# 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!**

This was passed out in District 3 by Larry E. DCM. I thought it was appropriate enough to steal and post in the newsletter. I have been guilty of not paying attention to everyone who is sharing and that's something that takes practice. Just like many of the principles in this program do!

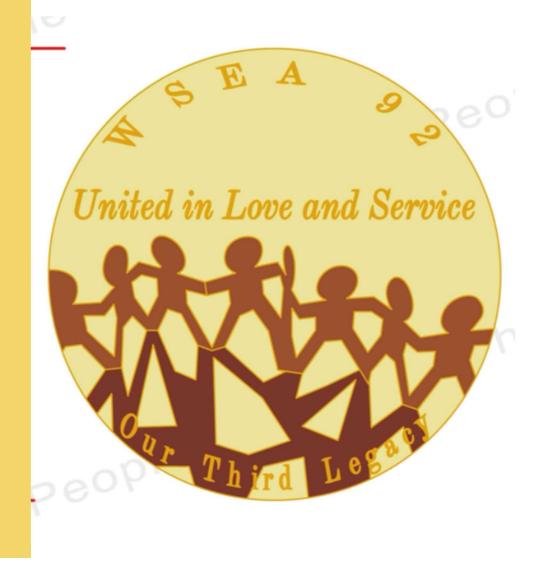
Doug M.

**Newsletter Chair** 

"One old-timer explained it this way to me: 'Don't let your mind rattle on at meetings. Then all you'll hear from someone else is something that gets you thinking about what you have to say. Listen to everything the person talking has to say, as if your life depended on it -- because it might one day. Listen to everyone this way, especially the ones you want to ignore,' this old-timer said. 'God won't deprive you of the answer you need, if you've come to an AA meeting needing an answer. He may, however, have your answer come out of the mouth of the person you least expect to have your answer. God has a sense of humor." May 1990, "Quiet Guidance,", Sober and Out

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# **Area Elected and Appointed Reports**

## **Area Delegate**

Greetings WSEA 92 Fellowship!

Along with the Pacific Region delegates monthly meeting, there are many other Area and Regional workshops and sharing sessions I have been taking part in. Recently I attended a virtual conference welcoming the newly elected panel 73 delegates for 2023, and a farewell to the outgoing 71's. It's incredible how quickly the time flies in general

service! I'm grateful to be blessed with that time to enjoy just how busy this position can get; from January to date, my area email count is at 5,771, an amazing ongoing experience!

As conference alt-delegate ("mailman"), I get to attend the virtual orientation meeting for the incoming delegates and committee chairs January 20, 2023. A nice chance to be able to put a "name to a face" of new folks I will be serving with this April in Brooklyn, NY.

A special thanks to my friends in District 25 for the invitation to participate in their traditions, concepts, and service structure workshop in Yakima. I would estimate the attendance around 40, and boy did we have fun! Everyone presenting did a fantastic job. It was inspiring to be a part of this workshop with such enthusiastic trusted servants. One thing is certain; love for Alcoholics Anonymous needs no translation!

I'm excited to attend the Standing Committee Workshop in Walla Walla in a few days. I will have with me the printed 2022 GSC final report... They will be available for Districts who have yet to receive them. See you then!

"To a man, we of A.A. believe that our freedom to serve is truly the freedom by which we live - the freedom in which we have our being"

Warranty Six, essay, C59 A.A. Service Manual

Thank you! Always grateful to serve, Ben

#### **Area Alternate Delegate**

I hope you have found a gratitude banquet near you to attend this year. The Area website calendar had several that looked like lots of fun. I attend ours in District 12 at the Methow Valley Community Center in Twisp. The committee did a great job of providing lots of good food and fellowship. A couple cars traveled to Wenatchee for their gratitude banquet several weeks later. Again District 5 provided lots of fun and fellowship. This year I find myself grateful for all the people I have met over the last 20 years in Area 92.

The DCM for District 6, Michelle has requested a GSR School, so we are planning to have a hybrid GSR School on January 28th, 2023, Gary P and Dolores E, past Delegates have been asked to do the presentation. We would like to invite all past delegates to attend since their experience and knowledge is never too much and especially since it will be hybrid.

