

Greetings WSEA 92!
“Connecting with Love, Unity and Service”

October 2024 Newsletter



Panel 74 Issue 10

Concept Ten

“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined”

The A.A. Service Manual, 2021-'23 edition

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Mission Statement

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

~Area Elected and Appointed Reports~

Area Delegate

Well, for most, we are almost done with our first year of rotation, hopefully we are all starting to feel more comfortable in our positions. I’d like to welcome Kolten from Yakima for stepping up to be our new Area Public Information Chair.

This is the lull before the agenda items for the 75th General Service Conference come out. So hold on, it’s going to get busy real soon!

I am super excited to be going to Walla Walla State Penitentiary on October 12th to participate in a workshop and share a Delegate report with them. I have sent out a survey looking for information about Young People in AA. I am really hoping for some input to share with the conference from Area 92, so even if you don’t have young people in your Districts or Groups. Please feel free to answer the questions as they apply to you. I need the responses for the Area by October 16th 2024, so I have time to compile the answers and send the responses to the

appropriate Trustees Committee.

I have asked the Tech Committee to help create a poll to be put on the Area website, hopefully this will make it easier for everyone to respond, as I haven't received any yet!?

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Coeur D'Alene in a couple weeks, hopefully you all have received the Inventory questions and are talking about them ahead of time, that is the best possible way to create solutions in areas where we are lacking and to also look at all the good things we are doing as an Area to help carry the message of hope and recovery.

I have added the AAWS Highlights from July to the shared drive for your reading enjoyment until the release of the Plain Language Big Book (working title) and the new service manual in November of 2024.

Did you know?

On October 3rd, 1945-AA Grapevine was adopted as a national publication of AA!

The Grapevine was created by six AA members in the New York area... 4 women and 2 men.

With the blessings of AA's co-founder Bill W., they published the first issue in June of 1944, just 9 years after the founding of AA. A copy of that first issue was sent to every AA group - about 300 at the time... and to all known AA members in the armed services overseas. An entire page with the heading, "Mail Call for All AA's in the Armed Forces," was devoted to letters from these members, who began calling the Grapevine their "meeting in print." The title stuck, and today the Grapevine and La Vina carry it on their covers.

At the heart of early Grapevines, then as now, were first-person stories. There were also news and notes on current happenings at the Central Office, plus reports of the explosion of new groups in North America and around the world. In addition to AA news, there were book reviews and magazine reprints and pieces written by non AA's, including some well-known literary figures. Discussed were such burning topics of the day as the place of women in AA, returning veterans, and cross-addiction.

The history of the Grapevine is the history of the growth of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It's a pleasure to be of service today and always,

Lisa G., Delegate, Area 92 Panel 74

Area Alternate Delegate & Registrar

I am sitting at the Area 72 election assembly listening to their past delegates. I have the privilege to help with their election assembly.

I get the opportunity to talk to other Area officers and compare how they do business. Our area is doing a great job! Our districts are lighting up with service!

As Registrar, we continue to have new groups, new GSRs and district chairs. The Fellowship Connection is a great tool provided by our General Service Office. All DCMs can login and view their district information. It is important that the GSO knows about our groups and service volunteers, so they can provide resources for our important 12th step work.

Please contact me if you need anything.

Dan M. Alt-delegate/Registrar

alt-delegate@area92aa.org

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Area Chairperson

Welcome to our new Public Information Chair Kolten! Many will recognize him as the past District 20 DCM and I'm pleased that he accepted my invitation to assume the vacant PI Chair and was subsequently accepted unanimously by our electeds. From my experience with Kolten he will serve us well.

On a related note, District 20 has reassimilated/merged (use your own word) back from whence it came some 10 to 20 years ago (I don't have the exact date) into District 6 once again. The main motivation for this was in my understanding that committees would be better covered with more participation. Because there was no geographic definition (border) for Districts 6/20 newly formed groups will no longer have to decide which district they should join.

Several of our electeds including myself have been invited and will be attending the A72 election assembly in Tacoma the first weekend in October to help with their ballot processing. Also I'm just back from the election assembly for BC/Yukon A79 in Victoria BC, just across the water from the site of next year's International in Vancouver BC. I had thought A92 was large (and it is) until I considered the size of A79, and then realized it is only the second largest area behind Alberta A78. It's not uncommon for participants to fly to their assemblies and there was a discussion around having the January (I think) assembly be fully virtual due to weather constraints that time of year in the northernmost regions.

During my time in Victoria I listened intently to the various concerns and discussions stemming directly from the challenges geography presents to these larger areas. Above all I was impressed with the warm welcome they gave me and my cohort Lupita, the A72 Chair who also attended. We were happily employed as ballot counters. Suffice it to say Canadians are the nicest people.

Don't forget that just about a week prior to our October assembly we will have a virtual mock/practice business meeting. Look for the invite here and on the Area website. This is to help expedite the process of getting through the various motions and inventory we have planned. Please, if possible, attend! Our Area 92 inventory will be conducted by Mark S during our October assembly and the questions/topics are out. Please come prepared to discuss and contribute in order to make us all better. This is how we lead in AA, from the top of the triangle down.

Registration is now open for the 2025 International in Vancouver BC. Anyone interested visit the aa.org website for more information, or feel free to hit me up, I'm going.

At least several times in the past (but perhaps not "historically") our delegate has traveled to Washington State Penitentiary (WSP) in Walla Walla to present an in-person delegate's report to the residents there at the historic Pioneer Group. This practice, and it would be nice if it was a regular practice, was interrupted (along with everything else) by the pandemic and is just now being resumed by our own delegate Lisa G with the cooperation of the WSP staff and our volunteer crew there. This is an exciting development not only for Lisa who was doubtful she could get clearance, but also for us volunteers as well as especially the prisoners who will be the happy recipients of her report.

Because Corrections are such a large part of our mission this has very positive implications for our efforts going forward. Thank you, Lisa!

Look for a new flier I "borrowed" from the BC/Yukon A79 treasurer Paul and that our treasurer Carole has subsequently been kind enough to modify for A92 entitled "We don't give a buck anymore". It is an illustration of the effect of inflation on our budget and contribution dollars, and a consideration to contribute more than a "buck" for those of us so gifted because of our introduction and participation in AA.

Thanks to everyone for all you do for suffering alcoholics.

Yours in Service
Bryan B
Chair
WSEA92
chair@area92aa.org

Area Alternate Chairperson

Welcome to fall. I hope you enjoy the changing of the season as much as I do. Change for me means Growth. Fall is the season for letting go. Leaves let go of their tree's and I get a chance to let go of old ideas. This month I have started attending an online meeting in the morning before I venture out into the world. This is allowing me to make sure I put my recovery first before anything else. Which allows me to serve others and be present in the daily needs of my job, family and most importantly AA.

