# **Spirit of Rotation**

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#### **Greetings Area 92!**

Greetings Area 92! This Month, the spirit of Rotation finds us with a new incoming Leadership for Panel 72! We find ourselves in this time of change and challenge with the evermore need for the message of Hope and Concern for the still suffering Alcoholic. 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!

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#### **Area Delegate**

Good afternoon Area 92,

Our first "Virtual" Election Assembly was held October 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and hosted by District 4. All of the agenda activities that have become customary over the 22 + years since Area 92's founding, were carried out superbly. Friday evening opened with excellent panel presentations, followed by productive Area 92 ad hoc committee meetings, well attended DCM and GSR Roundtables, and ended with an informative and engaging "ask-it-basket" with our past delegates.

On Saturday, following our traditional Call to Order and the official Roll Call, our Pacific Region Trustee Kathi F. and assisted by Tech 12, capably led us through the digital process of electing Panel 72's key Area officers, without flaw. Many of you have expressed deep confidence that Area 92 has selected a solid team of trusted servants to work with over the coming rotation. Agreed!

The elections were followed by a report from our Regional Trustee on highlights from the GSO, and updates from numerous Area 92 elected and appointed servants on their specific Area-wide responsibilities. These reports were enriched by the GSR's in attendance who were able to share the experiences of many groups and reflect the "local flavor" of A.A.

Following updates on future area events, our trusted servants then rolled up their sleeves and took on the business of Area 92 in typical fashion. By following fundamental Robert's Rules of Order, motions were entered, considered, debated and eventually voted on by those servants. By mid-evening, the business was completed.

On Sunday morning, we opened a "hospitality session" for an hour and were encouraged to visit with each other, much as we would have done in an in-person setting. And then finally, we were engaged in A.A.'s acclaimed and vital activity. We listened to another of the millions of poignant A.A. recovery experiences encompassing "...what we were like, what happened, and what we are like now...". Our Pacific Region Trustee, Kathi F., candidly sharing her personal history, exemplifies the root of what we do. The Area Election Assembly's final activity, "carrying the message" - is the foundation of A.A. service.

Is it not true that we are "...willing to go to any length..." to serve?

With much love and gratitude,

Gary P.

#### **Area Alternate Delegate**

Greetings Area 92 Fellowship!!

Thank you District 4 for the wonderful job hosting our historic "virtual" October voting assembly! Once again the awesome folks committed to serving the Groups of WSEA 92 gathered to meet the challenges in front of us to conduct the business of carrying the A.A. message of hope. Also a big thank you to Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathy F. for facilitating our election and speaking on Sunday.

It has been a pleasure serving with all of you dedicated GSRS, Area Committee Members, and service minded AA's this Panel 70 rotation. We all have much to share with those beginning this experience January 1, 2022. In the spirit of Fellowship and "passing it on", let's lend to them the support and encouragement that was so freely given to us! I am humbled and honored you have put your trust in me to act as your Delegate for Panel 72. I enter the next step of this spiritual journey with Area 92 and Alcoholics Anonymous in my heart!

Congratulations to fellow elected trusted servants Diana, Benjamin, Lisa, and Fran! We are going to break the **FUN** barrier!!

My service sponsor gifted me the early General Service Conference reports. Here is an excerpt from 1953,  $3^{rd}$  GSC - Bernard Smith:

"Our Conferences are basically dedicated to the purpose of ensuring that our Twelve Steps and our Twelve Traditions are insulated and protected, so far as possible, for all time; for the basis of our way of life is, after all, timeless. These Conferences serve, therefore, to ensure that the concepts of life and of living which have brought us our recovery are available to all who may suffer from alcoholism today, one hundred or one thousand years from now."

What a beautiful thing to be a part of......thank you!

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

#### **Area Chairperson**

Thanks to District 4 for hosting and planning for both an in-person and online assembly. We all are looking forward to in-person Area events soon. Thanks to our Regional Trustee, Kathy F, Tech 12 and our own web committee members for facilitating the third legacy election process, virtually. This was our seventh Area 92 assembly/quarterly to be conducted using Zoom. As your Area Chair I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve the Area during the pandemic. We could not have accomplished these events without the team behind the scenes, Jennifer W., Gina H. and Chris M.