We wish you all a Happy Sober Holiday.

Yours in service,

Diana M Alt Delegate & Registrar Area 92/Panel 72

### Area Chairperson

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

We stand here at the close of our first year of this rotation with a greater clarity and unity for our area. The work that we do and the message that we carry of our 12th Step and 5th Tradition to the world has never been so needed and necessary in the world as now! This gives us a greater purpose in our everyday lives working with others. This gift of sobriety, of peace and serenity, of wisdom and experience, shared with others can and does help others in their lives. We may never know the lives that we touch and how far that may reach, but when we share the "Sunlight of the Spirit", our experience strength and hope, and when we put forth the power of the principles of Light ... that has an impact in the world!

I am grateful for this Gift! I share it in many ways in my life, in service work, with my family, and with others outside in the world. The practice of these principles in all my affairs comes with a challenge and a blessing, ever reminding me to continue to do the work within, and participate with A.A. as a whole without.

This last month has been full of meetings, conferences, phone calls, emails, and prayers! As we move in to this next year, I have been in discussion with our Delegate Ben N. about the Preconference GSC Agenda process. We have discussed much about last year and how we can be more effective and relevant in this year.

I will be attending the Standing Committee Workshop in Walla Walla, Washington this coming weekend and look forward to hearing the message of "Unity through Service".

I currently am working on the agenda for our upcoming January 2023 Area Quarterly in Wenatchee WA. I am available to discuss proposed motions and any additional ideas or suggestions for items to be included on the agenda for that meeting.

In closing, I wish everyone a peaceful and happy holiday in the month to come and that blessings may be with you and your loved ones always!

It is a privilege and honor to serve Area 92! Benjamin G. / Area Chair / Panel 72

#### **Area Alternate Chairperson**

Hello Area 92 from a very snowy Montana,

Hard to believe January is just around the corner and we will be meeting for our first "official" hybrid meeting in Wenatchee, if you haven't sent in your registrations for either online or in person yet, please do that as soon as possible, this really helps the hosting districts to be able to provide for everyone, and with the holidays quickly approaching we know how busy everyone gets, so don't forget and mail it today! The April Pre-Conference is being hosted by District 7 down in the LC Valley and then onto Pasco for the July Quarterly hosted by District 24 and we will finish out the year in Spokane Area hosted by District 2.

Please keep in mind we will be taking bids for the October 2024 Inventory Assembly and the January Quarterly in 2024 so talk to your Districts and Groups we would love to come visit your town...

I continue to be part of the Technology Committee as we have found out the Alt Chair position plays a vital role in helping to coordinate with the hosting districts and Technology Committee as well as helps to communicate with our zoom host and with the online participants during our Area 92 Assemblies and Quarterlies. I still don't understand the "techie" language, but I am certainly learning a lot.

I would like to wish you all the very best of the season, may your homes be filled with Love and Laughter and wonderful memories to share for a lifetime.

Thank you for your service, and for keeping me sober another 24!

In Love and Service,

Lisa G., Alt Chair

#### **Area Treasurer**

Hope, courage, and faith. This holiday season is always a good way to start a end a new year. This year for me has been a great learning experience. I have grown out but mostly, I have grown from within. I have not always been able to put in place principles verses personalities. What a continue to learn is to pause think before I speak, and let my work speak for itself

So, what has been going on in the treasurer world. We are preparing for a audit. I have sent off registrations for the January Quarterly in Wenatchee for Elected body and appointed chairs. I have also been making hotel reservations. I have checked into insurance information for the potential new location for Archives. I will be meeting with the Fiancé committee on Monday December 6. I also will be, meeting with the Elected body on the second Monday.

I am making arrangements to car pool to the Standing Committee workshop on the December  $10^{\circ}$  in College Place. Standing committee workshops are one of m favorite events to attend. They are free no registration required, potluck with friends. I always walk away learning something I didn't know so it is a win for me. I hope to meet you there.