The Hosting committee Round table is set to meet the 3 Wednesday of every month at 6pm. We get updates on how the planning is coming along for the upcoming Assembly in District 8. They have been working really hard to make this a wonderful event for us to get business done and celebrate our recoveries together. Last month the April pre-conference District 26 also gave a report as well as we continue to see Brandy from District 17 that is the chair for our Election Assembly. District 25 keeps me updated however since we have moved our meeting to Wednesday he is unable to attend due to home group and district commitments. Just know that they are working hard to continue to prepare for our arrival in January. We are also looking forward to the wonderful ladies that are planning our July Quarterly in Ellensburg to join us this month. So if you are a DCM and hoping you can get your district on board to host a event please send me a email and you can come and sit in on the round table so you can gain some experience strength and hope to share with your District. We are always looking for Districts to make themselves available to host upcoming events.

I continue to join in on the Standing Committee monthly meeting however somehow I missed this last month. I love to be available to help when needed.

I also attended the monthly meeting for DCM and Alt DCM's this past month. I was honored to hear from Lisa S. DCM from District 12 Share on Concept 9 she did a fantastic job and this month Oleta will be sharing so if you are a DCM and missed last month's meeting please mark your calendar to come and hear the presentation on Concept 10. DCM Alt DCM meets the last Monday of every month via Google meet.

Not last but not least, the cool learning part of my share is that I get to attend the tech committee and they even allow me to make mistakes and teach me how to correct them. The best part about the Tech Committee is that everyone has a voice. So if you are tech minded or not tech minded but need a job in AA service come check out the Tech Committee they can find a job for you. Need to know something about the Area Website come they will allow you to ask any question. They have resources to share with you if you are new to technology or an old black hat that decided to pull it out of the closet and put it to good use. The Tech Committee is looking to make the spirit of rotation happen before burn out. They meet every other week drop them a line at support@area92aa.org and they will be glad to welcome you.

Fran,
Alt Chair AREA 92 Panel 74

NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2024
Treasurer's Report by Carole N.

Happy Autumn my fellow Recovering Alcoholics.

On October 13 I will celebrate seven years of sobriety! YAY AA! Please allow me a moment to thank God for saving me from myself and bringing me to the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. I shall be forever grateful beyond words to my two incredible sponsors, my first for walking with me through the Big Book and steps of our life changing program of Alcoholics Anonymous and for always being there! And my service sponsor for spending countless hours over nearly three years not only reading the Service Manual of Alcoholics Anonymous with me but sharing your personal experience and historical knowledge with each read! Seven years ago, I lived a life filled with guilt, shame, and anxiety. Today I live a life filled with joyful love, serenity, and gratitude, with a heart for service and benevolence. For that I feel grateful and blessed! Thank you for indulging me.

Down to business! Since Rainey covered everything in the Alt. Treasurer's report, I will save my report for when I see you at the Assembly. The Finance Report for September 2024 follows.

See you in Coeur d'Alene!

With Love and Gratitude in Service
Carole N, WSEA 92 Treasurer
Panel 74

WA STATE EAST AREA 92 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Checking (6717), Period Ending 09/30/2024
RECONCILIATION REPORT
Reconciled on: 10/01/2024

SUMMARY		USD
Statement beginning balance	\$20,085.15	
Checks and payments cleared	-5,898.30	
Deposits and other credits cleared	<u>7,580.81</u>	
Statement ending balance	<u>21,769.66</u>	
Uncleared transactions as of 08/30/2024	-967.00	
Register balance as of 07/31/2024	\$20,802.66	

TREASURER'S FINANCE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024			
Prepared by Carole N., WSEA 92 Treasurer			
QUICKBOOKS			
BEGINNING QB BALANCE: AUGUST 31, 2024			16,504.02
INCOME			
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND DISTRICTS	5,226.57		
CONTRIBUTIONS: 9.95 CHALLENGE	469.90		
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	5,696.47		
EVENT OVERAGE	1,209.72		
TOTAL INCOME	6,906.19	6,906.19	
EXPENSES			
ARCHIVES RENT (\$650. ISSUED 9/11-REPLACED LOST CHECK ISSUED 8/26)	1,300.00		
NEWSLETTER	517.72		
REGISTRATION (OCT ASSEMBLY)	55.00		
MILEAGE (Area Committee-Quarterly)	605.68		
MEALS	127.94		
PAYPAL FEES	37.57		
PROPERTY MGMT ACH FEES	20.94		
ARCHIVES NATIONAL WORKSHOP LODGING	592.70		
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,257.55	3,257.55	
JOURNAL ENTRY: Archives Ck 8/26 reported lost. Bank stopped pmt. & returned funds	(650.00)	--650.00	
ENDING QB BALANCE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2024			20,802.66
BANK STATEMENT			
BANK STATEMENT ENDING BALANCE (FROM RECONCILIATION REPORT ABOVE)			21,769.66
UNCLEARED TRANSACTION (Pmts. not cleared by stmt. cutoff but recorded WSEA QuickBooks system) -- 3 Checks, 1 Debit Cd pmt. pending Oct corrections chair hotel stay	967.00	967.00	
QUICKBOOKS ENDING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2024			20,802.66
SAVINGS			
Washington State East Area 92 RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE			2,500.92
09/30/2024 Interest Paid	0.02	2,500.94	

Alt Treasurer's Report for Area 92 Newsletter
October 2024

Greetings, Area 92.

It's been exciting to see the 9.95 Challenge contributions coming in. We received 24 contributions in the month of September alone! The total 9.95 Challenge income at the end of September is \$1,050.37!

I want to remind folks that the idea of this challenge is for *individuals* to contribute \$9.95. When a group of, say, 10 people contributes \$9.95, it's as if only one person contributed. While we are grateful for all contributions, we want to be clear that the idea behind \$9.95 was per person, rather than per group.

The Finance Committee has come to an agreement on the final form of the motion we will present at the January Quarterly. We are proposing that the Finance Committee be authorized to handle requests for additional seed money, rather than asking the whole body to address the request. It's not an "expense"; it's a loan. An expenditure would rightly go back to the home groups for a decision.

The Finance Committee is committed to safeguarding the Area finances and would not wantonly authorize an exorbitant loan. The Finance Committee focuses on conserving Area funds.

Speaking of which, the Finance Committee will be discussing ways to proactively conserve Area funds. Specifically, where can we cut costs? Which services do we cut? That sort of thing. Contact me at alt-treasurer@area92aa.org to get the invitation to the Finance Committee meeting.

Lastly, I want to point out that several years ago the Area approved a line of credit for the Literature Committee. That money was given to the Literature Chair to purchase literature. Since then, the money has been handled entirely by the Literature Chair. The Area is asking for an annual report because it is not personal money. It is Area money.

That being said, we already have in place a system of sorts for handling funds outside of the Area 92 General Fund. So, when we talk about the Pink Can motion, please keep in mind that we already do something very like it and it seems to be working quite well (except that we need better reporting). In fact, the Corrections Committee is not asking for any money from the Area. The money would all come from AA members and groups who want to contribute to Corrections work but don't have a district Corrections connection.

Thank you for the opportunity to tell you that.

