Hello Area 92

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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.

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Greetings Area 92!

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed two positions today.

For the Position of Technology Chair, Dan M. and for the position of Area Secretary Naomi J.

Both come well qualified and would we hope for your support for these new members of the Area 92 Committee.

This leaves one position left to fill, that of the Public Information Chair. This position would be working closely with our Delegate Ben N.who is on the GSC Conference committee for Public Information.

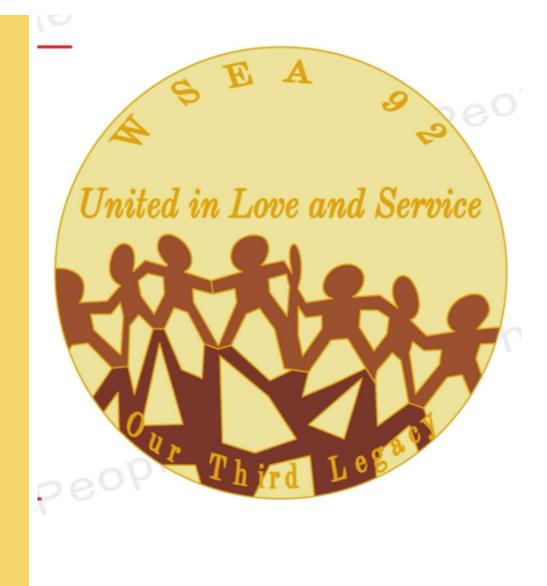
If you are interested in this position and would like to know more about it please feel free to contact me at any time. Also the Area 92 Handbook has a description of this position and can be found on our website at www.area92aa.org

Trust the Process and more will be revealed!

With Best regards! Benjamin G.

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Area Elected and Appointed Reports

Area Delegate

Greetings WSEA 92 Fellowship

"What I Saw and Heard and Felt"

I'm back. I've rested for a day and a half, and now I am anxious to report the incredible experience of the 72nd General Service Conference!

I $\it saw$ a monumental logistical feat; bringing together 135 conference members to conduct the business of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I $\textit{heard}\ 135$ passionate voices expressing the one thing on which we could absolutely agree; our love for Alcoholics Anonymous.

And after what I saw and heard? I *felt* a tremendous assurance that our message of hope is alive and well! The conference began on Sunday and ran for 6, 12–14-hour days. Presentations, general sharing sessions, and workshops were held throughout the week, beginning with the individual committee meetings. Midweek, committees reported to the conference and discussions began. Business concluded late Friday evening. Saturday was farewell talks by rotating Trustees, followed by a visit to *your* General Service Office....... Now that was the quick version! For the detailed version of this amazing process, please join us during the delegate report backs being scheduled for June and July. Representing Area 92 and Alcoholics Anonymous, was a spiritual life changing experience I will never forget. I cannot wait to share it with all of you!

Next stop Spokane: June Hybrid Standing Committee Workshop hosted by our friends, District 2, June 18, 2022. Our Standing Committees are trusted servants in *action*. We can support their good work by participating and sharing what we have to offer. These events just keep getting better, and this one should be no exception. So we will see you there. THANK YOU for your service!

"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 ourway 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."

...Bernard Smith - 1953, 3rd GSC

For Your Information, I have posted on the <u>Panel 72</u> & <u>DCM</u> shared drives a Folder titled **"72nd GSC Reports & Presentations"**; 15 "Conference Week" documents:

Full compilation set of committee reports

(Includes Archives, and International Conventions/Regional Forums)

72nd GSC PowerPoint Presentations:

Picnic Table Slides without notes (English and French)
Grapevine Board Chair Report
Remote Communities Presentation
Special Board Presentation: Participation of Online Groups

*We expect to see the "GSC Final Actions" report next week... Thank you for your service!

Ben N. WSEA 92 Delegate - Panel 72

Area Alternate Delegate

It was great to see all those that attended the Pre-Conference Assembly in Coeur D'Alene last month. I've continued to attend the North America Alt Delegates meeting monthly to learn about how we are continuing to share the message of recovery. I've been in touch with several DCMs regarding hosting another GSR School sometime this year. If your district or group is interested, please contact me. Remember we can combine several districts together to help with the hosting responsibilities. I'm grateful to be able to give back to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Yours in service,

Diana M

Alternate Delegate Area 92/Panel 72

Area Chairperson

Greetings Area 92!

The month of April in preparation for our Area Assembly was full of intense activity. Nearly every day had phone calls and documents to work on. I am grateful to everyone that helped in bringing this assembly to fruition. I would like to say thank you all!

It seems that this rotation has a lot of "first times" in doing this or that. It seems that the more we work together at this process, we get better at it. Progress over perfection. Some things seem very familiar and some things seem very different, like the Hybrid Meeting process. It feels like we must pursue this process at the very least for accessibility reasons, but it also has its challenges as well in doing so.

In the time after the assembly, we have had a couple of "Wrap-up" meetings discussing various aspects of the Assembly. Some of these sessions with committees and DCMs have given us some good feedback and direction that will be helpful in future events.

About the Pre-Conference Agenda Discussion. It seems like the feedback is really divided by those that would want a coverage of all agenda items and those that would prefer just the "hot issues". This greatly affects the amount of time allocated to the discussion. As far as the parity between the online body and the in-person body, most felt we did pretty good in making sure that all had the opportunity to equally participate. We will be taking all of the other suggestions into consideration for future events, and Pre-Conference discussions.