October Ending balance was \$32,236.58 November ending balance was \$31,134.33

Total expenses for October \$9780.98 Total expenses for November \$2,189.81

If you have any questions please never hesitate to contact me. I am available by phone or email. 509-936-1045

Treasurer@area92aa.org

I hope everyone has a healthy and joyful holiday season.

Love Fran Lyngstad

#### **Area Alternate Treasurer**

Greetings to the body

Happy Belated Thanksgiving – Merry Christmas – Happy New Year – Happy Holidays, and/or Happy whatever celebrations all of you may observe at year end!

Let us all be mindful of the needs of others during this time and with special consideration for our members who will be joining us anew in January.

I am tasked with helping assemble an audit committee for our annual audit. I understand this has only been done once (or maybe twice) before and fairly, recently, and that the guidelines might use some clarification on the specific makeup of the team and procedures etc. This will be a side effort of this year's audit as well as the audit itself.

This is an ongoing collaborative effort underway as I write this involving up to ten or so past Area servants including at least one past Delegate and one past Treasurer. The committee will pick a day to hopefully accomplish everything that is required the intention being to complete the process in one day to help minimize the time and travel for everyone.

I have mentioned that myself and corrections chair Marc Mc would attend the National Corrections Conference (NCC) in Schaumberg Illinois last month. We crammed a lot into 3 days, both fun and work. It was very satisfying to witness the fellowship in action there amongst the other boots on the ground servants from across the US and Canada. Also, I had never been to Chicago, so I had a lot to see and Marc helped me satisfy my curiosity with a couple fantastic side trips.

Discussions and planning are underway to affect our migration to a prospective new and improved archives facility in Hayden Lake Idaho, the details of which are being worked out as I write this. While they are likely still a few months from fruition I'm optimistic and excited for our Archives to occupy their new digs.

Thanks to all for your contributions.

November contributions total \$ 3,503.17

In Love and Service, Bryan B, Alt-Treasurer

Districts	TOTAL
District 02 Spokane (S. of River)	25.10
South Hill Noon Group - 000076023	54.90
Unity (Spokane) - 000017432	20.00
Total District 02 Spokane (S. of River)	100.00
District 03 Spokane (N. of River to Wellesley) Grateful Ladies - 000108038	75.00
SOS - 697391	30.00
Total District 03 Spokane (N. of River to Wellesley)	105.00
District 04 Tri Cities, Kennewick Richland Fellowship - 000057246	400.00
Total District 04 Tri Cities, Kennewick	400.00
District 05	
One Day At A Time - 000043327	134.64
Total District 05	134.64
District 06 Whole Latte Love - 379519	33.00
Total District 06	33.00
District 07	
E.R. Group - 000103392	250.00
Stoddard Group	75.00
Total District 07	325.00
District 08	
5-15 Group - 168327	127.50
Daily Reprieve II - 000100886	32.85
First Things First CDA - 000104533	10.00
Fort Sherman Chapel - 000104904	60.00
Young In Years - 000240671	70.00
Total District 08	300.35
District 09 Early Birds Group - 000102425	18.10
Total District 09	18.10
District 10 Sunday Morning Group - 000083949	60.00
Total District 10	60.00

District 12	
Methow Valley Group - 000021107	210.00
New Beginnings Group - 000031098	30.00
Total District 12	240.00
District 13 Happy Hour - 608627	150.00
Millwood Madames - 000023159	10.00
Monday Valley Womens Group - 000018801	10.00
Valley Noon - 18742	200.00
Total District 13	370.00
District 15 Saturday Nite Beginners - 000064674	50.00
Total District 15	50.00
District 17 AA Welcome Home Online Group -	96.12
Early Bird - 000029681	79.13
Total District 17	175.25
District 19 Early Morning Group - 000102479	225.00
Total District 19	225.00
District 20 Chance 4 Change - 000098688	25.00
High Noon Group - 173421	250.00
Total District 20	275.00
District 22 B.Y.O.B 000094169	54.00
Moscow Happy Hour - 000027209	49.77
New Freedom Group - 000032308	30.00
Total District 22	133.77
District 23 One Day At A Time - 000043337	150.00
Total District 23	150.00
District 24 Grupo 12 - 618027	10.00
Total District 24	10.00
Early Birds Group - 102424	350.00
Eugene A.	48.06
TOTAL	\$3,503.17

Please send all contributions to:

# 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 - no report

#### **Area Archives Chair**

Hello Area 92,

For the last month the Archive's steering committee has been negotiating a lease with a property management company for a repository site in Hayden Lake, ID. Hopefully we will accomplish this soon so we can move forward. There is still some work to be done to get the site ready before we can move the archives.