Rock on!
Rainey

Area 92 Contributions Report
September 2024

Member full name	Sep
995 Challenge*	82.80
District 02:11th Step Meeting (Thurs)	9.95
District 02:As Bill Sees It (Spokane)	10.75
District 02:Foxhall	70.00
District 02:Step Sisters Of Spokane	58.40
District 02:Wednesday AM Men's (Spokane)	9.95
District 03:Grateful Ladies (Spokane)	163.00
District 03:Minnehaha Fun Group	61.94
District 03:Road to Recovery	44.40
District 03:Sisters In Sanity	9.95
District 04:Richland Fellowship	65.70
District 04:The Way Out (virtual)	10.80
District 05	918.88
District 05:AA Pass It On	250.00
District 05:Skookum Group	45.00
District 06:Fellowship of the Spirit	500.00
District 06:Goddess Group	100.00
District 06:WagonAAs	138.78
District 07:Clearwater Canyon Group	10.75
District 07:E R Group	250.00
District 07:Jokers Wild	16.19
District 08:Best Avenue Group	237.36
District 08:Daily Reprieve II	76.12
District 08:GMAA	344.75
District 08:Happy Hour Group (CdA)	143.47
District 09:Monday Ladies Book Club Grp	144.22
District 10:Cle Elum Group	100.00
District 10:Kittitas Group	200.00
District 10:Rule 62	10.75
District 12:Lisa S	21.10
District 12:Methow Valley Group	10.75
District 12:Recovery in the Valley	10.75
District 12:Twisp Group	21.50
District 13:Liberty Lake Happy Hour	30.00
District 14:Attitude of Gratitude Group	37.88
District 15:New Frontier Group	50.00
District 16:Oficina Intergrupar Del Medio Este De WA	93.18
District 17:Attitude Adjustment (Spokane)	200.00
District 17:Early Bird (Spokane)	115.71
District 17:Saturday Morning Live Group	117.80
District 17:Soul Sisters	100.00
District 17:Springdale Straight Talkers	35.10
District 18:Waitsburg Group	64.20
District 20:Chance 4 Change	50.00

District 20:High Noon Group	500.00
District 21:Grupo Amigos Unidos	9.95
District 22:Curtis W.	15.95
District 22:Extended Hand	10.75
District 22:New Freedom Group (Pullman)	46.84
District 24:Grupo Villanueva	15.00
District 24:La Viña	29.85
Individual:Dale B.	26.25
TOTAL:	5,696.47

*This is only the 9.95 contributions from individuals.

1. PayPal: Identifying source of contributions as a member of the Fellowship – I've asked the Technology Committee if they can insert a pop-up form between the Area website and the PayPal website asking the user to confirm that they're a member of AA. The www.aa.org website uses such a form. If the user confirms, great, they go on to the contribution page. If they say no, they get an explanation of our self-support policy. This form would generate from the Area 92 website and the user could not go past it without selecting yes, no, or cancel.

When you contribute through the Area 92 website, you will see a plus sign next to “Add special instructions to the seller.” Click on the plus sign (+) to put in your group name and city or group number so the correct group gets the credit for the contribution. As always, when sending contributions by mail, be sure to put your group NAME and city or group number on it. We do accept contributions from non-registered groups.

Checks and money orders should be written to “WSEA 92.”

Address to:
WSEA 92
1314 S Grand Blvd, Suite 2
Box #103
Spokane, WA 99202

Area Secretary

I have been busy getting together the paperwork for the upcoming October Assembly on October 25-27, 2024 in Coeur d'Alene. I will be forwarding this information to Area when we get closer to the Assembly. I have attached the draft copy of the April pre-conference minutes; they are not final and are missing financial information that reconciles. The Feb through present financials have been revised and corrected to give us accurate numbers that reconcile, however January 2024 has not been completed. I have asked for January 2024 revised figures but have not received them yet to complete that part of the minutes.

The Handbook Committee met virtually on Sept 19, 2024. Present were Catherine B., Paula T. and Virginia R. We discussed concerns about the "Google" translation problem of the handbook and other documents. Virginia has been using 'DeepL', a translation app that appears to be much better at translating. The free option (1 pg at a time) is limited therefore we will be looking into cost to purchase a wider usage plan that can be used by the Area for all translated documents. Hopefully we will have more information at the assembly.

The other topic of concern was the motion process and updating the handbook. This was good timing as we will be discussing this at our upcoming WSEA Area Inventory.

Question #4. Why does Area not have a motion process?

Specifically, we looked at the upcoming motion that had come out of the finance committee. We agree that it was not concise and could not support it as written. The motion should be sufficient to go into the handbook as written without having to add another motion to "update handbook language", with added language to "clarify" what the motions intent/duty/action is. The committee submitted a suggestion, a rewritten motion back to the finance committee. It is unknown what the status of that motion is at this time. What became clear was there is not a good understanding of how a motion should be written to convey an action and update the handbook at the same time.

The committee agreed that there should be a process of having the Handbook Committee assist the makers of a motion in the writing process before submitting a motion to the body. The committee believes having input in this process would help to present a clearer more concise motion therefore would be beneficial to the Area.

Further discussion on this topic to be had.

I look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks.

YIS

Catherine B.

WSEA Secretary

**2024 April WSEA Pre-Conf Assembly
MINUTES**

April 6, 2024 Yakima, WA D6 & D20

***Reports can be found in the April 2024 Assembly folder & Newsletter**

Meeting called to order by Chair, Bryan B. at 8:01 A.M. at Yakima, WA.

Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by Meredith; 12 Traditions ESP read by Marco.

12 Concepts read by Kevin, 12 Concepts ESP read by Juan Carlos.

Motion to record proceedings: moved by D12, seconded by D7, passed unanimously.

Welcome and Review of Business - Chair Bryan B.

Housekeeping announcements - D6.

Introductions of Past delegates

Introduction of Panel 74 elected officers and standing committee chairs.

Roll Call Voting Body: Catherine B., Quorum established.

Not present; Archivist, D3, D10, D11, D18, D21

October 2023 Election Minutes-Presented by Secretary, Catherine B.

Motion to approve minutes; moved by D2, seconded by D22, passed unanimously.

***Trusted Servant Reports** *see 2024 April Assembly folder

Delegate - Lisa G.

Alt-Delegate – Dan M.

Chair – Bryan B.

Alt-Chair – Fran L.

Treasurers Report – Carole N.

Account beginning balance as of Jan 1, 2024. \$20,439.72

Total quarterly contr/other inc received. \$?

Total quarterly expenses. \$?

Account ending balance as of March 31, 2024. \$ BANK ACCT BAL N/A

Motion to approve Treasurers Report; moved by D8, seconded by D10, passed unanimously.

**Discussion regarding non accurate numbers for the minutes addressed motion passed to accept .

Alt-Treasurers Report – Rainey M.

Secretary Report – Catherine B.

***Standing Committee Reports given by committee chairs present.** *see 2024 April Assembly folder.

11:00 – GSR reports *see 2024 April Assembly folder.

Lunch Break 12 – 1 pm.

New Business:

Motion submitted by Handbook Committee: “The WSEA Handbook Committee moves to remove the obsolete language referring to the ‘Web Chair’ Position currently in the 2024 handbook as strikethrough wording”. After discussion and debate the Technology Chair:

2024 January WSEA Quarterly

MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2024

***All reports can be found in the WSEA drive & Newsletter**

Moved to refer original motion back to the Handbook Committee, seconded by PI Chair. Motion defined as referring the responsibility back to the committee with authorization to make needed corrections.

Motion to end discussion. Motion passed.

