

# May 2023 Newsletter

Panel 72 Issue 17

## Mission Statement

To Report directly “to those they serve”; to publicize AA events; to be a forum for sharing and comment.



## Greetings Area 92!

I had a wonderful letter sent to me for this newsletter from District 13 written by a lady about a meeting she attended, and I lost it! It was sent by snail mail and it came in April. So, Joan, please resend or email it to me. I promise I won't lose it this time.

Doug M.

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One of the most humbling experiences that I have had during my sober life happened a while back. One of our fellows called me and asked some very straightforward questions.

“Are you still working a program?” he asked. “Yes sir,” I answered. “Well, that’s good because I have something I want you to help me with,” he said. “We’ve decided to close our clubhouse because this pandemic has really taken its toll on our little group. We just can’t reopen.”

When I told him I’d do anything I could to help, he said, “I know you do corrections work and are active in the Fellowship. I want you to come get all our stuff and find it a new home. I know I can trust you to do that for us.”

At first, I was really excited to have access to a bunch of literature because, after all, we alcoholics are selfish that way. So we made a plan to go to the clubhouse and clean it up and move everything out. I met him with my pickup truck and some empty boxes. We went about the job of emptying the closet of Big Books, literature, coffeemaker, posters, Seventh Tradition basket and the chip container. Years of AA material was all boxed up nicely and neatly in my truck. The last piece to go was the podium.

We looked at it as he told me stories of all the people who had gotten sober in that clubhouse. We recalled all the speakers who had stood to speak at that podium, myself included. We both stood there with tears in our eyes, took one last picture of us in the empty room and loaded the old podium in my truck.

When I got home and unloaded all the stuff, I noticed that the podium was falling apart. The top had flopped open and was hanging on by a single screw. One of the shelves was busted, and it really would only take about 10 seconds to dismantle and put it in the trash can.

I thought about the first time I was asked to speak for the Fellowship, how really cool it was to share my experience, strength and hope with other alkies. I recalled how I had once transported an oldtimer who had more than 50 years of sobriety to that very meeting and watched as he stood behind that same podium and shared his story with us.

I looked at that old pile of wood and I convinced myself that this piece of AA history—with all its coffee stains and cigarette burns—had to be saved. It suddenly became an antique. I was now seeing a precious piece of art. All the stories it had told and now could tell again.

When I first got the call to help move this stuff out for our home group I wondered, Why me? Why would they ask me to take care of this for them?

Let me backtrack a bit to when I was first getting sober. Back then, my sponsor hauled me and other members all over the area to visit different clubhouses. He wanted me to see, visit and learn from other AA groups.

One time, he took a van full of us to this little group at a clubhouse where I met a 90-year-old woman in Al-Anon. She told me about how she had kept that place open for 40 years, waiting on her “boys to come back.” Well, I instantly felt like one of her boys. She offered to make me a cool book cover if I would come back the next week. I noticed all the other guys in that AA group had book covers and I wanted one too.

I did come back and sure enough, she had handmade a cover for my Big Book. She also told me that if I would agree to come back again, she would make me a matching cover for my copy of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

This was not her first rodeo, as they say, and she had me hooked on this new Thursday night AA group, as my home group didn't have a meeting on Thursday night. So now this boy was all the way hooked up on two gorgeous book covers and a regular gig. Like most groups, they made me feel like family there and, more than that, they made me feel really loved.

Today, because of things I learned in that little group, my home group and the Fellowship in general, I have stood behind a fair number of podiums to tell my story and, if my Higher Power wills it, I will stand behind a few more. I will always, and I mean always, have a deep respect for what this Fellowship has given me. And I will stand behind any podium humbly asking God for someone to hear exactly what they need to hear. My sponsor always gave me the advice to “pee and pray” before I take my place behind the podium. I ask God to help me put my ego aside for one hour and allow him to do the work.

Now, my most humbling task is at hand. I will make this old podium like new, while leaving the coffee cup stains and cigarette burns in place. I'll find a new home for her since I and countless others heard exactly what we needed to hear when we needed it. I hope to be in the audience—happy, sane and sober—when those first words are uttered from behind her new glossy coat: "Welcome to Alcoholics Anonymous. We are sure glad you're here."

*The [AA Grapevine online store](#) has a variety of books, ebooks and other publications full of inspiring stories of fellow AAs on their journey to recovery.*



## Area Elected and Appointed Reports

### Area Delegate

Greetings WSEA 92 Fellowship!

The 73rd General Service Conference is in the books, and once again I would like to thank all of Area 92 for helping me prepare. With my *very limited* computer skills, I am in the process of creating a slideshow to use in reporting what I "saw and heard and felt". The conference was a nonstop, hectic 6 days, with business concluding in the wee hours Saturday morning(1:30 AM)! After a few days to rest, I am eager to hit the road and share that week with you. This conference resulted in 30 advisory actions on behalf of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I'm excited to report back the results of all your efforts. So fellowship with a neighboring district to schedule a day we can get together for a review of **your** 73rd General Service Conference...Thank You!