I anticipate that a number of motions will come forward at the July Quarterly. I find this encouraging as well as exciting. It seems that now is the time to take inventory of the Area and its various committees and ask ourselves what is relevant to the "Now" as well what might we change, to better serve the Groups of the Area and ultimately members and the Alcoholic who still suffers!

It may be just my perception but it also seems that the cost of doing the business of A.A. has gone up! The ability to carry the message, may come with a greater cost in order to maintain our effectiveness in a modern day post pandemic world. It will be up to the body of Area 92 to decide what this will look like for us in the future. I also feel that one individual with a Big Book, still seems to be the most effective way in carrying the message of A.A. That word of mouth still is the most powerful form of attraction. So, what does this mean? That in my humble opinion , we first should look to the Spiritual ways for solutions. That the giving of time in service is more valuable than throwing dollars at a problem. Yes, money is important, but I believe in the power of our group conscience, and ultimately the one who presides over us all!

With Best Regards to all!

Benjamin G. / Area 92 Chair / Panel 72

Area Alternate Chairperson

Hello Everyone,

Whew! What an Assembly! That had to be a record for Area 92, it's definitely one for the books. I would like to thank District 8, Coeur d' Alene for hosting and everyone who participated, it's true we can do together what we can't do alone. I would like to also send a Big "Whoo-Whoo!" out to Naomi and Dan for jumping on board the Unity Train and making themselves available and to Bryan for stepping up as our Alt. Treasurer. I look forward to serving with you all on Panel 72. District 26 is excited to be hosting the July 2022 Quarterly in Libby Montana, if you haven't booked your room, try to do so ASAP, as the block will be lifted on June 1*, and room availability in our small town will be very limited due to summertime and all the visitors to our beautiful state. I will be traveling to Yakima to Districts 6 and 20 Service Workshop this month and have hopes of attending the Hispanic Convention being held in Pasco May 27*, 28th & 29* and of course I will be at the Gazebo Boys Campout the first weekend of June at Bull Lake in Troy, Montana.

By the Grace of **My Higher Power and All You Folks** in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous I will be reaching a milestone this year with ten years of sobriety, I finally have more years sober than I have DUI convictions and for a drunk like me, that's just a freaking miracle. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the gift of sobriety and for allowing me to be of service to Area 92 and Alcoholics Anonymous, words cannot express the love and gratitude that overflows from my cup today and every day.

Much Love, Lisa G.

Area Treasurer

News From Area 92 Treasurer May 2022

Happy May everyone. I hope your spring is filled with love and endless blessings.

I cut my first batch of Tulips on Sunday to bring a little joy inside, because as we all know in AA "Recovery is an in-side job".

I also want to take a moment to welcome Bryan as our new Alt Treasurer, Dan as our New Technology Chair and Naomi as our new Secretary.

So, if you are thinking you need a little something more in your life to round out your recovery, we are still in need of one more Standing Committee chair. I hope you find it in your heart to make yourself available to serve

I have paid all our expenses for the April assembly and misc. charges for software and mailboxes.

It was great to spend time together as a body. Even though I have seen many of you many times in the past year it never gets old when you can hug an old friend, and make a new friend or two, have a great conversation and just truly be together.

I do not have much on the agenda for the month of May as far as AA events. I am hoping to make the journey to Yakima to attend the workshop. I am also looking forward to spending Mother's Day weekend with my oldest son at a Rodeo, where I get to cook and bake for him and his traveling companion. Being a mom in recovery means, I get to suit up and show up for him no matter how old he gets.

I am heading out the first weekend in June to my first campout for the season. I may even scurry into Spokane for the Standing Committee Workshop and attend the Virtual PNC.

My life is full, my heart is full, I have recovery because of AA and My higher power. My wish for you members of this Washington East Area 92 is that your fill your heart and life with endless blessings.

Yours in service and love Fran L Area 92 Treasurer

Area Alternate Treasurer

Alt-Treasurer Report May 2022

Greetings to the Area Body

As the new Alt-Treasurer I am still in a learning curve with outgoing Cindy H as my mentor and Fran's help (and the help and support of other Area officers and volunteers). I expect to shortly be assuming the regular duties entailed thereof, and with Cindy's help have just completed my first monthly report for April.

Some have expressed surprise that I stood for this position after only a very brief tenure as Technology chair. For the record I was responding to an expressed urgent need to fill this position for which I am well qualified and the knowledge that the Technology committee was already full of very qualified people (at least as well as myself) who would serve the Area well in my absence. Additionally, Cindy had gone above and beyond the call of duty by continuing to serve in the absence of a suitable replacement. All of which compelled me to act.

The world is emerging from a challenging pandemic period for which there is no precedent. This was part of the conversation recently in our monthly meeting. By all accounts the Area is emerging from this period in good financial shape. I commit to do my best to continue the level of service which has helped make this possible.

April contributions total \$1,772.69

In Love and Service, Bryan B, Alt-Treasurer

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.

PLEASE add your group name and/or district 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. Thank you very much for your support.

YIS
Bryan B.
Area 92 Alt-Treasurer
alt-treasurer@area92aa.org
Finance Committee Chair

Area Secretary - Welcome Naomi

Area Archives Chair

May 2022

Hello Area 92,

Even though our motion for additional funding for a new repository did not pass in April, I am encouraged that it was just 5 votes shy of passing. I am grateful for the majority vote. We will bring a motion to the July quarterly that hopefully will be passed and then voted on and passed by the body in October. Our ideal is to find a space with temperature and humidity control where we can house our archives safely and responsibly, have enough space to catalog items on-site, provide hands-on training opportunities to volunteers and new archivists, and where we can have a of items on display.