Motion to refer original motion back to committee: Motion passed. 90 in favor, 10 opposed.

Bid for October 2025 Election Assembly – Accepted by D12, Winthrop WA.

Discussion regarding increasing event seed money to be forwarded to finance committee.

Bid for January 2025 Quarterly – Accepted by D25, Yakima WA

Sub-Committee Reports:

Registrar – Dan M.

Finance Committee – Rainey M.

Handbook Committee – Catherine B.

Special Committee Reports:

GSR Roundtable – report not available

DCM Roundtable – Rich D.

Ad Hoc Committee -Standing Committee Workshops – Todd D.

PNC Committee Report – Diana M.

DCM Reports given by:

D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D10, D12, D14, D15, D17, D20, D21, D22, D23, D24, D25, D26

Host Committee reports:

April 2024 Pre-Conf. Assembly- D6 – Yakima, WA.

July 2024 Quarterly – D2 – Spokane, WA.

October 2024 Inventory Assembly – D8 – Coeur d'Alene, ID.

January 2025 - open

April 2025 Pre-Conf. Assembly – D26 – Libby, MT.

Motion to Adjourn- Moved by D14 seconded by D2 and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine B.

WSEA Secretary

Area Archives Chair

The last time we met, I was attending the September Standing Committee Workshop in Libby, Montana. The event was a great success with lots of food and fellowship. During the Archive breakout session, Tom W., past Archivist for Spokane Intergroup, shared his experience and knowledge on Area AA history. It was most informative, even if it was just the three of us. We also discussed outreach to the DCMs and GSRs to help the local home groups establish their own home group archives. Folders, sheet protectors, labels, and handouts were provided to anyone interested attending the event. I have continued attending District online business meetings introducing myself and reaching out to the local Archive chair and/or Archivist. I have personally invited them to check out the Area 92 Archive Committee meeting held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. My goal is to increase our visibility as an active committee and to begin preparing for next year's Agenda Review. I am looking forward to the assembly this month. I am picking up the traveling archive display on Friday and it will be set up for your viewing at 3:00 pm. Come sign the guest book and view the beautiful history we have at our fingertips in Area 92.

Yours in Love and Service

Michelle W.

WSEA92 ~ Archive Chair ~ Panel 74

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Area Archivist

Hello Everyone!

I can't believe it is October already! So much happened in September that it kind of just flew by. After Area 92 hosted the Northwest Regional A.A. Archives Workshop I was off to the National A.A. Archives Workshop in beautiful Des Moines, IA. This is the 2nd National Workshop that I've attended and the theme was 24 Hours a Day: Then & Now. It was well attended and I made a lot of contacts and friendships. There is always so much to learn about archiving in Alcoholics Anonymous and it was heavy on technology this year. It made me realize that to move forward on certain projects, we are going to need additional equipment.

But for now I am concentrating on having a work party once a month to be open and available for any Area 92 member to come and volunteer or just see the repository and our beautiful history. I pitched the idea to the Archives Steering Committee and everyone liked the idea. It will take a little time to set up some work areas and organize so I am shooting for January to have the first one. We have accumulated a lot of new archives and are going to do some rearranging to see if we can get some space available. Area 92 funds the repository and I believe any member or friends that want to come and enjoy it, should be able to!

Going to the National Workshop gave me so many new ideas for projects including new displays. There is going to be discussion to decide which projects to go forward with first. There is so much to do that it is easy to get overwhelmed but if we take it one project at a time, things get done. But we do need help. If you are interested in learning about taking care of our A.A. history, please contact me or anyone on the committee. We will continue to have small sessions but if you are interested in participating before January, please let me know. You are most welcome and needed.

Sincerely in Service,

Lisa D.
WSEA 92 Archivist
Area92aa.org

Area Corrections Chair

Hello Area 92!!

October has arrived, and along with it came FALL!! Although I already am grieving the loss of what seemed to be a short summer run, I welcome the beautiful change of colors and brisk air. Great season for windows down, top back road trips in the Jeep. Thank you, AA, for showing me acceptance and joy in change.

So, what things occurred in the world of Corrections as we brisked through September...

- Bridging The Gap Workshop Weekend (BTGWW): Both our Delegate, Lisa G., and I attended this event held in Missoula on Sep 6

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th. This workshop travels around the country from one hosting Area to another and this was their 33rd year! Neither Lisa nor I had ever heard of it so this was a must for us to check out, since it was basically in our backyard. The events name reflects that it was founded back when both Corrections and Treatment were still under the single service committee of H&I. Even so, there was evident in its topics and conversations that Treatments; Bridging the Gap, and Corrections; Bridge/Pre-Release/Reentry programs are different, not only in their operations but in their nature as well.

Some highlights of the weekend we enjoyed were, knowledge of a national database of Volunteers and POC's that the workshop had built over the last three decades. Tips and experiences on building committees. Training Volunteers. Kelly C. from GSO's Treatment Desk Staff shared how GSO and its Committees work, she also was our guest speaker for Saturday evening. What a treat she was! We learned about Gap Bridging activity from hospitals, and that there is a long-standing program back east called "The Man on The Bed".

What I thought was going to be a dry wrap up Sunday morning turned out to be very informative; AI technology applied to what we do in our Committees. Shared was some very useful tools and templates for involvement of simple excel spreadsheets used to manage Volunteer lists and such to having AI automatically reach out at given intervals via email to see if the Volunteer is still active and willing. And other deep techy possible applications of AI to make our work more effective and illuminate those pesky cracks which those transitioning to AA communities frequently fall into. We also got to see both southern California, and Ontario Canada makes bids for 2025 and 2026 BTGW. This is something that your Delegate and I would love to see Area 92 step up. This was really a great workshop with a hundred in attendance representing Areas from across the US and Canada.

One more highlight from this event, during introductions a volunteer I had never met whom I reached out to for a Bridge out of AHCC last spring, stood up from the second row during introductions and stated he was from Area 92 District 17!! Lisa and I were way in the back and both our jaws dropped open. Dave and I had never met until that weekend, but I came away with a new friend and a new Service Sponsee! Dave shares his Bridge experience in this edition's "Editorial Special" at the end of this report. Check it out!!

- 2nd Monday Meeting: September 9th was our online District Corrections Chair meeting. Remember, this is an open meeting. So, you do not need to be holding any kind of service commitment to attend. For that matter, you do not even have to be an AA member! Perhaps you are a worker in the corrections field and have heard of this meeting, you may still ask for an invite for access. This is a great place to see what is happening on the front lines of our Area 92's Corrections. In September we had 9 in attendance, including two guests, one of which was our Delegate, Lisa G., again. This meeting is still proving to be very effective.

- Standing Committee Workshop: We had our Area 92 September SCW in Libby MT on the 21st. Thank you District 26 for a fantastic time! The local Libby meeting place opened up for us on Friday night and hosted an impromptu meeting. Their local NA member Chaired the meeting. Talk about cross addiction!! She was great!! =D It was a solid SCW with good food, great topics, and decent attendance for being in the far-off corner of the Area. The theme was "Literature" and I came all prepared to share on our F-26 & F-73 Corrections Correspondence Program and the F-162 & F-163 Bridge forms, but the eight folks who attended the Corrections room, one of whom was a past Delegate, took a group conscious in favor of going over the "Motion to Establish a Dedicated Account for the Area 92 Corrections Pink Can Program" motion which is coming up at the Area October Assembly. So, that is what we did! We had a very informative a spirited conversation, y'all shoulda been there!!