Available dates for in-person delegate report back: **May 27-28 - June 10-11 - July 8-9 & 22-23 - August 12-13 & 26-27**

A quick note on the oldest conference in A.A.: Pacific Northwest Conference:

***When Bill W. suggested establishment of a "World Wide governing body or advisory body for A.A.", he set in motion events that ultimately brought about establishment of not only the Washington State Assembly of A.A., but also the Pacific Northwest Conference of A.A. The first conference session was held at Vancouver, B.C., on May 29-30, 1948.*** This year's conference is in Portland, OR June 23-25 (see flier in this newsletter). Does this sound like the perfect road trip or what?! Hope to see you there. :0)

***"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."***

***....Mahatma Gandhi***

Ben

Good Evening Fellowship!

### Area Alternate Delegate

No report from Dianna. She and her husband have dealing with flooding in their basement from the Methow River. Let's put her in our prayers. She'll have a report and catch up next month.

### Area Chairperson

Greetings Area 92!

Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service!

Thank you to District 7 for a wonderfully hosted Assembly. I know that sometimes these events can run long and it feels like a test of endurance but we made it through the Pre-Conference Agenda Items in less than half of the time as it took in April of 2022. Thank you all for your participation! I think that we did a pretty good job of helping our delegate, Ben N. prepare to represent us in the General Service Conference this year. I am looking forward to attending some of the "Delegate reports" in the next few months to hear more about the conference. Thank you to the Friday panelist and our area Technology Committee for the event support. Great job everyone!



In the next few weeks I will be attending a few service workshops, delegate reports and a district inventory. In June I will be attending the Standing Committee Workshop in Libby, Montana, and the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) in Portland, Oregon. About the PNC, more to follow in the next months. What I can say is there is an Area 92 Host committee and chair forming for the event that we (members of Area 92) will be hosting in 2024. Although the Area 92 Committee is not a part of the host committee duties, we can certainly lend our support and enthusiasm to this event. This event goes back to 1948, and the Pacific NW areas have had an important role in maintaining this conference. This committee will need many volunteers for the event. What a great way to be of service!

May brings us the 5<sup>th</sup> month, the 5<sup>th</sup> Step, the 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition, and the 5th Service concept, all being forms of communication, which often require courage and honesty. The courage to share with another the nature of our past and our defects of character. The courage to carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholic, whether as individuals or as part of our group conscience, in the way that only one alcoholic can share with another. And finally, the courage to speak up and offer a minority opinion. These aspects of communication are ways that we manifest our thoughts into action! I am grateful for the Life that God has blessed me with, and a program of spiritual principles that I practice in all my affairs.

Thank You All!

Best regards!

Benjamin G. Area Chair / Area 92

## **Area Alternate Chairperson**

Hi Everyone!

What an awesome Assembly! A big Thank you to District 7, Kylee, Jim, Heather, and the whole committee, I just Love the LC Valley.

We are in dire need of a District to host our up-coming Jan 2025 Quarterly. Typically, Districts are given a year to plan the event, but the clock is ticking on this one! So, PLEASE, PLEASE talk to your District about stepping up and helping out by hosting. We are all here to help you in any way we can. Please contact Benjamin or myself if your District is available. Thank you!

Flyers are on the website and in the newsletter for the July Quarterly in Pasco, please send your registrations in early, whether attending online or in person, as this helps the hosting districts plan for the amount of coffee, meals and ice cream.

In a couple weeks I hope to travel to Yakima for the District 6 & 20 Service workshop and I hope to see a few familiar faces and some new in Libby next month as District 26 hosts the June Standing Committee Workshop. Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or I can help in any way.

In Love and Service

Lisa G., alt-chair@area92aa.org

## **Area Treasurer**

May is one of the quiet moments for the treasurer, well as quiet as it can be. I have finished reconciling the checking account. I am transferring figures from the approved budget into our quick books Getting ready to renew our insurance policy.

I have many of the registrations for the July quarterly ready to be sent off, to our Hispanic District in Pasco. It should be a great event.

We also have an area Standing Committee Workshop in Libby in June. Or PNC in Portland there is always something to learn or experience in Washington State East Area 92.

It is also time to be thinking about making yourself available for service. I know for me it is one of the greatest things I have done in my sobriety. I love learning and growing. Some say I am sober, that is enough. I used to say that

when I was drinking, I didn't need anything more in my life. I know that is not true today. Break out your handbooks, read through qualifications and duties and become familiar with them. Talk to your sponsor, your family and lastly your employers to verify if you have the time available to serve.

Here we are just six months away from elections now is the time to show up at Standing committee workshops, Quarterly's get invited to the Finance Committee Meeting, The Handbook Committee, The Tech Committee. I have faith in the body of Washington East Area 92 that we can do more, be more. I love Washington East Area 92. Show your love, find your space and get in the middle of service.

I will be updating the shared drive after the fiancé committee meeting on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> your DCM's will be able to provide to you detail information regarding our area expenses.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there.

Love Fran your Washington East Area 92 Treasurer

## Area Alternate Treasurer

Alt-Treasurer Report May 2023

Greetings to the body

The Lewiston assembly was fun and a busy time, probably more so for Ben than the rest of us. The Pacific Northwest Conference in Portland is next for me in June. Hope to see many of you there.