I would like to welcome the following incoming elected officers; Ben N Delegate, Benjamin as Chair, Lisa G. as Alternate Chair, and Fran as Treasurer. Again, I was pulled out of the hat for Alternate Delegate, and I'm not sure what that means other than I just made myself available and sometimes this happens. As the elected Alternate Treasurer stepped down, we will be conducting an election at the next assembly in April. So those of you interested please plan to make yourself available. Our current Alternate Treasurer, Cindy has agreed to continue to do the duties until a replacement is elected.

The DCM sharing session, Standing Committee Chairs meeting and the Elected Officers meetings are all continuing with one change which is we are including incoming officers so they can get a feel for what we have been doing during the past two years.

Thanks to all of Area 92 for allowing me to experience this amazing spiritual journey as we have had many challenges and with the help of everyone we have conquered them all. We have continued to do Area business even when we were not sure we could but we did. Thanks really goes to all of you for continuing to attend and help us when we needed help.

Yours in service,

Diana M

Area 92 Chair

Panel 70

#### **Area Alternate Chairperson**

Greeting's area 92 and happy fall, it is transition time for me.

I have been starting create files for Lisa G. I want her to have an easier entrance to the elected potion. Diana made it easy for me when I entered into the elected alt- chair position and I want Lisa to have an easy and smooth entrance.

Google workspace is so convenient when it comes to organizing files. Big shout out to Jennifer for creating a video tutorial on how to clean up these docs.

I have had a few flyers come in for gratitude gatherings and banquets. I pray we all stay healthy through all these events. The area website events calendar is filling up again.

Spokane is hosting virtual alcathons during both holiday weekends so grab a coffee and host a meeting. I hope to host a couple early morning meetings from Virginia. Love to see you there.

As always in love and service Gary H.

#### **Area Treasurer**

Hello AREA 92

Congratulations to the new elected officers! Everything seemed to go smooth. Smooth is a good thing.

The beginning bank balance for October was \$31,434.77.

There were deposits totaling \$3424.97.

Checks and other withdrawals were \$5086.56.

In October there was one returned check for \$33.00. The returned item fee was \$12.00.

After these transactions, our ending balance was \$29,728.18.

Our Prudent Reserve is \$2,500.52

As some of you know, the week of the Assembly I fell and broke my leg. Once I got to the hospital, I was diagnosed with Covid and then came down with shingles! It comes in threes, right!

Technology is certainly amazing. I had laser surgery and my scarring will be minimal, except for the scar where they inserted a rod down the bone of my lower leg. *Go big or go home!* 

I am in a rehab learning how to do things without putting weight on my leg. I'm not sure but maybe this is part of being reborn. My tentative date to go home is 11/23. I want to wish all of you a very happy and grateful Thanksqiving.

You all are my family and, in my prayers, daily.

In closing, you will indeed see me around. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to be such an integral part of service to AREA 92. See you next month!

YIS **Jan R** 

AREA 92 Treasurer

#### **Area Alternate Treasurer**

Greetings Area 92 November 4, 2021

Contributions for October 2021 were **\$3,391.27.** Thank you to all of the individuals, groups and Districts for your contributions and continued support. The October 2021 Contribution Report will be emailed to all DCM's and Alt DCM's soon. 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 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**.

This last month there were a half dozen or more contributions that were made by groups that have the same or similar names as other groups in the Area. I did the best I could on trying to place them in the proper group and district, but I would encourage you all to check and make sure. Without at least indicating the District you are from, it is very difficult to categorize properly. PLEASE add this to your memo line or put a note in the envelope. The next Alternate Treasurer will need this information to make their transition as smooth as possible. I would also encourage the outgoing GSR's to pass this information on to the incoming Group Treasurers so they are aware of this information. Thank you very much for your support.

The Alternate Treasurer position is opened back up for election in April 2022. I have agreed to continue with my service position until a new trusted servant can be elected by the body. If you would like to consider making yourself available, please feel free to get in touch with me and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the position and the accounting system that is being used currently. Please take the time to review the service position in the newly updated handbook as well. I hope to get lots of responses.

Thank you again for supporting your Area 92 and allowing me to be of service.

Be safe, healthy and God Bless

YIS Cindy H. Area 92 Alt-Treasurer alt-treasurer@area92aa.org Finance Committee Chair P70

#### **Area Secretary**

Hello Area 92!

First, I would like to say congratulations to all the newly Elected. I hope this next rotation serves you well. This has been life changing for me to serve as your Area 92 secretary. So many valuable tools to add to my spiritual sobriety. I didn't make myself available for this next rotation due to life changes. I'm very excited for my new adventure going into my 60's!! I will pop in from time to time, Area 92 will always be in my heart.

