment of silence, Serenity Prayer  
Reading of the 12 Traditions Eng/Spanish  
The 12 Concepts Eng/Spanish

**Motion to Record Proceedings**

Welcome! Review of business procedure – Diana M  
Introduction of New Correction Chair  
Introductions of Past Delegates

Review Oct 2020 Quarterly Minutes

**Motion to approve minutes**

- Roll Call (Secretary)
- Trusted Servant Reports (5 mins.)

Delegate (unlimited)	Gary P
Alt Delegate	Ben N
Chair	Diana M
Alt Chair	Gary H
Treasurer (unlimited)	Jan R

**Motion to approve Treasurer's Report**

Alt Treasurer	Cindy H
Secretary	Ann Marie K
Archives	Lisa G
Cooperation with	
Professional Community	Brande G
Corrections	Holly H
Grapevine/Lit	Anna V
Newsletter	Benjamin G
Public Information	Michelle W
Translation	Doug M
Treatment/Accessibilities	Fran L

- Area Sub-Committee (5 mins.)

Registrar	Ben N
Web Team	Gary H
Finance Committee	Cindy H
Handbook Committee	Ann Marie K
- Special Committee (3 mins.)

Central Office who wishes to report  
PNC Report - Allen  
Ad Hoc Report - Rad  
Roundtable Reports DCM & GSR
- 11: am GSR Reports (3 mins.) Gary H.

- DCM Reports (3 mins.) Gary H
- Agenda Items Gary P
- Host Committee (3 mins.)

April Pre-Conf Assy 2021	District 8
July 2020 Quarterly	District 22
October Assembly 2021	District 4
April Pre-Conf 2022	District 5
- Unfinished Business  
Postponed Motion  
Bid for Jan Quarterly 2022  
Bid for October Assy 2022
- New Business  
Bid for Jan Quarterly 2022  
Motions (2)
- Adjourn with the responsibility statement

**We look forward to seeing you at the  
July Quarterly on Zoom July 2021**

**Scheduled Times for Breaks**  
**Throughout the day on**  
**Saturday**

8:00 am – Call to Order  
10:00 am – Break (15 minutes)  
11:00 am - GSR Sharing  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Lunch  
3:00 pm – Break (15 minutes)

**Voting Members**

*GSR's, DCM's, Appointed Trusted  
Servants, and the Elected Trusted  
Servants may vote.*

*Substituting Alternate GSR's & DCM's  
may vote in their absence.*

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

- 8:30 – Open Zoom Room
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM Speaker
- 10:15 AM return to business (if needed)

Adjourn with the Responsibility Statement

Zoom etiquette is vital to hearing the speaker. Please keep background noise minimal. Please mute by using the microphone icon on the Zoom app or by using mute button on your phone or by pressing \*6. To Unmute do the same.

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