Technology committee got their requested funding and our budget proposal disclosed that expected expenses have inflated at a higher than usual rate. I raised a concern about this in my report that I will reaffirm here. Our best estimate for 2023 expenses is an increase of 10-15%. This is not just based on higher inflation and the fact a big part of our expenses, hotels and the hospitality industry, was economically rocked by our recent pandemic but also additional new expenses of which technology and archives are included.

I remind the body all of these expenses are necessary, legitimate, and overwhelmingly approved by you.

Not all of this is a bad thing. The advent of technology and virtual AA in particular promises to dramatically increase the effectiveness of our message (Our Primary Purpose) for one; but also increased representation and participation for members who for various reasons may have been previously marginalized can only make us better.

So yes there is a cost for all of this but way to go Area 92. The world and AA is changing and we are keeping up. Oh, and please keep that 10-15% number in consideration when you send us your Area contributions.

Thanks to all for your contributions.

Contributions for April 2023 were \$3,355.34

In Love and Service, Bryan B, Alt-Treasurer

## Contributions

District	TOTAL	District	TOTAL
District 02 Spokane (S. of River) South Hill Noon Group - 000076023	63.00	<b>Total District 09</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Unity (Spokane) - 000017432	12.80	District 10 630 AM Group	125.00
<b>Total District 02 Spokane (S. of River)</b>	<b>75.80</b>	<b>Total District 10</b>	<b>125.00</b>
District 03 Spokane (N. of River to Wellesley) Grateful Ladies - 000108038	42.00	District 12 Riverside Here And Now - 711216	10.00
Sisters In Sanity	112.07	<b>Total District 12</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Total District 03 Spokane (N. of River to Wellesley)</b>	<b>154.07</b>	District 13 Happy Hour - 608627	250.00
District 04 Tri Cities, Kennewick Hilltoppers Group - 000110549	37.00	Monday Valley Womens Group - 000018801	20.00

Kennewick Nooners - 000037716	30.00	<b>Total District 13</b>	<b>270.00</b>
Richland Fellowship - 000057246	37.08	District 15	50.00
<b>Total District 04 Tri Cities, Kennewick</b>	<b>104.08</b>	District 17	25.00
District 05		Soul Sisters - 000256053	
Sisters In Recovery - 698942	166.73	Walk Again - 000020184	74.56
Two Rivers Morning Group - 343746	100.00	<b>Total District 17</b>	<b>99.56</b>
<b>Total District 05</b>	<b>266.73</b>	District 20	
District 06		Chance 4 Change - 000098688	25.00
A New Light - 000091631	186.20	<b>Total District 20</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Selah Wake Up - 000066466	300.00	District 21	15.00
<b>Total District 06</b>	<b>486.20</b>	Grupo Poco A Poco Se Va Lejos - 636581	30.00
District 07		<b>Total District 21</b>	<b>45.00</b>
Asotin Group - 000093770	291.48	District 22	
Camas Prarie Group - 000097733	122.00	Colfax Group - 113789	568.80
<b>Total District 07</b>	<b>413.48</b>	Misfits AA Group - 644845	75.67
District 08		New Beginings - 147502	60.00
Daily Reprieve II - 000100886	17.05	<b>Total District 22</b>	<b>704.47</b>
Fort Sherman Chapel - 000104904	60.00	District 24	
Rathdrum Prairie Dogs - 000051299	100.00	Grupo Comunidad - 000023733	45.00
Sober Sisters Group - 000073181	33.90	<b>Total District 24</b>	<b>45.00</b>
District 09		Grupo Sobriedad Viva - 000027819	70.00
Dayton One Day At A Time - 000101112	100.00	District 25 Non Geo Spanish Speaking	
<b>Total District 08</b>	<b>210.95</b>	Grupo Milagros - 000025212	60.00
		<b>Total District 25 Non Geo Spanish Speaking</b>	<b>170.00</b>
		TOTAL	<b>\$3,355.34</b>
		Grupo Un Nuevo Camino - 000028717	40.00

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](mailto:alt-treasurer@area92aa.org)

## **Area Secretary – no report**

### **Area Archives Chair**

Happy May everyone!

Great job District 7, Thank you! The Pre-conference assembly last month was wonderful. I'm happy to report that we had lots of visitors to the area archives display. I am so thankful for all the help with setting it up, packing it and transporting it. Save the date, Saturday September 9th for our

OPEN HOUSE at the repository in Hayden, ID. I hope to get the flier in this newsletter.

I'll be doing a lot of traveling in the next couple of months as I am planning to attend the annual Service in Workshop in Yakima on May 20th, the June Standing Committee Workshop in Libby, MT, the Pacific Northwest Conference in Portland, OR and the July Quarterly in Pasco. I'm looking forward to meeting many new people and perhaps also seeing old friends.

Enjoy Spring!