I am planning to attend the Standing Committee Workshop on Saturday December 10th via Zoom.

Merry Christmas,

Valerie D.

WSEA 92 Archives Chair

#### **Area Archivist**

Hi Everybody,

I hope everyone had a lovely Thanksgiving!

It has been kind of a slow month. We are in the process of negotiating a rental agreement for the new repository and of course it is taking a bit longer than anticipated. We want to make absolutely, sure that we will be protected in all ways before we agree to it. We will not be moving in by the end of the year but hoping for some time in January or early February.

I had to postpone my Archives Work Party due to the temps being so low. It is near impossible to work at the storage units for very long in freezing temperatures due to no electricity. But we must get the archives prepared to move so I

will be heading out on December 10th with some brave volunteers. We are going to make a plan on how to organize to make sure everything is accounted for. I am so looking forward to our new space where there will be warmth and electricity that will accommodate more volunteers and appropriate conditions for our collection.

We are also going to be asking Area 92 for donations of things we are going to need for the new Repository. A few things we are going to be looking for are tables, office chairs, shelves, office furniture, a paper cutter and a safe. I know there are going to be lots of other things but if you have any of these things and are willing to part with them, please send me or anyone on the Archive Steering Committee an email. We are also going to need electronics. There have already been 2 laptops donated.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a safe and sober New Year!

Sincerely in Service,

Lisa D. WSEA 92 Archivist

#### **Area Corrections Chair**

Hello All,

Reminder for all in Area 92; Corrections Focus for Panel 72:

#### Connect, Inform, Network, and Serve All Levels of Corrections

I just returned from the Fifth Annual AA Corrections Conference in Chicago, IL. It was awesome! Super grateful to attend and am honored to have been representing Area 92 amongst all the volunteers and fellow travelers as we Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny bringing in correspondence, literature, and meetings to those incarcerated. I took a ton of notes and have a lot of information to share at our different events over the coming year. My main news has to do with digital content being delivered right to our Inside Members' hands through the digital JPay services utilized in Washington/Idaho institutions. The main staff of the Grapevine and GSO Corrections informed us that all digital content is available at no charge to correctional tablets. Therefore, **if an individual has a tablet, there is AA literature available at no charge!** I will provide more information later and brief the Area of upcoming signposts for more opportunities of getting the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to our Inside Members!

Looking forward to seeing most of you either online or in person at our upcoming Standing Committee Workshop...please come with some questions in mind as we are doing a panel-style workshop with all of the Standing Committee Chairs sharing some of their experiences with the position and how share the touchpoints of unity and service in our activities. Hope to see many of you!

In-person prison meetings are going well and it seems we have coverage for most major adult institutions. I know X-mas Eve is covered at WSP which will be a nice day to get a meeting while you're on the inside. We seem to have volunteers to cover the meetings but, as always, we welcome volunteers to join us taking meetings inside. If

interested, please contact me at <u>corrections@area92aa.org</u>. Please tell me who you are, where you are (District), and contact details so we can talk further about this awesome service opportunity.

#### See you all as we Trudge the Road of Happy Destiny

Love you all and grateful/honored to serve...Marc Mc.

#### **Area CPC Chair**

#### **Area Grapevine and Literature Chair**

#### **Area Newsletter Editor**

Greeting all,

All is well in newsletter land. Was planning to attend the Standing Committee Workshop in College Place in person but know elected to do Zoom instead. No sense being on the road if you don't have to and due to Zoom, I don't have too!

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

Hi All.