Respectfully,

Valerie D.

Area 92 Archives Chair

Area Archivist

Hi everybody!

Hope you are having a lovely spring and getting some sunshine in between the rain showers.

I want to thank everyone for the amazing show of support of the Archive Motion we presented at the April Assembly. We had a lot of people visit the Archives Traveling Display and view first hand examples of the damage that is happening to our precious history right now. It was so encouraging to know that so many care deeply about our effort to save our history from decay due to the humidity and temperature problem in our current repository. Unfortunately, we were just 5 votes short in moving forward in finding a safe place to house and process our archives. But that doesn't mean we are giving up.

The Archives Steering Committee will present a new motion at the July Quarterly. But in the meantime, we want to give you all the information you need to bring the discussion back to your Districts and Groups. That is why at the June Standing Committee Workshop on June 18, 2022 we are going to have another presentation to educate and inform anyone who is interested during our 2-hour Archives workshop roundtable. If you are interested, please see the flier and RSVP. We plan to have videos, speakers, outline on how to catalog, and question and answer time. Please attend so we can educate people on this crucial issue to save Area 92 history.

I am also really excited about attending the 25th National A.A. Archives Workshop. It will be hosted by Area 4 in North Little Rock, Arkansas in September. This is the first in-person National Workshop being held since the pandemic started and I am looking forward to learning a lot!

The Archives Steering Committee is also having a Work Party at the Repository May 14 (hopefully it will be warm enough to work there) to protect our books. We have to take special measures to carefully protect them from the high humidity and temperature. We are going to conduct a careful inventory and then store them in the individual containers that were purchased with baking soda, buffered paper and acid free tissue paper to ensure that any moisture remaining will not enable mold issues in the future. These measures would not be necessary if we had a humidity and temperature-controlled environment. Since we do not know how soon that will happen, The Steering Committee decided we needed to take action now.

Sincerely in Service,

Lisa D.

WSEA 92 Archivist

Area Corrections Chair

April 2022 Corrections Report

Hello All,

Area Corrections made some great connections at the April Pre-Conference Assembly! Shout out to all those connections made with the volunteers who go into Airway Heights Correction Center in Airway Heights, WA!

Pre-Conference Assembly done...thank you for all of you that participated in the process! Especially those of you that gave input to Corrections Agenda items, much gratitude and much appreciated. The Pre-Conference Assembly was a long one but very grateful to serve the body of Area 92 in the Corrections' Chair capacity.

Area 92 Corrections is still looking for a volunteer to fill the Bridge Program Coordinator position which is a very important service position in helping those getting a bridge from incarceration-to-the-Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. If anybody is interested in this position or would like to join the Corrections Committee, please let me know at corrections@area92aa.org!

The latest Area news on prisons coming online for live, in-person meetings: Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) in Airway Heights, WA; Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (CRCC) in Connell, WA; Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) in Walla Walla, WA. Please email me if facilities are opening in your area so I can let others know.

Last, excited to hopefully see many of you at the June Standing Committee Workshop in Spokane on June 18, 2022. Grateful to serve...Marc Mc.

Area CPC Chair

I certainly appreciate the teamwork from my AA team members for covering for me at the Assembly while I was on a two vacation this month. We had a great time celebrating our very recent retirement.

Even with the short work month, I was able to make some progress within the professional community.

- 1. I was invited to visit and tour the UGM campus in Spokane. The with the several key members both learning about UGM and sharing what AA is and is not.
- 2. I met the lead registered nurse from Inland Behavioral Health. She asked that I provide her a package with information about AA that she can share with her team.
- 3. I also had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Darin Eckert from Multi-Care. Dr. Eckert is also on the staff at the University of Washington medical staff in Spokane. We had a great meeting, and he wants us to prepare two packets of information for him.
- 4. This month, I plan to meet with the appropriate district CPC chairs to coordinate follow up on each of these new relationships. Likewise, I will be reaching out to each district CPC chair this month to work on increasing our combined efforts and results.

YIS - Jay J.

Area Grapevine and Literature Chair

Area Newsletter Editor

Greetings everyone,

Our area newsletter distribution is at 317 email and hard copy letters every month with 39 in Spanish. I was informed that Area 72 has more that 1100. Our Alt-Delegate reports that we have 490 groups in our area and I know we have at least 3 members per group so we have an opportunity to grow our distribution. I need your help in getting the word out to your fellow home group members. Can I count on you? I thought so and thanks for your help.

Doug M. Area Newsletter Chair

Area Public Information Chair

Area Technology Chair Welcome Dan

The Technology Committee is meeting weekly to discuss how best to be of service to the membership of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am very happy to report that our committee is composed of very knowledgeable and diverse skill sets and I am confident that we will provide effective solutions for our area's technology needs. There is a strong commitment to be of service on our team.

Many items are being discussed about the roles and responsibilities of the committee.

- 1. Taking responsibility for website hosting, website support, meeting info services, software licensing, translation solutions, accessibilities, and assembly and workshop host site technology solutions
- 2. Transferring ongoing area expenses to the committee's responsibilities.
 - a. Software licensing

QuickBooks

Website tools

Zoom

More?