Valerie D  
SEA 92 Archives Chair

### **Area Archivist**

Hello Everyone,

After getting the April Assembly behind us and the traveling archive display going over so well I can plan work parties that will be needed to clean, organize and prepare for our open house this September. We have beautiful high walls at our new repository that are just calling out for displays. We will start with putting them together with frames and shadow boxes. I have been hitting the 2nd hand stores and have found a few items that will work beautifully. We will also be mounting our WSEA 92 banners that the Archive Steering Committee decided should be shared instead of stored. I will need help so please come and help if you like. I will be putting out fliers soon with the dates. If you have a knack for decorating please come!

I currently have been cataloging donations from Ben B. WSEA 92 Panel 46 Delegate. What an honor it is to go back to the very beginning of our Area and experience what it was like for him to walk through being our first Delegate. Even though I have never met Ben I could tell what a lovely kind man he was by the comments others said about him. And he had such a sense of humor! I was laughing out loud reading some of the cards and jokes that were in his files. He kept exceptional records of the transition to our new delegate area. I also found a handwritten draft of his speech to the first General Service Conference that he represented us at in April 1996. I did find some documents that were stuck together because of the moisture at the previous repository but now that we have perfect conditions the damage will not get worse since I can now store them appropriately.

Have a lovely spring!

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**

April was business as usual for Corrections activity this month. . Exception here would be at Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) where we had a change in the "Community Partnership Program Coordinator" position. Debra

Gilbreth moved to a different position and she was succeeded by Theresa Vanderbeck as the new Community Partnership Program Coordinator. We are still working to open up more areas of the penitentiary to meetings. Hence, with the addition of two more meetings on Saturdays, we need more volunteers for WSP. REACHING OUT THE AA HAND ESPECIALLY TO LEWISTON IDAHO for volunteers to take meetings into the penitentiary on Saturdays. How it works is that Tri-Cities (used to include Spokane until Spokane volunteers moved to Tri-Cities), Walla Walla, and Yakima currently rotate Saturdays so one Saturday a month is covered by one of these groups. We really need to add Lewiston volunteers since this is not too far to drive once a month. If you would like to volunteer, please write to me at [corrections@area92aa.org](mailto:corrections@area92aa.org) with your contact information and we will go through the requirements and clearance together.

Re-Submission from last month: confirmed, all of the Washington State facilities have switched from JPay to Secures Tablets which mean those persons in custody all get their own state-issued tablet and they can, not only get downloaded AA literature at no cost, they can use their tablet like a cell phone (almost like real life since they don't go to a phone booth now). This is CONFIRMATION AA Publishing Literature and Grapevines are available through Secures (formerly JPay).

Last, I hope to see some of you coming inside prisons with us to bring meetings to those Inside Members. You won't be disappointed. If you haven't thought about it, please, think about it, come and join us.

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

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

## **Area CPC Chair**

Greetings Area 92!

I would like to announce the Appointment of Tracey M. as our new Area 92 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.

Tracey comes to the Area committee with a strong background in the Medical profession as well as professional business experience.

It is our hope that you will support her and the CPC committee in her efforts to coordinate the Area 92 CPC work, carrying the message of A.A. to the Professional Community!

Shortly you will be able to reach her at [cpc@area92aa.org](mailto:cpc@area92aa.org)

Best Regards to all!

## **Area Grapevine and Literature Chair**

### **Area Newsletter Editor**

Greetings,

My apologies to you all for having a late Newsletter. I volunteered for Bloomsday to help out and ended up working with the Spokane Fire Department at the last watering station. The work ended up being an 8 ½ hour day setting up and tearing down. It was fun but tiring. So instead of working on the newsletter that Sunday, I rested and napped. Then the Spokane Schools needed drivers for sport activities and I ended up busy. So now it's Thursday May 11 and I'm now finally getting it done. So now you know the rest of the story!

## **Area Public Information Chair**

Hello Everybody,

Hope everyone has had a good month. Thanks again to the team that helped us with the Agenda Items. If anyone would like to get involved in Public Information you can email me at [pi@area92aa.org](mailto:pi@area92aa.org) and we have a Zoom meeting on the second Friday of each month so if you would like to get involved with that email me also.

Yours in Service

Ricky L.  
WSEA 92 - Panel 72  
Public Information Chair

## Area Technology Chair

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## Area Treatment Chair

My Area 92 Family,

I failed to enter a report for this month's newsletter. If you would remind your groups for me that the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee is requesting a response to the survey by the end of May. Thank you for your assistance in this matter!

Michael O'Donnell,  
Treatment/Accessibilities Chair,  
Area 92, Panel 72

## Area Translation Chair

## Finance Committee

Ad Hoc Finance Committee April 2023 Report

The committee produced an interim report of its work that was presented at the April Pre-Conference Assembly. For our May meeting, we will discuss what has been learned from the recent budget development process. We will also discuss the financial reports that the body wants/needs to understand the area's financial status. I appreciate the continued commitment of the committee members in grabbing hold of the various parts of our review of the area's financial processes and practices. The goal is to complete our work by the end of this rotation.

Andy C, Ad Hoc Finance Committee Chair

## Website Committee

## Hybrid Ad-hoc Committee

The Hybrid Ad-hoc Committee gathered to hear Allen D.'s thoughts on the concept of an emergency plan for Area 92. Apparently, it was time for the committee to voice its thoughts instead.