The Handbook is well on its way to print in the next month. We've added the new Technology position and change in 5.0, changing the deadline for accepting resumes for Standing Committee positions to give the transition to new rotation into the next Panel more time to meet with prior Panel Standing Committee Members. The Motions have been updated on the website. The Handbook will be posted prior to the end of the year with hard copies, like I earlier stated, available.

I can't believe it's been two years!! I truly believe serving as your secretary in Panel 70, that we did everything and beyond to keep us connected and we have spread the message to the still suffering amongst this challenging couple of years. Area work got done without skipping a beat. We accomplished all we set out to do.

I'm so honored to have spent this time with you all. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and until we chat again, God Bless

Ann Marie

#### **Area Archives Chair**

Thank you District 4 for hosting the October voting Assembly and congratulations to our Panel 72 Trusted Servants. I am excited to see who has made themselves available for the Appointed positions and look forward to serving Area 92 with you in the next 2 years.

For someone who resides in a remote community and has experienced service work in my homegroup and district, I have found Area service has enhanced my sobriety so much more than I could ever have imagined. I need always remember that AA is much bigger than my town of Libby, MT. The amazing people I have met along the way, each and everyone of you have taught me how to live, to grow and most importantly you have taught me how to be a friend and a worker among workers. I have been places I never imagined, one time a few years ago we were in Hawaii for the Regional Forum, we were sitting out on our patio of the hotel, a guy came walking past, stopped and chatted with us and then asked if we were "friends of Bill's" to which we replied yes, the next thing I know we are on our way to an A.A. meeting in somebody else's hotel room. In that hotel room was one of the best meetings and the most sincere people I had ever met and that has been my experience no matter where I travel or what room I happen to walk into.

YIS Lisa G. - Archives Chair

#### **Area Archivist**

Sincerely in Service, Lisa D. WSEA 92 Archivist

#### **Area Corrections Chair**

Is it surprising to anyone else that it is already November, amazing how time flies?

This is an exciting time for our Area as it is election time! If you are thinking about service and have the time please consider sending a service resume to the Area. The National Corrections conference is next week and we still have a few virtual registrations available for anyone who is interested in attending and learning about corrections. Reach out to me with your email and I will send out your virtual login information prior to the start of the weekend conference. From an Area perspective local districts are working to get grapevines into facilities, as a committee we ordered several subscriptions from General Service.

We are waiting to hear from facility representatives when AA's will be able to get back into the prisons in Washington. Many facilities in Idaho continue to have meetings. I thought I would share from Sharing

#### Behind the Walls from GSO a message:

#### **Expressing Gratitude**

"First off, I want to say thank you for the very nice letter I just received coming from your General Service Office. I thoroughly read the contents of that entire envelope. I read your two-page letter twice to understand that we all can contribute day by day, sharing with one another our feelings, strength and future hope. I found your letter very warm, and I felt encouraged. I know that getting connected with A.A. will help me out in life, because I know from past experiences. I was drinking just to pass time by. I know I will have less than 60 days, Lord willing, until I go to court for my motions, scheduled in May 2021. If it is not too much to ask, can you continue to brighten up my spirit and write me back in return?" — Anthony F., South East Region

YIS, Holly H.

#### **Area CPC Chair**

Hello Area 92!

I hope everyone is doing well! Our last Standing Committee Workshop is scheduled on December 11th. District 8 is hosting. I want to encourage all to be available. It is an amazing experience. 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**

In Love and Service Anna V.

#### **Area Newsletter Editor**

Greetings Areas 92!

Just about the time you hope to take a breath, there is something more to do!

That feeling that, "I can't believe that just happened" lasted for about 5 minutes and I realized that a new chapter of life was about to be written! I was really ready for that! Moving into the future with some new motions that brought immediate changes for the Area, I hope to serve you to the best of my ability. I am at your service!

We lead by Example!

(Concept 9)

We act as trusted servants recognizing the God is the ultimate authority in our Group Conscience!

(Tradition 2)

I continue to sponsor and participate with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy Committee of District 8.

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

#### **Area Public Information Chair**

It is Gratitude month and I have so many people in my life today which is a direct result of me serving as a Standing Committee Chair. In the beginning, I felt overwhelmed with my responsibilities but this made me grow in ways I may never have. I never once had to do something alone. The Standing Committee Chairs have a deeper relationship with each other due to the Pandemic. We area a team and it is our job to welcome the new in-coming trusted servants. I am anxious to meet the new PI chair and to connect with that person. I will make myself available during their transition into this position.