- b. Assembly and workshop presentation hardware and software
- c. Translation equipment and software.
- 3. Transferring expenses from assembly and workshop host committees to the Area Technology committee.
 - a. Projection equipment

Screens

Projectors

Laptops

b. Sound equipment

Microphones

Sound mixers

Recording solutions

- 4. Training
 - a. Meeting information updating
 - b. Zoom
 - c. Google Workspace
- 5. Ongoing budget needs

6. Initial expenses to provide needed functionality

Our hope is that after the initial scope of the committee is formed that we meet less often and spend our time working on the engineering and technical aspects of our area needs.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Dan M. Technology Committee Chair technology@area92aa.org

Area Treatment Chair

To my Area 92 Family,

The early part of April was quite busy for me. I attended the Area 92 pre-conference assembly. I met briefly with our new "Bridging the Gap" coordinator for the Area and tried to get him set up with Jennifer to be able to access the Area 92 Website information that he will be responsible for. Welcome aboard Jason U. I also learned that I needed to get his information to our Area Registrar, Diana, so that he can be registered with GSO (General Service Office) in that position. Diana, Jason, and I are working on that.

"Bridging the Gap" (BTG) is the platform for matching up persons coming out of treatment with a contact person in AA in their home area. On page 19 of our Treatment Workbook, it states that, "Simply put, a temporary contact is an A.A. member who collaborates with clients who are being discharged from treatment settings and helps them bridge the gap to A.A. in the local community." According to Our Area Handbook, one of my duties is to keep a list of "Temporary Contacts" for individuals preparing to leave treatment facilities.

There is information and a form available on our website area92aa.org if you would like to be a contact. You can access these forms and information via the Standing Committee tab, under Treatment. There are forms for: 1) Clients who are being discharged, 2) Temporary Contact Volunteers and 3) Contact sign-up sheet (for BTG Area or District use). I envision Jason referring Clients to Temporary Contacts or referring them to DCMs in the respective district to which clients are discharged.

Different "Autonomous" Areas, Districts and Groups may handle this program differently. In some Areas these programs are combined, in our Area they are separated. Area 92 Corrections has a parallel program referred to as "The Bridge" program. Refer to the Standing Committee tab, under Corrections for information and forms.

Michael O. Treatment/Accessibilities Chair, Area 92, Panel 72

Area Translation Chair

Finance Committee

Website Committee

Hybrid Ad-hock Committee

The Hybrid Ad-hoc Committee Chair and one other member met with the Technology Committee Chair, past and present. We are all on the same page. We clarified what the ad-hoc committee will be addressing/presenting, and where the Tech Committee comes in. The Tech Committee will be answering the 'How" questions – the tech and equipment questions, including equipment costs. Two members of the Hybrid Ad-Hoc Committee are also on the Technology Committee.

We concluded that while the ad-hoc committee may suggest that online participants pay a registration fee, it in no way can say how much that fee should be.

We investigated how to write a good motion. One person spearheaded the project, and we formed a subcommittee to produce the "seed" to be presented to the whole committee at our next meeting.

We invited Jennifer, our Area 92 Zoom expert, to a meeting and got some good information from her, including her experience writing the Technology Committee motion. From Jennifer we learned that translation is its own gig, not something that need concern the ad-hoc committee.

Another person spearheaded looking into the Area 92 Handbook at what would need to be changed if the motion we are pursuing passes. Not only will job descriptions be affected, but we would need an introductory paragraph at the beginning of the Handbook.

Someone else followed up with Area 06. We got a copy of their hybrid ad-hoc committee's recommendation to their Area. We also found out that Area 72 is not doing what we are doing. They have a lot more people participating in Area events – more than a thousand. Someday maybe we share our experience with them!

Another person joined the committee with some good insights. Now we are going to look imaginatively at objections to using hybrid at Area 92 events. This should be instructive!

We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm for one hour on Zoom. If you are interested in joining the conversation, let me know and we'll send you the link. I can be reached at dcm2@area92aa.org or 509-279-5640. Questions, comments, concerns, shared experience etc. are welcome.

Thanks again to our committee techie and to our faithful secretary.

Rock on! Rainey

Area Registrar

Area 92 now has 490 groups registered with 2 being virtual. I reviewed the Area 92 meeting schedule on the website and there are 170 meetings listed as online. This includes those both hybrid and online. If your meeting has changed and is no longer online, let me know so they can be changed back to in person only. If any of you want your meeting registered with GSO as online please let me know.

We received a notice from GSO recently that a group by the name of Mixed Nuts Group in Area 92 requested to be registered. The information did not include the district or address of the group location nor a contact person. If any of you know who this group belongs to please contact me so I can correct their registration information.

If your group or meeting was made inactive during the covid pandemic please let me or your DCM know if it has returned to active status. It would be good to have a listing of all active status groups in our Area.

If you have any questions about the status of your groups, please contact either your DCM or myself, as we would like to help you with any questions. DCMs do have access to the Fellowship Connection to review reports. If there are changes to be made, they should contact me and I will attempt to make the changes. If I can't, because I don't have access to them, I will notify GSO members services to make the changes.

It is a privilege to serve you as the Area Registrar.

Yours in service,

Diana M Alt/Del/Registrar Area 92/Panel 72

Incoming GSRS Get Your Group Connected!

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.

Dianna M - WSEA 92 Alternate Delegate/Registrar Panel 70 alt-delegat@area92aa.org

District and DCM Reports

District 2

Our Archives Chair, Stephanie H., has been working hard to collect stories from District 2 long-timers. She is done with the ones collected so far and would like to continue the project even after she rotates out as Archives Chair. Thank you, Stephanie – and to those who help with editing, etc. Tom W., Central Office Archivist, has been a great help as well.