Allen was concerned about making the 6 elected Trusted Servants an Executive Committee that could make decisions for the Area (albeit during a crisis situation) without consulting the members of the Area. He felt that might be functional but not spiritual.

We discussed what makes something "spiritual." When a Delegate goes to the General Service Conference, they are doing business for AA (functional) and each one is lead by their individual Higher Power (spiritual). Wouldn't our elected T.S. be lead by their higher power and thus be both functional and spiritual?

We concluded that when someone feels left out, they use the terms "not spiritual" and "not transparent". When we discussed what was or was not spiritual, we found that the decision-making process during the Covid-19 crisis was in fact spiritual. In any case, those not asked, or who are unaware of being asked, are going to get disgruntled. We see this on the national level as people complain about decisions made by the General Service Conference, 93 of which were delegates.

We talked about the push-back the Area Chair got in 2020 when the decision was made to go to Zoom. People asked why “they” made that decision when it was not specifically written down in the Handbook that they could do that. People did not extrapolate established principles. The Committee thought that specifying delegated authority and responsibility in the event of an emergency in the handbook would preempt such pushback. Maybe we could put our shared experience in the Introduction to the Handbook.

Trying to involve ALL the Area Committee – elected, appointed and DCMs - in making a decision in a crisis is unwieldy - too many people. When the DCMs were polled in 2020, only 75% of them responded. Some people want to have all the DCMs involved in the decision-making, but not all the DCMs are willing to do so. 25% were not willing to share the burden. Still, imagine 24 DCMs, 10 appointed TS and 6 elected TS – a total of 40 people – trying to make a decision *in an emergency*. Some people don’t want to use computers. Many people want to impose their own preferences on other people. Some people minimized the danger of Covid at the same time people were dying of Covid. There needs to be a way to involve as many people as is reasonably functional, and still have a leader. We can’t all be leaders at the same time. Sometimes, too, time is of the essence.

We talked about involving the Host Committee in the crisis decision-making process. Of course they would be, and were, consulted. However, sometimes the decision is taken out of their hands such as when the state went to “shelter in place” status and the venue canceled the event. Then the burden falls back on Area leaders. According to the Area 92 Handbook, the Chair takes a leadership role in the Area.

No crisis will occur exactly the way the Covid-19 crisis did precisely because we have the ability to meet online, and especially because we have determined to use [Zoom] regularly for hybrid events. Now we could call an Area-wide meeting online in short order. Instead of addressing the situation as it was in the past, we ought to remember that our circumstances have changed drastically. We have moved beyond only email and conference calling. And the network is more or less in place now.

We ought to share our experiences through the pandemic in writing. Florida and Louisiana frequently have weather emergencies. We could all learn from them. We wondered how they addressed emergency procedures in their handbooks. A Service Piece might be in order, [a collection of shared experiences](#) like the Guidelines GSO puts out.

Rainey M.

## 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

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## District and DCM Reports

### District 2

At the April District 2 GSR meeting, we had 10 GSRs, 4 District servants and two visitors for a total of 16 people. And we had a good time!

District GSR meetings will continue to be held in person and online – hybrid. We’ll decide about individual events as they come up. We created a Tech Chair position and elected Susan N. to fill it through the end of the year, largely because she’s been doing it all this time anyway. In May Susan and Brenda D. will present a job description for the position to be inserted into the District 2 Handbook. Additionally, the District meeting is moving from Zoom to Google Meets, which is free to us because the districts use the Area 92 Google Workspace. It’s a video meeting format like Zoom. A link will be sent out monthly, just like it is now. The user interface is a little different, but it works just as well and doesn’t cost us money.

We are definitely below our Prudent Reserve, folks. The money is going to books and literature for Treatment and Corrections, for rent/zoom (which will change in May), for the GSR kits, for workshops, etc. and to send the DCM to required events. If you have some money stashed, please consider contributing some to the work done through District 2.

Great news! The AAs from The Landing Place Group in Airway Heights Correction Center sent a GSR Report to the April Assembly by proxy. They are a real AA group with a GSR! They have resumed writing letters of experience, strength and hope for the Central Office and Area newsletters. They were regulars in the Area newsletter several years ago. The paper coins in all colors have been approved at AHCC! Now the AAs can have a token to commemorate their accomplishment of staying sober odaat. Dale is looking for volunteers to take meetings into AHCC. (The District 3 Corrections Chair has stepped down so we're extra lucky to have Dale already on top of it.)

The October Election Assembly Committee has reserved a block of rooms at a second hotel for the Assembly. They have also negotiated PARKING ARRANGEMENTS downtown! A flier is coming.

About Assemblies: THIS IS WHAT GSRs DO. You must register to attend online – there are costs involved. Only with registration do you get the login information for the event. (Contacts are more than welcome, too.) However, if you haven't sent in your registration and want to go, call the phone numbers on the flyer (listed below) and make arrangements to send them a check. Your home group should be paying for this. ("Self-support" at work!)