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I'm not real sure what I'm doing yet hopefully some of that will get cleared up this weekend, but I am here and excited to get started doing some service for you guys.

Thank you Ricky L. P.I. Chair

### **Area Technology Chair**

The Technology Committee is meeting every other week.

We are in the process of creating the best ways to fund the Technology Committee to provide the services to the AA membership.

There is still a problem with DCM's trying to delete meetings on our website. We are working with our web vendor to resolve this issue. DCM's can put meetings into "draft" mode instead of "published" for now. This will make it so the meeting will not show on our website or the meeting guide app.

I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve with this talented group on our technology committee!

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

#### **Area Treatment Chair**

Most of my November activities have been related to getting ready for the December 10, 2022, Standing Committee Workshop (SCW) in College Place, WA. I hope to see you there!

I ordered literature related to carrying the message into Treatment Facilities from the General Service Office. I broke the literature into packets for each of the 20 non-language Districts, 4 linguistic Districts and for Residential Treatment Centers and hope to distribute them at the Standing Committee Workshop. I contacted our translations chair Johnny and asked if he could find out if the 4 linguistic Districts would like the Spanish Literature sent with the Treatment Centers or if they wanted to distribute it themselves. As no one had gotten back to me, I separated the Spanish literature and will get that to the 4 linguistic districts.

I solicited input from the Area electees, appointed, past delegates, DCM's and Alt-DCMs for questions related to the workshop theme, "Unity through Service in Carrying the Message." We will be selecting questions for the Committee Chairs to respond to at the SCW.

We discussed pamphlet P-27 "Alcoholics Anonymous in Treatment Settings" as a guide to District Treatment Committees to use as reference material before going into a treatment setting. This is an excellent resource for A.A.'s to co-operate without affiliating with Treatment Centers.

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

#### **Area Translation Chair**

#### **Finance Committee**

#### **Website Committee**

#### **Hybrid Ad-hock Committee**

Since the November newsletter, we have done two things:

- 1. In accordance with our scope, we reviewed the Area 92 Handbook sections 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 3.0 line by line and figured out what needed to be changed to facilitate the implementation of the passing of the motion regarding hybrid format for Area Assemblies, Quarterlies and Standing Committee Workshops. We found that most of what needed to be changed was basic housekeeping that could be done by the Handbook Committee as they work in passed motions. We will forward our suggestions to the Handbook Committee.
- 2. One item needs a motion because it changes a deadline. We prepared a motion regarding when floor motions are due at Area Assemblies and Quarterlies. Section 2.0 says they are due by noon Saturday, but the servants responsible for communication need to have time to get the motions to those who are attending online at the same time. We will present that motion to the Quarterly in January.

Several people have had to step down from the committee for various reasons. If anyone is interested in participating, please do! We still have some work to do before we've completed our scope of work. I understand there have been some questions about our scope and procedure. The questioning parties are particularly invited to join us in this service work.

We need to go over the How-to-Host booklets to see what needs to be changed to implement hybrid format. We will be looking at host responsibilities and Tech Committee participation/responsibilities in general terms. The technical stuff we leave to the Tech Committee. This project will necessarily include participation from the Tech Committee.

We also need to gather information about registration for online participants to be presented in report form to the Area. This will be phone calls and online research. Once we get the information, we'll put it in report form so that the Area can come to an informed group conscience.

We meet online from 5:30-6:30pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Please contact me at dcm2@area92aa.org or at 509-27905640.

#### **Area Registrar**

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 <u>alt-delegat@area92aa.org</u>

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

#### **District 2**

We had 12 people at the last meeting, eight GSRs, three district servants and a guest.

Two groups said they sponsored people to the Central Office's Gratitude Banquet. Another group announced their intention of hosting the All-District Potluck. (Come on Spokane districts!) One group reported on their Group Inventory held at a member's yurt!

Sunlight of the Spirit is holding their annual Spiritual Dinner December 9<sup>th</sup> at Church of the Nazarene 338 Betz Rd in Cheney. Doors open at 4, dinner at 5, and Chuck H. speaker at 6pm. Ham and turkey provided, bring sides and desserts.