We discussed the way meeting information gets onto the Meeting Guide App for the four Spokane districts. We're working on a solution.

We put the word out for help for the Standing Committee Workshop we're hosting in June. I'm happy to say that since the District meeting in April, we have a full complement of volunteers!

We also talked about participating in an event to include all four local districts, possibly a potluck speaker meeting. We'll follow up on that next meeting, May 10th. We'll be meeting at 5:30pm for the foreseeable future, at the Alano Club in Spokane, 1700 W 7th Ave, and online (hybrid). We do get visitors and they are very welcome!

Rock on! Rainey

District 3

Last Quarter Activities:

The most active group in our District is SPOKYPAA. This year they've had a special event every week. Themes are varied, creative and fun including such things as Resentment Pie Toss ("Not quite to that 4th Step? Come take out some resentments and help us raise \$ for conference"), Step Brothers Movie Night, Trivia Night, Bob Ross Art Nite and Bake Sale, Flash Mob Night, and more...

Planned Activities:

We have a new District 3 group: Drowning Men on Tuesdays alt 7PM.

SPOKYPAA is hosting the Washington State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (WSCYPAA) to be held in Spokane July 1-3 at the Centennial Hotel. Adam T is the main speaker, plus a live band, a comedian, panels and marathon meetings. They are asking for donations fr all over the Area to make sure every newcomer gets a Big Book.

Next month we start planning for the winter Alkathons for the Spokane Area hosted this year by District 3.

Concerns & Solutions in your District:

We are getting more GSRs involved. We had 13 people at our March meeting, 5 of them GSRs, the most in two years. But we still need more.

Also, our District Handbook needs to be updated. An ad hoc committee has been formed to take that on.

Next District Meeting: Tuesday5/10/22 at 6:30 PM Corbin Sr Center, 828 W Cleveland Ave, Spokane

Contract: Larry E

District 4 Sadly No Report

District 5 Sadly No Report

District 6 Sadly No Report

District 7

We currently have 26 groups on our schedule running meetings 7 days a week. we average 10-12 GSR during our business meetings.

Most of our chair positions are filled except CPC and we are waiting of district confirmation of our PI chair person. It was a pleasure to be part of the Assembly hosted by district 8 (THANK YOU DISTRICT 8!).

Our current big focus right now is our Host committee for the Spring 2023 Pre conference assembly and sharing that with all of the meetings in the district for participation. Our committee currently has almost every chair position filled and we are excited to keep meeting monthly for the time being. Our current committee is meeting the second Saturday of each month at 11 am prior to our district meeting. The district meeting is held the second Saturday of each month at 130 and the location rotates between volunteering home groups.

We are excited to start adding in a tradition review at the beginning of our agenda to our district meeting and starting Jan of 2023 we will then do 1 tradition and 1 concept each month.

Our other big goal is a district handbook overhaul, more to come as this is new business for our district!

Thank you all for your service and I look forward to seeing all of you again in July!

Yours in Service Kyley S.

District 8

District 9

Hello Area 92 from District 9 in Walla Walla!!

I feel like so much has happened in the last month since my last report. I can feel the growth not only in myself but also my District.

It was an honor to be able to attend the Pre-Conference in Coeur D'Alene in April. How nice it was to see so many faces in living color right in front of me. Most of you I had only met online. It was so encouraging to meet you all, hear your opinions, eat together and see AA in action.

Not only did I get to attend but my Alt DCM, Richard B was in attendance helping me learn the ropes and encouraging me to go to the mic, which I finally mustered up the courage to do. My husband Marc Mc, who is the Area Corrections Chair was also there and did an excellent job at the Standing Committee Breakout Session. I have to say seeing him in action with Corrections brings me much pride. I'd like to give Louise T. a big thank you for attending the event online. She was able to give her GSR report for her homegroup, Monday Night Women's AA.

Our District was unable to meet in April so on May 1st we had a very productive meeting that was a bit overdue. We had almost every GSR present and most of our Committee members. We talked on Tradition 5 and discussed the meaning of Concept 3. Many of us are learning these things for the first time. I am encouraged by the participation and enthusiasm. One of the new GSR's came up to me after the meeting, remarking that she could feel the energy in the room. How encouraging is that?:)

We are going to update our Guidelines so Richard B was appointed as the lead on an Ad Hoc Committee. I'm sure this will take some time as we haven't had a review on our Guidelines in many years.

We are in need of an Answering Service Chair and are discussing new ways to handle 12th step calls.

We are in communication with District 18, our neighboring District, and have established open communication in hopes of working together under District 9.

We are looking forward to our next big Activity.....our annual 4th of July Picnic. Thank you Rick C for stepping up as Activities Chair. I know this will be a great Sober event.

We have officially confirmed that District 9 will be hosting the Standing Committee Workshop in December 2022.

I am proud and honored to serve!!

Judy Mc

District 10

District 10 wants to wish a happy birthday to our April birthdays.

Julian with 30 days

Les H with 1 year

Bryan N with 14 years

We would also like you to join us at our spring fling. Saturday May 21st; 4pm at the union hall. Food and fellowship with a special quest speaker.

Thank you for another great month. Cody L.

District 11 Sadly No Report

District 12

Greetings from District 12!