If your home group cannot afford to send you YOU CAN STILL GO! Call the Assembly contacts on the flier and let them know your group cannot afford to pay the \$30 registration fee. Truly, not all groups can afford it. That's a fact. Your group/meeting can still be part of the group conscience! Only one person from a group/meeting can vote or represent the group/meeting. If your GSR is not there, or if you don't have a GSR, you can represent your group/meeting.

If you have ANY problem, question, or concern, you KNOW I will be MORE than glad to help sort it out. AA needs YOU! (509) 279-5640 DO THE GSR "THING"!!!

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.

District 3 is seeing an increase in attendance by our GSRs and GSCs at our monthly GSR business meetings. At our last meeting we heard reports from Minnehaha Fund Group, Thursday Men's Step Study, Sisters in Sanity, Road to Recovery, Spokane Young People in AA (SPOKYPAA), and Washington State Conference of Young People in AA (WSCYPAA).

We're still in need of a Corrections Chair, as David A, who did an outstanding job has resigned.

Larry P, Alt DCM, attended the Pre-Conference Assembly in Lewiston last month, as DCM Larry E (that's me) was deeply involved with the audio visual operations for the hybrid event.

We will be starting planning for the hosting of the December 2023 Standing Committee Workshop. A potential location has been found and a site check is in the works.

Yours in Service,

Larry E  
DCM 3

## **District 5**



## **District 6**

## **District 7**

Hello all!

I hope everyone is doing well and it was amazing to see you all here in district 7 for the April Assembly. Our district is currently focused on getting our final report in for the area from the Host committee. We are also working with District 22 to put on a sponsorship workshop in September. We also plan to team up with 22 for a delegates report. More to come on that. For AA's birthday June 10th we have a home group putting on a founders day event which we are excited about! We recently filled our corrections chair and treasurer's chair which we are incredibly excited for! We are still in need of PI, CPC, and now the Secretary is also open. I am including a copy of the founders day flier for the area newsletter!

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Kyley S

DCM D.7

## **District 8**

## **District 9**

## **District 10**

## **District 11**

## **District 12**

District 12 sends a "Familia Hello" to you all!

First, we "Give Thanks" to District 7 for hosting a lovely, mindful, productive and comfortable Pre- Conference Assembly.

Our District, in general, welcomes newcomers on the Zoom platform and in in-person meetings. Some of us create a packet of pamphlets or schedules with resources and willing member phone numbers. And the use of our Hotline serves newcomers. And we make ourselves available at the coffee pot after the meeting too!

Our District meeting will be on May 7th. We're hoping for another update from Diana M. regarding monthly meetings North America Alternate Delegate's (NAAD) topics such as, "Inspiring General Service Work Through Sponsorship" & "Principles Before Personalities in Service" (I suppose we have some advantages with Diana being in our District).

I was able to spend some training time with Jennifer W. for some Technology Training. Here is what we'd like to present to District 12 in May, for implementation in June. District 12 has a Shared Drive on Google Workspace. We will be creating various files, ie., minutes, Treasurer reports, Forms, Motions, Secretary reports, DCM reports, Committee reports and so on. From this D-12 drive we (Jennifer) will create a link to this D-12 Shared Drive for easy access for the GSR's to review motions, financial reports, minutes, print their own flyers.... But here's the taproot, as rotation occurs for the DCM, the next DCM has all the past content. And if the position is not filled, someone designated can simply forward the Area92 email correspondence to the D-12 Shared File. It'll be a task if the District is willing.

Moving forward we have a few going to Pac NW Conference.

We'll review the Area's Biennial Inventory 2022.

Provide the Accessibility form/survey to member groups that have not filled out a form.

Share DCM report & Pre-Conference report.

Commit to sharing with another District in listening to our Delegate Report Back. Could be in June connecting with DCM Carole in Wenatchee D-5.

We welcome a new group to District 12. Back to Basics meets on Sunday at 4pm at the Twisp Masonic Hall.

The Twisp Group is having a group inventory June 3rd. And The Methow Valley Group is planning their annual Founders Day Picnic June 9th w/ dinner at 6pm and meeting at 7pm at the Friendship Church 80, Hwy 20, Winthrop. Celebrate 88 years with us if you're in the area!

We welcome you to join us for fellowship and fun at District 12's 41st Annual Lost Lake Campout "Together Again"! July 14,15,&16. Campfire. AA Speakers. Al-anon Speakers. Potlucks. Fishing. Swimming. 50/50 Raffle. Horseshoes.

And the Spirit of the Fellowship available to all! First come first serve. No reservations. Scholarships available too! Contact Elaine at [ecdaisy74@gmail.com](mailto:ecdaisy74@gmail.com) or visit our Area92 website calendar for more info and applications.

Birthday's!

Dewitt W. 34 years, Todd G. 29 yrs. Congrats!!

In Service!

Jacqueline C.

Area 92 District 12

## **District 13**

## **District 14**

District 14 April 2023 Report

We reviewed the General Service Conference Agenda Items at our April 1 district meeting. We discussed the key agenda items and gathered group and district consciousness to share at the April Pre-Conference in Lewiston. The district approved a motion to form a Technology and Website Standing Committee. A member made themselves available to chair the committee, so we are on our way to help use technology to carry the message.