- NCC Bid Committee: The fourth Monday of every month is our online meeting for this Committee. Creeping closer to the National Corrections Conference being held in Charlotte NC in November, I'm nervous. Traveling is not my strong suit, but it looks like the hotel/event is just right across the highway from the airport so at least I do not have to deal with renting a car and driving. I was hoping we had the T-Shirts finalized so I could present it here, but I guess that will have to wait until next month's Newsletter.

- Bridge Requests: We just received a Bridge request from the west side for a releasing member going to the Sandpoint area. Our Lady's Bridge Chair, Cindy, is all over it and has her Volunteers getting in contact as I type. So, all you good folk up in the north Idaho District 14 keep your ears and eyes open in the December time frame for a newcomer looking to get established. I know that you will all extend our hand of AA to her and help us secure another successful Bridge into our rooms.

- Keys to Corrections: Last month I did not get a Keys to Corrections column written in time for submission. So, be sure to flip through this month's Area 92 Newsletter and get informed! Our subject this month, given our motion happening at the Area Assembly later this month, appropriately is the "Pink Can"!! As usual, I know there is much more, but that covers some of the highlights. There are several other fronts on the Corrections horizon that are gathering in momentum which will be shared soon, so keep checking here to "be in the know"!! But for now, we are going to wrap up this submission with this month's "Editorial Special" which is from Dave E. who performed one of our first Bridge Volunteer assignments back in June.

Below is Dave sharing of his experience in this awesome Service position!

"My name is David E. I had been looking for a service position in late April. I talked with my DCM for District 17, George M and expressed my desire to start some type of service work. George had told me

that District 17 did not have a Bridge the Gap (BTG) representative and he explained that BTG was a program that helps people coming out of corrections or treatment to get plugged into an AA meeting and asked if I would be interested in trying that. I told him I would be very interested and started going to the District 17 monthly meetings.

I was introduced to Dale B Area 92 Corrections Chair. Dale had told me about an individual that was going to be released in the near future from Airway Heights Correctional Facility. Dale explained to me that the inside Member had submitted a Prerelease Request (F-163 form) requesting an A.A. Contact to take him to an A.A. meeting upon his release. Dale also shared the Sucurus eMessaging App so I could make contact with him while he was still in the States custody and to introduce myself approximately 1 month before his release date. We maintained contact until he was released on June 5th .

Late afternoon June 5th we scheduled an early morning meeting the next day. I picked him up at his transition house and we went to the "Our Club" A.A meeting in downtown Spokane per his request, as he had been there before and was familiar with that group.

He made arrangements with some acquaintances at the meeting that were able to drive him around and take care of his after-release business, as I had informed him that as a Temporary Contact, it was not in my service work to perform those functions.

I am excited that I was able to perform this very important service work and look forward to working with many more individuals that are interested in taking advantage of this BTG and/or bridging program."

Sincerely,
Dave E.

Please, reach out and bug me; corrections@area92aa.org
Dale B. Corrections Chair / Area 92 / Panel 74

Area CPC Chair

Hello! Great things are happening! Lots to read on featured CPC articles from the Grapevine in October! Check it out in print or online! Cooperation with the Professional Community(CPC) is our featured stories from A.A. members rolling up their sleeves and getting involved in CPC service! Read stories like; "Getting the Word Out", "Showing What We Do", "Operation Cooperation"and "Cooperating with the Courts".

These articles help us understand and provide examples of the awesome power of one hand another, one day at a time.

Lorri T.
cpc@area92aa.org

Area Grapevine and Literature Chair

Hello Area 92,

Thank you to District 26 for hosting the Standing Committee Workshop In Libby on September 21st. I felt like it was a pretty good and Informative Workshop. And I would also like to thank District 15 for inviting us to their Roundup on Friday thru Sunday. It was a good time and we got to meet some new people. We had a couple of members down from Area 79. And on the count down one of the members had 52 years; this was the oldest and the youngest had 54 days. So that was fun. Now back to Literature we also attended the Quarterly Grapevine/LaVina workshop via Zoom on the 19th and got some really good information there I will upload a couple of links for anyone that would like to look. So if you want information on the Grapevine/LaVina app [click here](#). If you want information about the Carry the Message Project [click here](#). And if you want information about How to succeed as a Grapevine/LaVina Rep [click here](#). Also if you have any more questions or would like to join the Literature/Grapevine monthly meeting online on the 4th Monday of every month you can email or call me any time and we can get you added. Email is literature@area92aa.org Phone 509-949-7248 call or text.

Yours in Service, Area 92 Panel 74

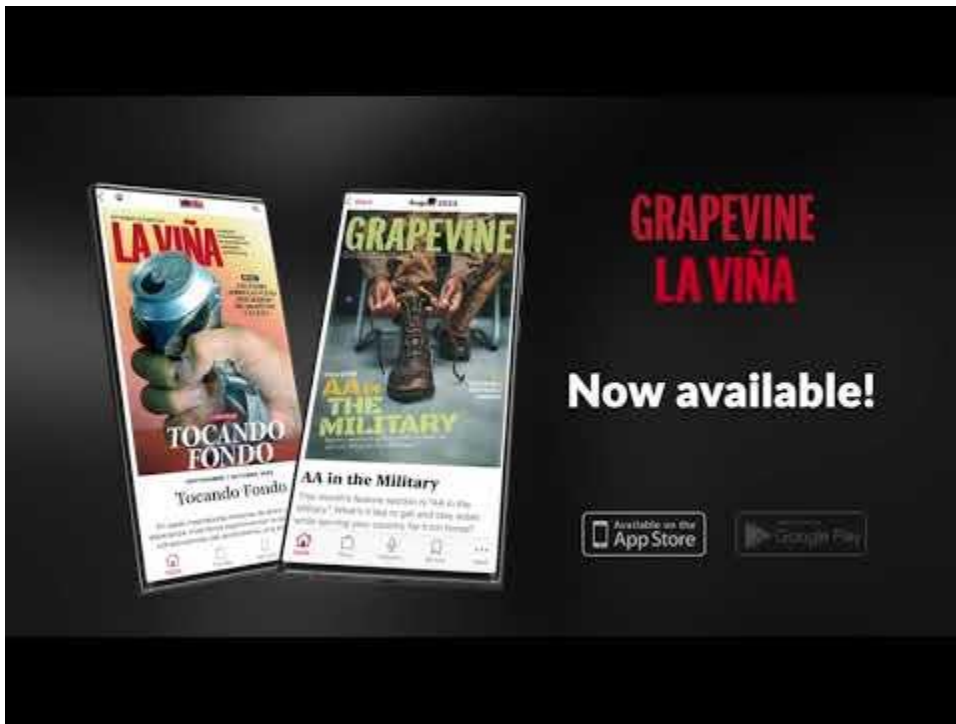
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Preview YouTube video How to Succeed as a Grapevine Rep



Area Newsletter Editor

We are thankful for SCW's and the hospitality from the good folks in beautiful Libby, MT. And look forward to the SCW Fair in Spokane in December. If you're shopping around for your next service position December's SCW is the place to be.