The January 2022 Quarterly is being hosted by District 6 on January 14th and 15<sup>th</sup> in Yakima, Washington. We will have our first committee meeting on November 12th at 6 pm at the Yakima Alano Club. If you are a member of District 6, or District 20 (our sister District), I highly recommend that you get involved in the planning of this event. Come join us and get involved in general service.

The end of my rotation is not far away and I encourage you to make yourself available for a Standing Committee Chair position. Your life will be enriched beyond belief – mine has.

In Love and Service Michelle W pi@area92aa.org 509-388-6086

#### **Area Treatment Chair**

Gratitude and Thankfulness

This being one of my last reports to Area 92 as the Treatment & Accessibilities Chair, I want to start by saying, I am so thankful and truly full of gratitude for being allowed to serve with some truly amazing friends. Panel 70 has been filled with emotions, challenges and even many tears. As I prepare to turn this position over to the next amazing member, I offer just one true note. Learn, trust and have faith and do the best you can to serve others. Often during this rotation, I questioned myself what do, I have to offer others? Then I pause and remember it all stems from when I asked my sponsor to be my sponsor. I found hope. I offer hope to you and others. Hope is the key to my recovery, to my life and drives me to serve others.

So, if you have hope and you want to grow and change and feel life. Make yourself available, get your best friend to jump in the car and join you. One of the most amazing parts of my recovery is that life is just not done alone.

We had yet another successful Bridge from Treatment to our wonderful community. Thank you, Sean our Treatment Bridge coordinator, for working and serving Area 92. Thanks to all the folks that step up each day to carry the message to others.

Our districts have been quiet during these last few months with not many activities, I have faith that this is about to change as we transcend into the new rotation of service. Meetings are beginning to reopen to face to face. Groups are now grounded in remote meetings with the changes that COVID has brought. We need now more than ever to find new ways to serve, to be a part of. If you or your friends are interested in carrying the message of hope to a treatment center lets chat, lets work together to carry the message.

Let's give away subscriptions of Grapevines to our facilities, and treatment centers.

Reach out to your local retirement homes, your physical rehabilitation centers ask them if you can leave pamphlets, make presentations to them share you experience strength and HOPE...

Let's be available to not only ourselves, but to others. Let's offer up our time, our hearts, our faith, and most of all HOPE.

Let's make this November truly a month of being thankful and grateful.

I am honored to be sharing that I will be moving on in the spirit of rotation to a new position I can't wait for the growth that comes with this amazing opportunity.

Love, Service, and respectfully Fran L. Treatment Accessibilities Chair Panel 70

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

#### **Area Translation Chair**

YIS Doug M Area 92 Translation Chair 509-319-7510

#### **Finance Committee**

See Alt. Treasurer Report

Hello Area 92!

Your Area 92 Finance Committee is working diligently on the budget for the upcoming year. Coming into the next rotation, there will be a few vacancies for committee members, so we would like to reach out to all of you, for members that may be considering making yourself available for this committee. This is a great opportunity to serve in a position that is vital to the financial function and stability of Area 92 as a whole. Please email me and I can send you the guidelines and answer any questions you may have to help with your decision. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay safe, healthy and God bless.

YIS Cindy H. Area 92 P70 Finance Committee Chair

#### **Website Committee**

See Alt. Chair Report

As a team we are cleaning up a few things and getting ready to hand off to the new tech chair.

We will spend the next few weeks just tightening up the edges and slipping things into a plain white envelope.

I really pray that some folks will step to committee positions so the new chair can have many eyes to lighten the load.

I look forward to serving on the new committee as best I can. Virtual meetings and working from home and or office will be better for me this next rotation. I will be able to be with family and work from there as well. It is a perfect scenario. ( I hope)

That's for now folks. Happy Thanksgiving and may god bless you all.

In love and service Gary H.

#### Area Registrar

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

This fall marks the end of many of our Group's GSR service commitments. This is the time to: 1. Remind your Group/Incoming GSR the importance of promptly updating their information via the link provided below. 2. Share your experience, encourage and support your new trusted servant! Current Group information with Area 92 and the General Service Office is the key to keeping our Groups informed and connected with the AA Fellowship. This is the "communication highway", so vital to our unity....THANKS to all of you for your service!!