Spring blossoms are bearing the promise of cherries, apples, pears, nectarines and peaches. AA is promising Fellowship, no matter the season. There's a return to Fellowships in District 12 having picnics, Zoom meetings moving to in-person, in-person moving to hybrid and a slow return to brick and mortar meetings, the meetings were created on a Zoom platform during the pandemic.

District 12 has two groups, Methow and Twisp, combining their business meetings and Oroville and Tonasket working out the details to do the same. At our last District meeting we voted on and passed, an upgrade of our reimbursement rate using the current IRS Business Mileage Standards for round trip reimbursements pertaining to those it applies too. The outcome is .46 cents a mile.

We also encouraged all groups in D12 to have a subscription to the Grapevine. Also, a motion was made and passed, to increase our paper schedule printings from 300 quarterly to 500 quarterly. Focusing on distribution within our communities, English and Spanish speaking.

Upcoming Events

AA Cuna De Fraternidad, Pasco, WA May 27, ,28, 29 Red Lion Hotel/ Conference June Standing Committee Workshop, Saturday, June 18, 10a-3p Pacific Northwest Conference June 24-25 WSEA 92 Quarterly July 15 & 16. Refer to the Area schedule for more detail.

The fellowship listed below includes lawn chairs and horse shoes!

- -Lost Lake Camp Out "Together Again", is July 8, 9 &10 at Camp Tokiwanee at Bonipart Lake Resort.
- -Also, The Twisp Group is hosting a Summer Picnic July 23 at Twisp Park at 11-4pm.

Well, we can't wait to schedule a gathering with Ben to hear the outcome of the Conference in New York as well as his own experiences. We are open to gathering with another district to hear the message from New York.

We celebrate Todd G., Bill, & Dewitt W. on their AA Birthdays.

Thank you for serving District 12! Jacqueline DCM

Jacqueline

Live Light 670 Swanson Mill Road Tonasket, WA joyfull3@me.com 206.518.3844

District 13

Hello again from District 13. Things are really opening up in District 13 and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. On June 18th we are having our second Quarterly Potluck with Food and Speakers. They are always a lot of fun so come on over, see attached flyer. I have brought the Groups the news about the situation about the Archives and we are waiting to see a formal Motion to discuss.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Jamie K. District 13 DCM

District 14

Our monthly district meeting was held April 3 with the major focus being on gathering the district group conscious on the Agenda Items. As a district, we clustered the Agenda Items to try and streamline the process. Good discussion and high levels of unanimity was evident on the key "hot button" items. I was asked by our Area Chairperson, Benjamin G to put together short summaries of some of the Public Information Items for presentation at the Area Assembly, based on the presentation slides put together. Other DCMs were also tasked with putting together short summaries for presentation of the Agenda Items.

The Area 92 Pre-Conference Assembly was both enjoyable and challenging. Thanks to District 8 for hosting the event, and a huge shout out to everyone who made the hybrid part of the meeting work. Challenges were faced and managed on the fly and the calm efforts of the Area Tech Team kept it on track.

The massive number of Agenda Items meant for long and at time emotional sessions. Based on the after-action discussion on the monthly DCM call, several areas for consideration for improvement were made to help streamline the process. I feel confident our Area Delegate heard our voice and will share that voice at the General Service Conference. I look forward to hearing the results of the Conference.

Andy C.

As the district rolls into May, our Third Legacy Committee has developed and scheduled a GSR school for May 21 at the Gardenia Center in Sandpoint. We will be actively promoting the school for all who are interested. The district is looking into holding a sponsorship school this summer. Our next district meeting is Sunday, May 8 and the focus will be on the district archives; the current state, desired state, and what actions may be needed.

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District 25

Hola Area 92 From all of us in District 25!

Happy Mother's Day! Let us enjoy this very special day by remaining clean and sober. Thank you to District 8 for hosting the Area 92 pre-conference assembly. I was fortunate to be there accompanied by Grupo 30 de Julio GSR and one of the group members. It was a great experience for all three of us. Thank you also to the interpreters for their work. The district activities for April are as follows: We joined in unity to celebrate the 18th sober birthday of our companero Juan of Grupo Sobriedad Viva, Toppenish, there was good food and cake, and most of all great fellowship! Grupo Un Nuevo Camino of Wapato will celebrate their 36th anniversary with a Public Information meeting. Everyone is invited on May 15th at Filipino Community Hall 211 W. Second in Wapato.

This is all for now. I wish you all Happy 24 Hours and may God bless you

Toribio N. DCM District 25

District 26

April Conference Reports

DCM Roundtable

April 8, 2022

WSEA 92 Pre - Conference Assembly - Hosted by D-8

Attendees: 17 DCM's

Facilitated by Ben G. /BR 1 (on Zoom) Ben opened meeting at 8:10pm.

The purpose and scope of this report is to "share the results of this Roundtable share."

Ben asked two questions.

- 1., What are your primary needs or concerns from your Area?
- 2., How many have held a District Inventory in the last few years?

Here's a brief summary of the results of question 1.

What are your primary needs or concerns from your Area?

District 9: Instead of being tied to interpretation of guidelines (such as who can vote on what) in their District Handbook, can a DCM appoint an ad hoc Committee to review our current District Handbook? The DCM shares followed in this same thought pattern, essentially questioning the process related to the review of each Districts Handbook. Who? What? How? Is there a template? Who's should we copy? How old is this? We appoint review our Handbook every rotation. The outgoing DCM and Secretary should update at the end of service. This handbook is criminal and out dated! Who's read this? Are we following the guidelines of our District Handbook? How do we establish an ad hoc Committee? Who do we invite to be a part of this committee? We vote with a quorum of 7 GSR's or elected officials if a vote is on the table. Ben asked, "When was the last time you reviewed your Handbook?"