The district held a homegroup workshop sponsored by our Third Legacy Committee in April. A panel from the committee shared their experiences with past and current homegroups and good dialogue occurred about the importance of the service leg of the Three Legacies. We hope to hold more workshops later in the year. I took the opportunity to travel to Libby to attend district 26's business meeting. It was great to see how the district ran their meeting and several ideas came up to consider for district 14.

The April Pre-Conference Assembly in Lewiston was well run. A big thanks to district 7 for doing a great job hosting the meeting. The agenda review process ran smoothly and I appreciated hearing the various perspectives from the GSRs, DCMs and other participants. I look forward to participating in the report back sessions with Ben N. Also after a lot of hard work, I am pleased the area approved the motion to fund the WSEA 92 Technology Committee.

Our next district meeting will be May 14 at the South Boundary County Fire Station in Naples, Idaho.

Andy C, District 14 DCM

## **District 15**

## **District 16**

## **District 17**

## **District 18**

## **District 19**

## **District 20**

## **District 21**

## **District 22**

## **District 23**

## **District 24**

## **District 25**

Hello Area 92!

Greetings from District 25!

I hope you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather, and saving yourselves by drinking water.

Good news! Grupo 3 de Enero. One of our older, inactive groups has reopened its doors. The group has meetings on Thursdays from 3-4:30pm. The address is 1202 S. 3rd. Avenue.

District 25 is having many activities. The groups are preparing Unity meetings to celebrate their group anniversaries. They hold Public information meetings informing our communities that there is a place a person can stop drinking alcohol.

April 29th. We joined a GSR in the celebration of his 19th year of sobriety. Congratulations Juan!

The groups have invited the District to participate in their Unity weeks with topics such as The Concepts, The Functions of a DCM and The Functions of a District. We were also cordially invited by the GSR of Grupo 12 of Pasco to share about the Functions of a District.  
Thank you and Happy 24 hours!

Toribio N.  
District 25 DCM

## **District 26**



# **MAY 20, 2023**

## **6/20 SERVICE WORKSHOP & POTLUCK 10-2**

### **Main Dish and Drinks Provided-Bring Sides**

**Everyone is 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 STYLE  
Main Dish &  
Drinks Provided**

**Bring a SIDE  
DISH**

**Great Speakers**

**Please Join Us  
in this Great  
Event and |  
opportunity to  
hear about  
service work  
and how vital it  
is to Alcoholics  
Anonymous.**

**BETHLEHEM  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
801 Tieton Drive Yakima,  
WA 98902  
Questions: Anna  
Alt-DCM6  
509-406-2262  
May 20, 2023, 10am-2pm**



**Pacific Northwest  
Conference**

**A.A.'S THREE LEGACIES  
OUR COMMON SOLUTION**

**JUNE 23-25, 2023  
PORTLAND, OREGON  
HOLIDAY INN, PORTLAND AIRPORT  
RESERVATION CODE: PNC2023**

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RTFB Group of District 7, EA WA Area 92 A.A. invites you to:

## **Founders' Day Celebration Spiritual Breakfast \*Potluck**

\*(Bring what you can even if desserts...)

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 9:00am – 10:30am



**Presentations on:**

**Recovery-Steps, Unity-Traditions, & Service-Concepts**

*Hope, Happy Hour – Olivia, Happy Hour – Emilio, Happy Hour*

**Where: Lewis Clark Alano Club, 1435 Elm St., Clarkston, WA**

*4<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the RTFB Group in the LC Valley.*

## **Happy 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Alcoholics Anonymous!**

**Possibly: District 7 Traveling Archives Display**

# District 13

## Summer BBQ/Speaker Meeting

SATURDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> 2023

3:00PM – 6:30PM

Valley Mission Park  
11123 East Mission  
Spokane Valley, Wa 99206

### ► Featured Speakers ◀

*Penelope J.*

*Tom J. aka "Toothpick Tom"*

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and water provided

Sodas for \$2

PLEASE bring a dish to share!!

50/50 and gift baskets to raffle off

!! Bring a lawn chair !!

**PDC; Nicole K. 253-797-7592**



# **STANDING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

**“Carrying the message through Committee’s”**

## **WHEN**

**June 17th**

**10am – 3pm (Montana Time)**

## **WHERE**

**Nazarene Church**

**186 Horseshoe Drive**

**Libby, Montana 59923**



**POTLUCK:  
MAIN DISH AND  
COFFEE WILL BE  
PROVIDED**

**PLEASE BRING A  
SIDE DISH OR  
DESSERT**

## **CONTACT**

**JOHNNY A.**

**406-291-9135**

**TODD D.**

**406-210-8958**



# 2022-2023 SCHEDULE AREA 92 STANDING COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS

## WORKSHOPS BEGIN AT 10 AM

March 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 - District 19 - Ephrata, WA.  
June 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 – District 2 – Spokane, WA.  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 – District 12 – Omak, WA.  
Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 - District 9 – Walla Walla  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 – District 19 - Ephrata, WA.  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 – District 26 – Libby, Mt.  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 - District 6 - Yakima, WA.  
Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 – District 3 – Spokane, WA.

## ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting I. D. :  
889 8342 5988  
Password : 121222

## AREA 92 WEBSITE INFORMATION [AREA92AA.ORG](http://AREA92AA.ORG)

## CONTACT INFORMATION [CHAIR@AREA92AA.ORG](mailto:CHAIR@AREA92AA.ORG)

## ALL AA MEMBERS WELCOME

## IN- PERSON AND HYBRID MEETINGS

Lunch Provided for  
In-Person Attendees

## NO REGISTRATION FEE

RSVP for In-person  
Lunch.

## COMMITTEES

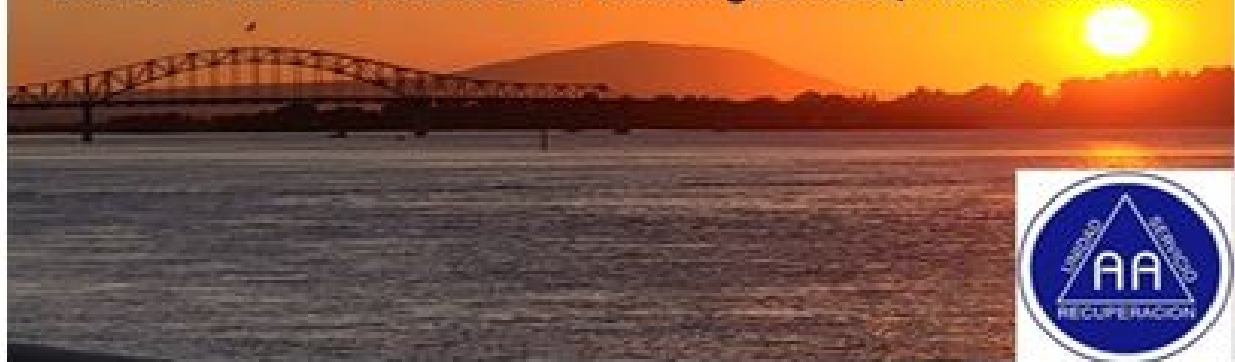
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Grapevine & Literature  
Newsletter  
Public Information  
Technology  
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Accessibilities

## JOIN IN AND CARRY THE MESSAGE OF A.A.

## 2023 Hybrid Quarterly for Washington State Area 92

**July 14-15 starting at 4:00 PM**

**Location: The Vine Church 9915 West Argent Road, Pasco WA 99301**



Hotel Accommodations: Sleep Inn Pasco WA  
Address: 9930 Bedford Street, Pasco, WA 99301  
Phone: 509-545-9554 (ask for Quarterly Business Meeting rates)  
Rates: 1 King: \$145/night 2 Queen: \$155/night  
Make sure to reserve your spot before June 10, 2023 to get the group rate.  
Block reservations website: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/QN29Q8>

Cost	
Registration:	\$20 _____
Ice Cream Social:	\$5 _____
Lunch (Saturday):	\$17 _____
Total:	_____

Make checks payable to: **District 24 July Quarterly**  
Mail to: 92AA P.O. Box 4232 Pasco, WA 99302

**\*ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER PERSON FOR HYBRID AND IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE\***

**Code and instructions for hybrid attendees will be delivered to your email.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

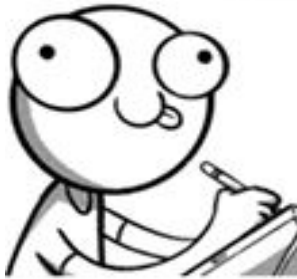
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration cut-off is July 6, 2023 to ensure registration information is received before the event. If registering after July 6, 2023, please register for the event in person when you arrive.

# AA traditions Workshop



When: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month from Noon – 1:30  
1/28/2023, 2/25/2023, 3/25/2023, 4/22/2023, 5/27/2023...etc.

Where: Spokane Alano Club  
1700 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spokane WA  
(large conference room)

- Traditions – Discussion of Spiritual Principle
- Traditions – How they work in our personal relationships
- Traditions – How they work in service



Tradition material packets will be available at the workshop

Snacks and Coffee will be provided

*"Exactly the same principle applies to each A.A. group and to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. So long as the ties which bind us together prove far stronger than those forces which would divide us if they could, all will be well. We shall be secure as a movement; our essential unity will remain a certainty." Excerpt From Grapevine Article by Bill W in 1955*

Presented by Holly H and her traditions committee, sponsored by District 17

# Area Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The Area 92 Newsletter- Published Monthly

The Newsletter is our primary mode of communication in Area 92 and relies on the submissions of each of us: Our DCM's, GSR's, Elected officers, Appointed Chairs and Delegates, Past and Present, as well as any member within Area 92. Geographically Area 92 includes Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, Western Montana and Hermiston Oregon.

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

Area 92 Newsletter  
3834 N. Normandie St.  
Spokane, WA 99205

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- The Mailing Address has been changed.
- All forms of Mail Accepted, US Postal, FEDEX, UPS, DHL Etc.
- All entries and flyers should be clear and legible.
- Submission does not guarantee publication.

Thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely yours in Service!

Doug M. Newsletter Editor     AREA 92 / Panel 72