Get Connected

Is your Group Information up to date?? Please take five minutes to complete this form: <a href="https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8">https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8</a> 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 alt-delegat@area92aa.org 208-755-2345

#### **District and DCM Reports**

#### **District 2**

The Christmas and New Years Alcathons hosted by District 2 aren't just for Spokanites! This year we'll have an AA meeting AND a Hospitality Room on Zoom. The Alcathons start at noon on the "Eve" and go all the way to midnight on the "Day."

Naturally, lots of people are needed! Come Chair a meeting, or "hostess" fellowship in the Hospitality Room, or Host the Zoom meeting. Individuals from all over can participate in any if these capacities. What fun! Bring your own Potluck. Contact Keith K at 509-795-9505 (<a href="mailto:kutchk46@gmail.com">kutchk46@gmail.com</a>) or me at 509-279-5640 (<a href="mailto:dcm2@area92aa.org">dcm2@area92aa.org</a>)

Watch for the event flyer coming out soon.

Rainey M.

#### **District 8**

Greetings District 8.

We are working our way towards our Northern Idaho winter wonderland. The leaves have fallen, and the colder weather is quickly approaching. Soon there will be snow arriving along with celebrations with friends and family for Thanksqiving

Our October District meeting was held both in person and hybrid. Attended by 16 GSR's and Alt GSR's, 3 officers, 5 committee chairs and 5 guests in person with 5 of us on zoom. We were fortunate and grateful to be joined by Scott R our Panel 66 Delegate and Todd from District 26 to assist with our elections. Total at the October District 8 meeting was 29.

District 8 re-elected our Panel 72 DCM, Catherine B and Alt DCM David R to continue in their service positions. Lindsay R. will also continue to serve as our secretary. Positions of Treasurer & Alt Treasurer remain open.

We were able to fill several Committee Chair positions:

Activities Chair - Jeannie M. Corrections Chair - Garrett. GV/Literature Chair - Paula T. Newsletter - Carin C.

Thank you all for stepping up to fill these positions. The remaining Committee Chair positions remain open. Please get the word out that we need trusted servants to fill these positions.

During the weekend of the October Election Assembly, District 8 hosted an in-person event on Saturday Oct 16 at the Church of the Nazarene. It was a fun experience with 9 of us attending throughout the day.

On Saturday beside the 9 of us at the church by my count we had about 15 – 16 GSR's & other trusted servants participate. Thank you District 8 for your service!

The Area successfully elected our new slate of Area 92 officers. District 8 is proud to have our own Ben N. elected as the Panel 72 Delegate and our Benjamin G as the Area 92 Chair. Congratulations to both of you and thank you for your selfless dedication and commitment to our District and Area.

Reminder District 8 in conjunction with Area 92 CPC Chair Brande G is hosting the Standing Committee Workshop on December 11, 2021. This workshop will be hybrid. In person at the Church of the Nazarene from 10 am to 2 pm with lunch served. The SCW is open to everyone either currently serving in a position, newly elected or interested in learning more about service.

Thank you all for being amazing Trusted Servants.

God Bless. YIS, Catherine B. District 8 DCM

#### **District 8 Alt DCM**

I attended the election assembly and was disappointed once again however, I do have some hope with the new incoming WSEA92 Chair for panel 72. I pray that he does not "drink the water" and lead us into another two years of secret, behind the scenes moves, like panel 70. The main thing that disappointed me, besides the \$2700 spent on voting software, without GSR approval, was that the outgoing chair and alternate delegate each moved up one space, when both should have been held accountable for reasons outlined in this article. I will take the time to outline just a few of the shady deals that transpired among just a few people of panel seventy, and the bleeding deacon past delegates.

- 1. Zoom was crammed down our throats without even a discussion among the GSRs as to the cost, which is a considerable sum on money.
- 2. There were about twenty people, late on a Saturday night, which voted in a Handbook that requires a specific level of technological education, to be eligible to stand for any position.
- 3. Panel 70 bullied the fall assembly host committee into cancelling the live meeting and taking it Zoom only. I know there will be squalling, grinding teeth, etc., with the guilty party arguing this point.
- 4. Past delegates, just a few, became bleeding deacons in the background, calling most of the shots as to the direction of WSEA 92 the entire 2 years of panel seventy.
- 5. WSEA 92 paid \$2700 for voting software, without even consulting with the GSRS!