The results, in conclusion of this share, Ben suggested we glean Concept 10, which points to, a scope of authority "well defined". What's YOUR Districts interpretation? When we define we make the motion more apparent. Suggested were 3 words

COMPOSITION= who,

SCOPE = what, how wide?

PROCEDURE = How, will you report to your body/group/district....accountability.

It was confirmed that we can appoint a committee.

It was confirmed that Ben would be happy to be available when we look into this matter of review and ad hoc committee preparation.

Q2., How many have held a District Inventory in the last few years? (Some starred in puzzlement).

Ben stated the AA Group pamphlet has some information on the process and shared an example of D-8's District Inventory.

Here's some of the guestions D-8 asked themselves.

Are we attending District Meetings?

Do we adequately fund our GSR's?

Do we engage in Active Standing Committee groups?

Do we make contributions?

Are we aware of what's going on in AA world wide?

Are our District meetings informed?

Are we reaching out outside the district?

We know the value of doing a 4th step. Are we utilizing this process in our district?

A member asked, "Has anyone done a post Covid district inventory? Answer. No.

Ben emphasized that this opportunity to have a no holds barred, move passed our biases, fact finding fact facing conversation where all are welcome and involved is a useful way to clean house within your district.

We can begin by asking members what questions do they have?

Bullet point the answers.

Here are some of the benefits of having a District inventory.

- -The more your district talks about the committees the more we'll understand job descriptions.
- -Qualify prospective committee chairs.
- -provides more information on the District website about committees.

Thank you to all DCM participants. D9, Todd, D-5, D-8, Andy, D-9, D-7, D-22 & D-3.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm "Secretary"
Jacqui DCM / District 12

2022 Spring Pre-Conference Assembly

Report on Area 92 Inventory Committee

- I am Gary P., an Alcoholic and Past Delegate of what is affectionately referred to by those of us who served the 70th General Service Conference, as the "Pandemic Panel 70's."
- Benjamin, thank you for asking me to step up and help organize and work with an Area Inventory committee. We intend to develop a relevant and constructive 2022 Inventory Report with recommendations for presentation, review and deliberation by this body at the Fall Assembly. Eight of us from across Area 92, have agreed to take on this assignment and our first virtual meeting will be held before the end of April.

- What is the historical Legacy of an Inventory?
 - Where did the concept of conducting a Group, District, Area or indeed a GSO inventory...originate?
 - We alcoholics embarked on a lifelong process of "personal recovery inventories", when we first encounter **Step IV**, and when we extend this process with **Step X**. We learn that deep and accurate self-appraisals, on a continuous basis, is essential to improving and maintaining the quality of our lives.
 - Our Group, District, Area, indeed GSO "service inventories" are direct extensions of that same "self-assessment" idea. To be effective, these inventories demand the same capacity for honesty, and commitment to regularly examine our service needs and service delivery alternatives.
- Here are some initial thoughts on 2022's Inventory Committee focus:
 - Interestingly, we have already discussed this weekend several critical and unmet needs in our Archives, Translation, and Technology service functions.
 - And, in the past 24 hours we have heard from GSR's and DCM's, expressing widespread interest from the body regarding the future mix of "in-person", "virtual", and "hybrid" meetings in meeting, group, district and area settings.
 - Finally, we have access to other inventories, already conducted in several other Pacific Region Areas, that we will share among committee members with additional food for thought.
- This background information will be distributed to the 8 trusted servants who have already agreed to assist with this committee. Further, we will schedule and conduct our first Inventory Committee meeting before the end of April.
 - Current Participants:
 - Larry E. DCM District 3
 - Anna V. Past DCM for District 6 and Past Chair of the GV/Lit Comm.
 - Valerie D.- District 12
 - Lisa D. District 13 and Archivist
 - Lori T. -- District 22
 - Todd S. District 26 DCM
 - Dan M. -- Spokane CO and Web Co-Chair
 - Mike M. Past Delegate
 - We would like to add two GSR's to the Committee and If you are interested in participating, please contact
 me this weekend or send me a short note at <u>Delegate70@area92aa.org</u> You will be included in the first
 meeting.

Does anyone have any questions?

Greetings Area 92:

The District 7 Host Committee for the 2023 Pre-Conference Assembly has held 2 Planning Meetings so far. Our most recent planning meeting was held on Saturday, April 2^{10} .

I am happy to report that we have filled all our Committee Chair Positions, and everyone is actively working on their duties.

We are planning on holding the Assembly on Friday, April 14-Sunday, April 16 2023, given the 2023 GSC is scheduled for Saturday, April 22[™]-Saturday, April 29[™], 2023

We currently have 2 facilities in mind and now that we have the dates for the assembly, our Facilities Chair can begin nailing down which facility will work best.

Per our Area Alt Chair, Lisa G, we will plan on a Hybrid Assembly.

Our next Host Committee Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 11:00-1:00.