I noticed a lot of districts did not post their submissions this month. Should you have questions about submitting articles or your very own district's activities please take a look at the last page of this newsletter, every month- for details and submission guidelines. contact Jacqueline at newsletter@area92aa.org . Should you want to revisit our vintage selection of newsletters go to newsletters/@area92aa.org

Coming soon! A new formatted newsletter is coming to Area 92. Launch is scheduled for December 2024 at the Standing Committee Workshop in Spokane, WA (I was aiming for this month but I have more to learn about the new program. "Don't louse this thing up!"

Yours In Service!

Jacqueline C

Area 92 Newsletter Editor- P74

Area Public Information Chair

Welcome Kolten!

Area Technology Chair

Area Treatment Chair

Hello!, We had the privilege of attending the standing committee workshop in Libby, Montana. What an amazing time. Got to meet a couple of DCM's that are interested in the treatment committee . Getting more participants at my monthly committee meeting. I'm looking forward to the assembly coming up in a few weeks. Are you looking for a service position? We'd appreciate you joining in and reaching out. We have a position open! We're looking to fill the BRIDGE THE GAP CHAIR position for Treatment! Contact me at treatment@area92aa.org

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your area treatment chair.

Eddie G.
Treatment Chair
treatment@area92aa.org

Area Translation Chair

Hello everyone! September is a very important month for those of Hispanic and especially Mexican Heritage! Happy September! Viva Mexico!

September 5th I was at our regular Standing Committee Meeting.

On September 19th. I attended the Handbook Committee meeting with Katherine and Paula. the translation of the Spanish version of our Area 92 Handbook was discussed and possible solutions. It was a very productive meeting.

I was not able to attend the National Corrections meeting due a previous commitment at that time. I hope to be at the next one.

I'm in constant communication with and available to the Spanish speaking DCMs and the groups.

Thank you all for your service! Thank you for helping me stay sober.

See you at the October Inventory Assembly in Boise. Felices 24 Horas!

Virginia R.
Translation
Panel 74

Thanks everyone for your service!

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Virginia R.
Translation Panel 74

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.

Dan M. - WSEA 92 Alternate Delegate/Registrar Panel 74
alt-delegat@area92aa.org

October Inventory Assembly 2024 Chair

WSEA 92! We think we are ready, but I know how that works! There is still time for everything to go wrong. Registration is set up. The treasurer is waiting to count money before they can develop. . Hospitality has goodies and coffee, lots of conversation. Signage is ready. That brings us to Ben. He has his team ready to go on the Friday night panels. I did the walk through with Dan and Fran, I believe we got all the answers we needed. I have the privilege of working with other ladies and Tom, most have done quarterlies or assemblies before. So we are looking for glitches before they can develop.

Fliers are in the mailboxes. You will notice the dates have changed to the last weekend of October twenty fifth, twenty sixth and twenty seventh. Our first venue fell through, so we had to do some scrambling. The prices are a lot higher, but it is a great place for an assembly.

I hope you will come for the fellowship and stay for the business.

Paula T.

Area 92 October Assembly Chair 2024

WSEA 92 Area Inventory 2024 & Inventory Questions

- ☐ 1. Are we communicating all the information needed for GSR to make an "informed group conscience"?
- ☐ 2. "Are we in faith or fear"? When it comes to financial decisions .

☐ 3. Would it be in the Area's interest to start the inventory process at the beginning of the year?

☐ 4. Why does Area not have a motion process?

Facilitator: Mark S.

Contact Information: Email: maesimon@msn.com

Phone/Text: 509-391-9123

My name is Mark and I'm an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is 10/26/1985. My service position is Oregon Area 58, Panel 48 Past-Delegate.

While attending the Pacific Northwest Conference a few of us past delegates were discussing the upcoming Area 92 Inventory. The discussion centered around whether we should use an outside facilitator as the Home Group and the District Inventory suggest. We usually use an Area 92 Past-Delegate. It was pointed out that I'm an Oregon Area 58 Past-Delegate who has lived and attended Area 92 Assemblies for the past 19 years and I could be both. While this may be a little lame, I was chosen to facilitate the 2024 inventory.

From our Area 92 Handbook: Section 3.0, item h, WSEA 92 will allow two hours for an Area Inventory at non-election October Assemblies. The inventory will be chaired by a Past-Delegate who will be funded by the Area. The inventory will contain three to five questions coming from any or all of the following: Home Groups, GSR Round table meetings, DCM Round table meetings, or from the Area Committee. A follow-up report will be given at the following April Pre-Conference Assembly.

Keeping with tradition, I will choose a committee of Past-Delegates and we will discuss all of the submitted suggestions and from those suggestions, we will pick 3 to 5 topics based on the anticipated discussion within the 2-hour time restraint. I will submit this report to the upcoming Area Newsletter and make a final report after the October Assembly and submit that report to the Area Newsletter. I will submit that report orally at the April Pre-Conference Assembly. In AA an inventory is a process that involves taking stock of our strengths, weaknesses, values, goals and possibly our failures. Don't be afraid to critique our work. To quote Bill W. from our publication, "Our Great Responsibility," speaking at the 8th General Service Conference, "I think that this Conference of ours be-speaks more promise and more progress for AA than any that have gone before. It holds promise and has been filled with progress because it has had trouble. And it has converted that trouble into an asset, into some growth and into a great promise." He goes on to state, "AA was born out of trouble! "In days of old, people would hold an egg up to the light of a candle to see if the egg was "Good or Bad." I think that the light we hold our ideas or actions up to is and always should be our Twelfth Step. "Will this aid our groups in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers?"

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this body

Yours in service, Mark

District and DCM Reports

District 2, District 3, District 4 District 5, District 6, District 7

District 8

Greetings,

I do not have much to report this month. We are preparing for the October Assembly and have one last Host Committee meeting on Friday 10/05/2024. Contributions of coffee and snacks from home groups and individual members have been coming in, thank you for all those who have contributed thus far. If your home group would like to contribute snacks or coffee, creamer, cups, supplies, etc. to the Hospitality Room please let me know. I will make arrangements to pick them up and take them to Paula T. We will have coffee and snacks in the Hospitality Room. The Host Committee will let us know about any hotel restrictions there may be on snacks or coffee leaving the room.

We have a motion from the Area 92 Corrections Committee about starting a separate Pink Can account. This will be discussed and voted on at the October Assembly. Please discuss with your groups and let me know your thoughts on this motion.

I have a little more hope about the survival of Alcoholics Anonymous after the General Service Conference opened the Proposed Agenda Items (PAI) process to the general membership. I know of 2 very well written and thought out PAIs, one being sent forward by District 14, and one sent by District 8. I am praying that Alcoholics Anonymous does not continue its current path of becoming just another one of thousands of social justice entities. Bill and Bob both said that we need to stick with the one thing we do best, and that is helping alcoholics to achieve sobriety by laying this simple kit of spiritual tools at their feet. Alcoholics Anonymous was never intended to be the great panacea for all maladies, nor do we have a monopoly on God. We simply have a way out on which we can absolutely agree and join

together in brotherly and harmonious action.