Our Corrections Chair explained the Corrections Correspondence Service and Corrections Bridge program. Thank you, Dale! Our Treatment Chair got a call from Crosswalk looking into getting a meeting in there. Way cool, Mel! Oleta is heading up taking a meeting into Sacred Heart Psych ward. Thank you, Oleta!

District 2 has two new meetings: One Day at a Time South Wednesdays at 10am at Clare View Senior Residential Center 4827 S Palouse Hwy (Spokane) in the main building, and 164 Book Study at 6:00pm on Wednesdays at Carl Maxey Center 3115 E 5<sup>th</sup> (Spokane), a BIPOC friendly meeting.

We elected an Alt-DCM! Welcome Susan N. Now it's official.

Rock on! Rainey

#### **District 3**

District 3 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Corbin Senior Activity Center in Spokane. Our territory covers north central Spokane then west on Highway 2 to Wilbur and southwest to Lind on Highway 395.

We have been working on updating our handbook. Printed copies were distributed last month. Discussion of the first draft will be discussed at our next meeting.

Current standing committees are Archives, Grapevine/literature, Treatment, Corrections, Social Activities, and CPC/PI. CPC/PI is the only unfilled position.

#### Projects include:

- +Hosting the Christmas and New Year's Alkathon's.
- + Washington Conference of Young People in AA (WSCYPAA) is doing great things at the state level. Their GSL attends our District meetings regularly.

Our next meeting is December 13, 2022.

Yours in Service,

Larry E, DCM 3

#### **District 4**

#### **District 5**

Greetings from snowbound District 5. November gave us much to be grateful for. For the first time in three years District 5 hosted its Gratitude Banquet on November 19. The fabulous committee of many led by Kim S. and Marti B. put on one of the most festive events in the Wenatchee Valley that Alcoholics Anonymous has enjoyed in years. Every last detail, down to the fine banners labeling dinner, desserts, Raffle baskets, etc. was tended to. Speaking of Raffle Baskets; home groups in the District and beyond donated 27 baskets to be raffled off and in addition to that one lucky attendee walked away with a pretty penny out of the 50/50 raffle. And finally, the Icing on the cake were the two guest speakers, Mike G, was the Al Anon speaker and Dolores E the AA Speaker. Both were heartwarming and delightful speakers. I can't wait for next year.

Each month a different home group in District 5 hosts a Birthday Potluck with cupcakes and coins for AA birthday people at the Duncan Rd Fellowship Hall. The festive occasion is held on the last Saturday with a social hour beginning at 4:00, dinner at 5:00 and Coin and cupcake for birthday recipients after dinner. November it was the Cashmere Group (my home group) hosting. Our District Activities chair made clam chowder with clams he caught himself at Westport and we made cornbread to go with it.

The next Birthday Potluck will be on December 31, New Year's Eve and it will be a fund raiser/New Year's Eve Party for Duncan Hall to raise money to purchase new windows for the building. Pizza will be served, and our own Rule 62 will be playing! it's an open mike, amateur night! Bring your musical instrument or your voice, bring games, bring your dancing shoes, and bring snacks. The Party is On!!

District 5 will also be hosting the Area 92 January Quarterly at the McGuire Conference Center at Wenatchee Valley College on January 20 and 21. Get your Registration at Area92aa.org and register now!

District 5 holds its regular monthly business meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Duncan Road Fellowship Hall, 2123 Duncan Road, Wenatchee. We represent 23 groups. Meetings are all in person now with just one very popular and well attended Sunday morning online meeting. It seems District 5 has returned to what I like to think is normal, and for that I am grateful! There is always much to be grateful for....

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole N DCM DISTRICT 5 AREA 92 DCM5@area92aa.org

District 6

**District 7** 

**District 8** 

**District 9** 

Hello to you all in Area 92 from snowy, cold Walla Walla/College Place. I have heard that it is cold and snowy all around us. I know I am grateful for a nice warm home as the temperature stays in the 20's for most of the day. BRRRRR!