These are just a few observations. There are many more, but these are sufficiently egregious that we all need to take inventory and demand that our elected and appointed so-called trusted servants work for us, not the other way around! My hope and prayer is that the incoming Area 92 Chair will remain transparent and turn this tank around, heading in the right direction, with GSRs calling the shots. I challenge each A.A. member, and each GSR, to demand transparency and that one penny is not spent unless first approved by the GSRs! I also challenge A.A. members, GSRs, etc., to submit motions to

hopefully repair some of the damage. We need to clearly define the percentage of eligible voters needed to pass or a fail a motion. Should that number be 40%, or 50% of registered eligible voters? This way we would have a quorum, or substantial unanimity. This business of discussing (debating) motions late on Saturday night must stop! We need a reasonable time to end for the night, 8:00pm or 9:00pm, so that as many eligible voters as possible can participate. The days of the smoke-filled marathon assemblies of yesteryear are gone! We have Sunday available, yet we do not use this time slot for Area 92 business. You are WSEA 92! Your voice needs to be heard! I realize that this article is controversial, and I do not enjoy using terms such as "bleeding deacon," but that term was used by Bill Wilson, and it does accurately describe a person who is on a power trip! I will listen, observe, and pray that panel 72 gets it act together, and that we can praise each elected and appointed member for their work, individually and collectively.

Yours in service, David R

#### **District 10**

Happy Gratitude Month!

The following members celebrated birthdays in September...congrats to all!

Adrian H. – 15 years Bill T. – 1 year Chad M. – 3 months Cody L. – 7 years Cybill E. – 2 months David O. – 1 month Don E. – 35 years Helen M. – 1 month Jimi D. – 4 months Kim B. – 13 years Larry H. – 37 years Leslie H. – 5 months Mike F. – 3 months Nate S. – 3 years Tracey L. – 4 months Vince F. – 6 months Sharon H. had 8 years on October 21st...Congrats to all!

District 10 is holding it's annual Gratitude Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Teanaway Hall in the Rodeo Grounds. Doors open at 5:00pm. There will be a live band, speaker, raffle, catered food and lots of fun. Contact Cindy A. for tickets and more information (509) 607-3629.

Cle Elum Group is also holding their annual Gratitude Banquet on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - doors open at 5pm, it's being held at the Cle Elum Senior Center. This is a free potluck and will have a couple of great speakers, tons of food and awesome fellowship!

Stay Safe and Healthy, District 10

#### **District 13**

Hello from District 13. Congratulations on your new position as Area Chair. I learned a lot from Diana and I am looking forward to working with you. Here in District 13 we are having our District Elections this Tuesday, 11/9 on Zoom. Just from an indication from the members in District 13 I think we have a good turnout. I will report the results in the December Newsletter.

Thanks,

Jamie K. District 13 DCM.

#### **District 15**

Hello everyone!

District 15 meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. We have 22 groups, with 3 represented today. An event we recently held was our Round Up of Recovery. We had workshops, 3 speakers, and joint meetings. It was well attended and a huge success. We will have a Halloween Party with a potluck, meeting, and dance at the Senior Center in Kettle Falls. We are planning our Gratitude Banquet, which will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 5 pm. Potluck will start at 6 pm, and the speaker will start at 7 pm. We just had elections and all positions were filled! All meetings in District 15 are in person, and they are growing weekly.

Respectfully submitted, Erin G.

#### **District 19**

Greetings from District 19. Our District consists of most of Grant County, Odessa in Lincoln County, and Othello in the southwest panhandle of Adams County. We specialize in all forms of agriculture and ag services. The Groups in our District meet an average of 3 days weekly in Ephrata, Moses Lake, Quincy, Soap Lake, Warden, Royal City, Desert Aire, Odessa Othello and Warden.

COVID-19 has taken its toll on the attendance for many of our Groups. In Moses Lake and Ephrata, for example, meetings will enjoy 10-15 members at times, while in the surrounding smaller rural areas, there may be as few as 4-6 members in attendance. Nevertheless, we continue to carry our message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Our District Hotline receives an average of 6 inquiries each month and we reach out at every opportunity.

We have learned recently that the few treatment programs available in Grant County are struggling somewhat due to staffing reductions and funding issues. We have taken on that challenge by ensuring that our Meetings Schedules and Directories are available to medical facilities and professionals. We have faith in our Higher Power that the setbacks we have all experienced with eventually recede and that we will again enjoy more support from each other and have the ability to help those who need the support that we can offer.