YIS,

Heather G

Host Committee Chair

WA State East Area 92 Alcoholics Anonymous

Sales by Member Summary April 2022

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Quarterly Contribution Report for Area 092 - Washington State East

Group Contributions Surnmary

Q1 2022 - 1/1/2022 through 3/31/2022

District Name	District Information		Contribution Information	
	Total Group Contributions Received from Direct (in USD)	Number of Groups Listed with GSO	Number of Groups Contributing to GSO	Percentage of Groups in District Contributing to GSO
District Unknown	\$200.00	21	I.	4.76%
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District 0/2	5573.69	40	6	15%
District 03	5143.00	27	, F	3.7%
District 04	\$1,282.59	33	8	34.34%
District 0.5	\$420.99	25	3	12%
District Ge	3737.78	20	3	25%
District 0.7	51,934.95	29	N .	27.39%
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District (9)	\$192.67	17	1	17.65%
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District	50.00	6	0	0%
District 1/2	\$457.18	25	+	16%
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District E4	390.00	21	2	9.52%
District 1.5	\$100.00	17	1	5.8854
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District US	50.00	5	0	0%
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District 20	\$175.00	14-	t	2.14%
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District 22	\$1,266.00	12	3	25%
District 23	\$263.80	12	1	25%
Dinict 24	\$0.00	7	0	0%
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District 26	\$200.00	4.	1.	25%

Suggested Conference Agenda I tem to Develop a Pamphlet for the Asian-American Alcoholic

Submitted by South Oceanside Men's Group & District 2-SDIAA / December 2021

The General Service Conference has approved any number of pamphlets to help people identify their alcoholism and seek assistance in a culturally relevant fashion. Pamphlets have been developed for members of the armed services, those with mental health issues, older alcoholics, those with accessibility issues, persons in custody, LGBTQ alcoholics, teens, young people and women. In addition, the Conference has approved pamphlets directed toward those with spiritual concerns (Many Paths To Spirituality and The "God" Word: Agnostic and Atheist Members in A.A.).

Though not Conference-approved, Grapevine has developed books on women in AA_u persons in custody, atheists and agnostics, those in military service, young people, and LGBTQ alcoholics. Also, the General Service Office has produced guidelines on helping deaf alcoholics and those with other accessibility issues.

Apparently on ly three Conference-approved pamphlets deal with issues of race and ethnicity: A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic, Hispanic Women in A.A., and A. A. for the Native North American: Glaringly omitted from this list is any pamphlet for Asian-American or Asian/Pacific Islander alcoholics.

We are certain that treatment programs and medical organizations that focus on this population would welcome a pamphlet to facilitate the referral of Asian-American and Asian/Pacific Islander alcoholics to Alcoholics Anonymous. Such organizations include the Chinese Medical Association, National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians, South Asian Public Health Association, Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association, Philippine Nurses Association of America, Samoan National Nurses Association, and National Asian Pacific Americans Against Sub stance Abuse, not to mention the many treatment programs specific to this population.

A pamphlet directed to our Asian-American and Asian/Pacific Islander friends with alcoholism is long overdue.

Timeline of Proposal

South Oceanside Men's Group

- On October 20, 2021, at the regular quarterly meeting of the Steering Committee of the South Oceanside Men's Group, the Steering Committee passed with substantial unanimity that the General Service Conference "Consider the development of a pamphlet for Asian-American alcoholics."
- On November 3, 2021, the South Oceanside Mien's Group (District 2) passed with substantial
 unanimity that the General Service Conference "Consider the development of a pamphlet for AsianAmerican alcoholics."



Pacific Northwest Conference

June 24 - 26, 2022 - Zoom

One of A.A.s oldest continuing service focused conferences, the PNC provides an opportunity for Pacific Northwest AA's to gather together to share, learn, reach out and have fun. The conference includes speakers, panels, a workshop, and will reflect current themes from the General Service Conference.

Register Online

https://www.pnc1948.org/

*If you don't want to register online, we'll gladly take a check.

Venue

Once again friends, this will be a virtual event via Zoom.

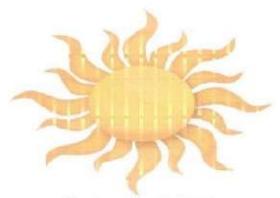
PNC2022 will include Spanish and ASL interpretation. We will have souvenir hats for sale!

Questions? pricchair2022@area72aa.org



District 13 Potluck, BBQ Speaker Meeting

Saturday June 18th 2022 4-8 pm @ Mirabeau Meadows Park 13500 E Mirabeau Parkway Spokane Valley, Wa. 99216



Featured speakers:
Corey L
Charlie K
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Water provided
Soda's will be on sale for \$2.
Bring a side dish to share
Raffle tickets will be on sale at potluck
Please Bring a chair!!!!
POC: NICOLE K. 253 797-7592 FILECIA O. 509-993-0000



MAY 21, 2022 6/20 SERVICE WORKSHOP & POTLUCK 10-2

Main Dish and Drinks Provided-Bring Sides

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this annual event. Hosted by Districts 6 & 20. At this event we will be discussing service work, committee work, and our Third Legacy. Many great speakers lined up to share their experience, strength, and hope! Please join us, bring your friends, bring a side dish, all are welcome!! This is a great opportunity to fill that spiritual cup and keep sharing and giving to the newcomer.

Annual 6/20
Service Workshop

POTLUCK
Main Dish &
Drinks Provided

Bring a SIDEDISH

Great Speakers

Please Join Us in this Great Event and opportunity to hear about service work and

BETHELEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

how vital it is.

8 of Tieton Drive Yakima, WA 98902

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May 21, 2022 10am-2pm

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