Speaking of gratitude, we had a wonderful Gratitude banquet on November 12th with close to 100 people in attendance. We were so glad to have lots of Al-Anon members join us. There were 3 speakers, raffles, prizes, music, tons of food and lots of laughter. I would like to thank Ted C (AA Speaker), Tanya C (AA Speaker) and Joe W (Al Anon Speaker) for sharing their recovery stories with us.

Thank you to Rick C, our activities chair, for all your hard work on this event. Jen F did a great job as the MC along with Megan F.

Thank you to the Women's Monday Night AA group for decorating and making the place look beautiful.

Last but not least, thank you to all the volunteers who set up, cleaned up, served, donated and helped to make this one of the best Gratitude banquets I've ever attended.

I got to attend the Standing Committee monthly meeting along with the Alt DCM Richard B. to go over plans for the upcoming **December 10th Standing Committee Workshop**. We as a District are looking forward to a great event lead by Michael O., the Area Treatment Chair. We invite all to attend to hear from our dedicated Area Chair members on how they are working together in Unity Through Service. It will be held at the **SonBridge Center in College Place, WA 1200 SE 12th Street** from 10-3. To clarify, please bring your favorite side dish to share and we will provide the Spaghetti and drinks.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season so far!!!

Judy Mc DCM

#### **District 10**

District 10 would like to celebrate the following members

Peggy 38 years

Paul 11 years Scott 9 months John 37 years Nathan 6 months Al 34 years Pat 2 years Vicki 35 years

Cody L.

#### **District 11**

#### **District 12**

Season's Greetings from District 12!

December, feels very chilly here.

Seems like a good time to share some AA history from District 12, while warming up by the old wood stove.

Wauconda recently reopened their doors again due to the closures related to the pandemic.

Let's listen to storyteller's Steve & Sarah as they share their experiences about the Wauconda Candlelight Group.~

#### Hi Area 92

This is a great time to revisit the history of the Wauconda Candlelight meeting because it turned thirty this year. Thirty years ago, I was living in Wauconda and subbing at various area schools. By the time I made it home I couldn't face traveling another twenty-five or more miles for a meeting. Another member, Roe D. and I decided to start a meeting in Wauconda. We started meeting at the cafe and planned to buy a room divider for a little privacy. I also started to light candles on the tables because at that time you could still smoke in restaurants, and it helped draw the smoke away. One of our new members Sara K. said she had a key for the community church, and she would check with them about our meeting there. The only requirement they had for us was that smoking had to be outside. Back then we had a lot of support for our meetings from carloads of Canadians coming down and attending with us. So at our business meeting to determine which area we wanted to be associated with the majority of newcomers decided to be a part of the BC/Yukon area because of their friends in Canada. It took many years to change that and have the Wauconda meeting become a part of Area 72 and then Area 92. Mary M. was our first GSR and soon discovered how large the BC/Yukon area is. Also, if you had a DUI in the States, it was considered a felony in Canada so you couldn't cross the border. That eliminated half of our membership right there.

We've had a long Covid break but now we"re back to meeting again just a little bit earlier at 3PM.

The End....and just beginning. One day at a time.

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December 2022 Birthday's!

Sarah B. 41 years Steve B. 33 years John B. 12 years Jacqueline C. 9 years

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Peace~ Jacqueline C Area92 DCM District 12

#### **District 13**

Merry Christmas from District 13.

All is well and our District is thriving. We have periodic Potluck/Speaker meetings, look for the flyers. This month on the 10th, next Saturday, The Best Meeting on the Planet is having their Anniversary Speaker Dinner meeting, see attached flyer. Hope to see you there. There are also Alkathon's on Christmas and New Year's. Contact the Alano club for details.

Have a wonderful Holidays, Jamie Kane District 13 DCM

#### **District 14**

October and November were busy months. We had our district meeting before the October Assembly in Richland WA. GSRs shared their inputs on the Hybrid and Archives motions, and we developed our inputs for the Area Inventory session. I felt the Assembly was productive, with good sharing, discussions, and management of the motion process to completion. The more we communicate and share, the more we understand each other and how we work together to carry the message to those who still suffer.