Our Sunday night Group in Ephrata will be, barring any unforeseen circumstances, holding their Gratitude Banquet on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at the Ephrata Recreation Center. All are welcome to attend. Details can be found on the District 19 AA Facebook Page.

Keith W. District 19, DCM

#### **District 24**

Greetings everyone in Area 92 from all of us here in District 24!

Our Fifth Tradition is alive and well! All the group meeting doors are open here in District 24. All groups are meeting in person, and most are back to regular schedules and following covid prevention mandates. Filling group service positions continues to improve, and volunteers step up when needed.

Meeting attendance is improving; however, some members do not want to wear a mask. All GSRs say newcomers are presenting themselves to meetings and some are becoming members. Grupo El Puente GSR Arturo M. says the group remains about the same in attendance. The group is celebrating a day of Unity on November 5, 2021, with a regular meeting followed by a dinner provided by the group. Grupo Comunidad is almost back to regular scheduled meetings.

The group has decided to cancel their in-person anniversary celebration for February 2022 due to limitations on the number of people that would be allowed to attend. The group conscience does not want to be in the position of turning people away. They've not decided if they will celebrate in a group meeting. The group has been able to cover all their expenses and have a prudent reserve. Their AA study group meeting is on Mondays at 9am. and there is good attendance. They study material from our AA literature. Grupo 12 continues their AA study group on Thursdays at 7pm. and several new members are bringing their literature, ready to study the topic. This week the topic was the third step. 4 newcomers were welcomed this month for information. There are several women attending Grupo 12 and they have become group members. One has begun to chair for one of the evening meetings. Group expenses were met again this month and a small amount was left over.

I attended the DCM monthly sharing session and Ben G. our next Area 92 chair also joined us. I was at our October voting assembly for the three days. Most exciting is that 3 of my fellow District 24 members also joined all of us. Grupo Comunidad GSR Arturo T. was also present all three days and gave a report for his home group. One more member each from Grupo Comunidad and Grupo 12. They share that the voting process was exciting to observe. Arturo says it was exciting to be involved in the voting process.

Thanks to the District 24 group members for supporting your groups, your GSRs, your District and all of ours Area 92! Thank you to all outgoing trusted servants for your service! Welcome to all Area 92 incoming trusted servants for your service.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. See you soon in person or by zoom. Felices 24 Horas! With love, Virginia R., DCM District 24

# General Service Representatives

#### 5 EASY steps to get CONNECTED



- 1. Go to Area 92 website: https://area92aa.org/
- 2. Click on "Resources" tab
- 3. Click on "Forms/General Information"
- 4. Select "Group Info Change Form"
- 5. Complete and click "submit"

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

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

#### WELCOME WSEA 92 GSRS – PANEL 70



#### **GET CONNECTED!**

Why??...receive: AA GSR Kit – Box 459 Quarterly – AA News and updates – Group Contribution Status with GSO – Grapevine News – Maintain Group/GSO connection – keep your Group informed – network with fellow Trusted Servants - RECEIVE THE MONTHLY AREA NEWSLETTER +FUN... to list a few!

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#### That's it.... How easy was that? :D

\*Note: Forms have \*required fields for completion.... Please do not hesitate to call me if you are unable to provide your Group Service # or have any questions. \*You and your District DCM will receive an email copy for your records.....l'm excited and look forward to sharing with all of you this spiritual experience of serving our Fellowship!!!

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

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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.

<u>Submission Methods</u>: Email to <u>newsletter@area92aa.org</u> 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.
- 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

#### Missed an Issue???

Area 92 Newsletter Archive

Go to:

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



#### **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



#### 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).
- 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



#### **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



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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



#### PICOMMITTEE

#### 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



## 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



#### 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

#### **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 <u>newly created</u>
   online <u>meetings</u> 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 <u>permanently</u>.
- Meetings completing this form will be issued a NetSuite ID number used for GSO communication, contributions, etc
- This form <u>does not</u> apply to temporary online meetings that intend resume in-person meetings.