Yours in service,

David R. DCM District 8

District 9,

District 10

Greetings from District 10,

We had ourselves a wonderful Recovery Month in September! Most of our meetings have had good and steady attendance. Our Kittitas Group is getting cozy in their new church location (Kittitas Community Church on 3rd & Pierce) which is fantastic news after losing the previous location. Our Sunday Morning Group has been very popular with many members expressing their love for it. The Serenity Seekers Group is well attended with great discussions, but is hoping to see more women attend! The Ellensburg Women's Group is another awesome meeting, and the Men's Stag Meeting has seen a regular attendance of about 20! We have a couple newer meetings, the Hoot Owl meetings (Tuesdays @ 9pm, Fridays @ 10pm, Ellensburg Union Hall) that are a great meeting option for the more nocturnal AAers among us. Lastly, the Monday Night Literature Study has changed its meeting to an hour, rather than the 90 minutes it was before (6-7pm, Ellensburg Union Hall).

We are looking forward to our Gratitude Banquet coming up in November. That will be 11/23/2024 @ Teanaway Hall (at the Ellensburg Fairgrounds). Doors open at 4pm and we hope to see everyone there for celebration and fellowship!

District 10 wishes to acknowledge and celebrate the following sober birthdays for September: Cody L. (10 yrs), Amanda (9 mos), Chris (15 mos), Katie (3 yrs), Gary (5 yrs), Justin (2 yrs), Bill E. (11 mos), Meagan (10 mos), Katie (4 mos), Orion (2 mos).

And finally, we want to pay our respects to Larry H. Larry passed away 9/27, one day before his 40-year sober birthday. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and everyone in the recovery community who was touched by this great man. May he rest in peace.

Stay safe, stay sober, one day at a time. God bless you!

Cody R.

District 11

District 12

September was a very quiet month for our district.

We focused on Concept 9 in our district meeting and looked at our roles in leadership and our growth so far this year.

It was a meaningful discussion.

Pete, our Corrections chair was able to attend the Standing Committee Workshop in Libby MT

Our focus is on the upcoming Gratitude Banquet and October Assembly.

Birthdays for the month

Twisp - Jack K 22 years, Jenae 4 years

Oroville - Jim 20 yrs, Tod 23 yrs, Marcy 2 yrs

Recovery in the Valley - Scott D 4yrs

Riverside Here and Now - Jesse R 39 yrs

Riverside Here and Now- Skip 33 yrs -

Native American Group-Rosa 1 year

In gratitude for being of service.

Lisa S.

DCM D12 Yours in service,

District 13, District 14, District 15,

District 16

Hola everyone in Area 92 from District 21!

Our District continues to meet as scheduled and we also are visiting the groups.

The groups are contributing the \$9.95 for our Area 92. There is quite an increase in our 7th. Tradition contributions recently. There is also an increase in new people coming to the groups. These are both great things. This is all for now.

Thank you and see you at the Assembly in Boise.

Felices 24 Horas

Benjamin M.

DCM District 16

District 17, District 18, District 19, District 20,

District 21

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Felices 24 Horas

District 22

District 23

Hello!

Anyone from district 23 may post to our newsletter. Please submit to Lisa no later than the 3rd of each month. Our AA Birthday Potluck is now back at St Andrews Church, downtown Lake Chelan. On September 28th we celebrated the following special birthdays.

Sheryl Ann, GSR of Ladies of the Lake celebrated 17 years! Vicki proudly presented her coin.

Peter celebrated 27 years, Sheryl Ann presented his coin.

Steve, our fearless DCM celebrated 35 years! His coin was presented by his sober son Trevor.

Our Birthday Countdown included 251 years of sobriety!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY POTLUCKS: October 26th 4:30 PM; November 30th 4:30 PM; December 31st time to be announced (Need help with New Years Eve Potluck. Contact Lisa to volunteer for setup or cleanup).

Sept - April Birthday Potlucks to be held at St Andrews Church at 4:30pm last Saturday of the month . Except for December held on New Years Eve.

-Bring a dish to share. All are welcome. Questions?

-Call Sherylann 509 682-1817 or Lisa 509 683- 2339

UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS; Have been permanently changed to the 1st Monday of each month! October 7th 5:00p; November 4th 5:00p; December 2nd 5:00pm at St Andrews Episcopal Church Chelan WA. All trusted servants should attend!

Reminder: Applecup Restaurant is permanently closed.

Reminder: Monday Noon "Friends of Bill" has permanently moved to Chelan Christian Church [210 E Wapato Ave, Chelan](#)

Questions or Suggestions? Call Lisa at 509 683 2339

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Proud to be of service,
Lisa B
Alt-DCM District 23

District 24

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

Our District continues to meet every last Sunday of the month at 2pm. We are visiting at least 2 groups per month.

The District continues to have A.A. 12 Traditions Workshops at the groups. On September 17th. We had one at Grupo El Puente in Hermiston. We decided to focus on 6 traditions at a time. The next workshop will be Grupo Fortaleza y Esperanza in Kennewick where we will focus on Traditions 6 to 12. There is great participation and we all learn together.

This is all for now. I'm looking forward to going to the assembly in Boise, see you there. Thank you.

Ramiro R.
DCM District 24

District 25

District 25 celebrates its 14th anniversary November 17 at Sobriedad Viva Group.

All are invited.

District 25 is visiting all the groups of District 25. Eight groups total! Quarterly January 17-18 2025 we are working on the last details. The most difficult part is the bank account. b, Yakima