Our Third Legacy committee held a sponsorship workshop in Sandpoint during November. The goal was to have sponsors and sponsees share their experiences in working the Steps and Traditions. Attendance was low, but the workshop is a step forward in developing more of a service culture in the sponsor/sponsee relationship. For those of us involved in service work at the district and area level, it started with the guidance and encouragement of a sponsor.

Two motions were introduced at our November district meeting. On the heels of the area approving the hybrid format for business meetings, I put forward a motion to make hybrid district meetings official. We have been doing hybrid meetings but to continue the district needs to pay for the license to be self-supporting. Also, we need a camera with microphone to help improve the online participant experience. The second motion is to approve a financial budget and forecast process for the district. While the district provides a monthly treasurer's report on the financial status for the past month, we don't have an official budget to guide us on spending and cash flows. A budget would provide us an annual plan, and the forecast would help us manage spending as the year progresses. Both motions have been forwarded to the groups and we will vote on them at the December district meeting.

Andy C, District 14 DCM

**District 15** 

**District 16** 

**District 17** 

**District 18** 

**District 19** 

District 20

Hello from District 20

We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Yakima Alano Club at 6PM. This month we discussed how to get involved with the newspaper and the registrar and the importance of doing so. We also discussed our upcoming GSR school which will be held on January 28th, 2023, from 10AM-2PM. The GSR school will be hosted by Districts 20,

10 and 6 and is open to anyone interested in attending. There were so many awesome events that occurred in the valley and surrounding area this month, including the gratitude banquets and speaker events. There has been more interest with volunteering at the district level and meeting participation is one the rise. We hope everyone has a good December and stays safe for the holidays.

Thanks, Kolten, DCM District 20

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**District 24** 

Greetings everyone in Area 92!

Receive a cordial hello and a hug from District 24. November was a fabulous month of service and sharing with other districts, and our Traditions workshop in honor of Dr. Bob. The groups responded with their GSRs and one more speaker, all this really enthused me. Coming activities are the Quarterly in Wenatchee, then our Concepts Workshop to celebrate our District 24 anniversary. And in July our Quarterly in the Tri cities.

I just have one viewpoint, this month I did not receive November's information. I would also like to thank our interpreter, Virginia.

We are conscious about sending our \$\$\$ to GSO, our Area and our other services. In our hands we will be living the National US and Canada Hispanic A.A. Convention in Seattle.

Thank you for allowing me to serve for my Higher Power and all of you.

Sincerely, District 24 24 Hours

#### **District 25**

Hola Area 92! Greetings from District 25 to the fellowship of A.A.

I hope you all enjoyed Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

On November 13 Our District celebrated its 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We as a Group conscience express our gratitude to our Delegate Ben N. for his service and to Vicky for her service as interpreter. Also thank you to all the groups for participating with the Traditions and our Intergroup Office, District 21 from Wenatchee, and District 24 from Pasco all who participated with the sharing of the Concepts. On November 20<sup>th</sup> we shared about Tradition 9 at District 24s Traditions Workshop. We also joined our Intergroup office for a La Vina Committee Workshop. Invited and present were the next La Vina Convention committee from Oregon, District 25, Area 58. The event will take place July 21-23, 2023. The speaker was from Las Vegas and served on the previous La Vina committee. The purpose was to motivate registrations for La vina and an instruction on how to write your story for submission to La Vina. In November as a district, we also visited 2 groups with low membership.

Happy 24 Hours,

Toribio N. DCM District 25

#### **District 26**

WSEA 92 December 2022 Standing Committee Workshop

# Unity Through Service in Carrying the Message

Saturday December 10, 2022

10:00 AM-3:00 PM

# POTLUCK

Spaghetti Lunch Provided

Please bring your favorite side dish to share!

SonBridge Center

1200 SE 12th Street

College Place, WA 99324

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting I. D. 889 8342 5988

Password: 121222

Contact: Judy M. 509-845-9878 or Michael O. Treatment@area92aa.org

PLEASE RSVP FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDIANCE (FOOD)



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Sincerely yours in Service!

Doug M. Newsletter Editor AREA 92 / Panel 72