\*Note: This form is for GSO records and is <u>NOT</u> 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

#### 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	

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 Fax: (212) 870-3003

OnlineFRM, Revised 09/13

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

#### 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

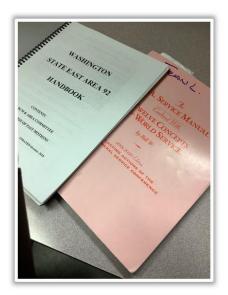
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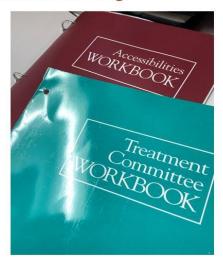
Password: Area92aa

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

Call: Fran L 509-936-1045

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Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

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

Please direct all communications to: P.O. Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163 Fax: (212) 870-3003

Dear AA friends,

We are excited to announce the September 27, 2021, launch of the new Corrections Correspondence System (C.C.S.).

Chers amis membres des AA,

Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer le lancement, le 27 septembre 2021, du nouveau Service de correspondance avec les détenus (SCD).

Estimados compañeros de A.A.:

Tenemos el agrado de anunciar el lanzamiento del nuevo **Sistema de Correspondencia de Correccionales (SCC)**, que tuvo lugar el 27 de septiembre de 2021.

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THANKSGIVING DINNER POTLUCK ON THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM.

SIGN UP TO HOST MEETINGS AT THE COFFEE COUNTER!

FEEL FREE TO BRING FOOD FOR ROUND THE CLOCK EATING!

TURKEY DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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Gratitude Banquet November 21, 2021 Speaker Anna D.

Colville Ag Trade Center 317 W Astor Colville, WA

Meet and Greet 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Speaker 7:00 pm

For more information contact Neila (509)640-0464 Julie (509)207-9485



## **DISTRICT 8**INVITES YOU TO AREA 92

# STANDING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

"SPIRIT OF ROTATION"

#### December 11, 2021 10 am to 2 pm Hybrid

Church of the Nazarene 4000 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815 Basement Level

Zoom Meeting ID#: 955 9098 1949 Passcode: 151109

Lunch will be provided

Any questions please feel free to contact:

Brande G. Host Committee 509-868-4123 or Catherine B. District 8 619-980-6987



# DISTRICT 8 HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

December 18st 2021 at 1:30 PM- Potluck North Idaho Alano Club

425 Borah Avenue Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815



This holiday workshop will have a variety of topics and speakers on Holiday themes

For information call Natalie F. 208-819-8808

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Christmas and New Year's Alcathons
Area 92 groups participating
Hosted by District 2
36 hours of **FELLOWSHIP**and **AA MEETINGS** 

# We need your help.

This year, we plan to have a virtual Hospitality Room with the AA meeting in a breakout room. What fun! It runs from noon on the "Eve" until midnight on the "Day." We will need:



AA meeting **Chairpersons** - individuals



<u>Groups to host Fellowship</u> in the Hospitality Room, greeting people, being friendly



<u>Co-hosts</u> to assist the Zoom Host. Training provided.



<u>Hosts</u> to shepherd the Alcathon for a few hours at a time. Some experience is desired.

To volunteer, contact Keith K at 509-795-9505 or Rainey M at 509-279-5640



#### **Washington State East**

#### **AREA 92**

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

#### January 2022 Hybrid Quarterly

Zoom ID: 853 2704 9958 PW: 214600

West Valley Church

7109 West Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima WA 98908

January 14 – 15, 2022

#### **HOST HOTEL**

Quality Inn of Yakima (509) 248-6924 12 East Valley Mall Blvd, Yakima WA 98903 \$95 (includes tax and fees) – Any Room Group Name: WSEA 92 JANUARY QUARTERLY

#### **OTHER NEARBY HOTELS**

Comfort Suites (509) 240-8529 \$151 Dbl Queen Home 2 Suites (509) 453-1806 \$132 Dbl Queen

#### QUESTIONS

Registration Co-Chairs: Mandisa – mandisa\_west7@gmail.com; and Eddie P., (509) 728-6799 edperezjr84@yahoo.com

If you need special accommodations, please contact **Eddie P**.

Chairperson: **Michelle W.**, (509) 388-6086 – mlweese14@gmail.com

# One Form per Person Name: Registration Fee: \$ 15.00 Address: Friday Night Ice Cream Social: (\$3) \$ Phone: Saturday Lunch: Beef, Chicken and Cheese Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Chips and Salsa: (\$11) \$ Email: Total: \$ District: Position: \$

Mail your registration form and check to: District 6, PO Box 11174, Yakima, WA 98909

Make checks payable to District 6.

Registrations received after January 10th, cannot guarantee meal availability.