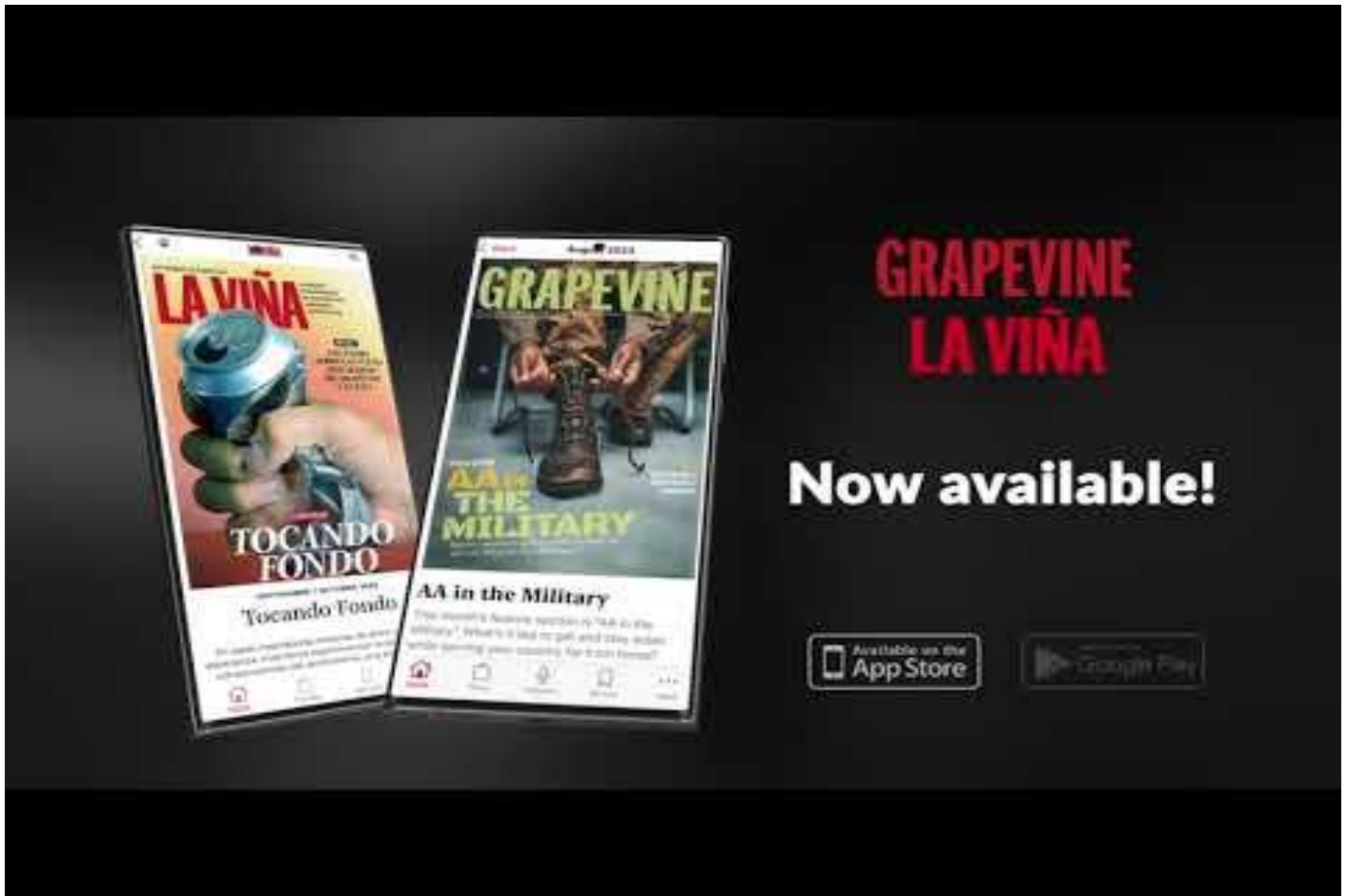
Francisco Del Grupo July 30 turns 12 on October 12, 2024.

Miguel A. celebrates 35 years of the group January 3- October 20, 2024 4pm, Alano Club

DCM District 25
Miguel A.

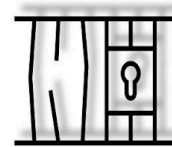
District 26

Member Submissions & Featured Articles





Keys to Corrections



A Column to Inform and Encourage

Welcome to our fourth installment of what we hope to be a long running column of informative, encouraging, and inspirational topics from the wonderful world of service in AA Corrections. We welcome you to the... **Keys to Corrections!**

This month we are going to take a look at long standing, yet controversial program called; “The Pink Can”. This fund-raising initiative as stated in the 2006 fall edition of GSO’s Box 459, was started back in 1957. Here is a little of what this Box 459 article “Pink Cans: Small Change Brings Big Results” shares.

“The Northern California Area Hospitals and Institutions committee (H&I) was rapidly expanding its work in prisons, and the need for literature was increasing by leaps and bounds, to the point where it could no longer be met by individual contributions. Someone came up with the idea of passing around a can at group meetings, explaining that the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters dropped into the can were intended for alcoholics in prisons and hospitals. How to make the cans stand out? Paint them pink!”

So, great idea, right?! What could make this so controversial? The article goes on to say...

“In the beginning, some members were afraid that donations to the pink cans would decrease group contributions, and mindful of that possibility, the committee has always emphasized the importance of providing clear information. They send each group a flyer explaining what the cans are for, print information in local A.A. newsletters, and always suggest that the secretary emphasize the importance of contributions to group expenses first.”

Recently a flyer, believed to be from the 90’s, was found in the Pioneer Group meetings literature materials in Walla Walla’s Washington State Penitentiary. Founded in 1942 this is the oldest continuous running corrections meeting behind bars in the world. The flyer is titled; “*Washington Area East 12th Step Literature: What are those PINK CANS for?*” Within this full-page narrative flyer, reads the following paragraph.

“One of the fears expressed of the PINK CAN was that they would subtract from the support of the meetings. This was dispelled by groups that determined their meeting donations were the same with or without the PINK CAN.”

Have fears been “*dispelled*”? I suppose that could be subjectable, but let’s consider some apparent evidence of acceptance by our bodies of Trusted Servants. One, the previously quoted 2006 Box 459 article. Box 459 is GSO’s newsletter to our Fellowship. Two, AAWS’s Corrections Workbook (M-45I) has no less than three full pages giving several examples of Pink Can or pink can type programs used by Groups, Districts, and Areas across the country. Of all these, only one makes mention of a “*budgeted*” literature allocation type structure. This is what it says in our Corrections Workbook.

“In Kansas, it is reported that they have a yearly sum of approximately \$1000 that is allocated for literature. Although this is the biggest item in their budget, it is still a meager sum, and a short while ago they started placing contribution cans at their meetings. As they tell all their members, even the smallest contribution helps.”

Fears dispelled or not, it certainly seems that after more than sixty years in existence, the effectiveness of the Pink Can has proved itself, and it’s recorded history in our archives and submission into our Fellowship

approved publications, would certainly reflect at least an embrace if not a full nod of approval. One thing for certain, AA literature behind the walls is one of the highest calls to duty for our basic lifesaving materials.

The Workbooks funding suggestions section, *“Shared Experience on How Committees Collect Contributions for Literature”* states.

“Alcoholics confined in correctional facilities usually have just one A.A. meeting a week available to them, if they are lucky. A sizable number are on wait a list and go to none at all. But there’s another way to carry the message to these people: Provide them with meetings in print through and additional AAW’s literature, pamphlets and the Grapevine. The only stumbling block is money.”

“How are local corrections committees funded? How do they accumulate literature for inside meetings? These questions have become a frequent refrain at all levels of service, including the General Service Office, where more than 90 percent of the letters that cross the Corrections Desk contain requests for free literature. In the spirit of AA’s Seventh Tradition, the search is on for financing approaches that make practical as well as spiritual sense.”

Does your Home Group participate in a Pink Can program? If not, you can find out more information by contacting your District’s Corrections Chair, DCM, or your Area 92 Corrections Chair at:

corrections@area92aa.org

Whats A Pink Can?



**THE PINK CANS SUPPORTS LITERATURE TO
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.**

A.A. Corrections Contact Form

Name: _____
Gender Identity _____
(e.g. Male, Female, Non-binary)
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Daytime Phone: _____
Nighttime Phone: _____
Home Group: _____
Location: _____

Please mail to:

Washington State East Area 92
AA Corrections Bridge Program
9116 E. Sprague Ave. #485
Spokane, WA 99206-3601

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A.A. CORRECTIONS PRERELEASE CONTACT INFORMATION

CONNECTING
INSIDE A.A. MEMBERS
TO THE OUTSIDE
A.A. COMMUNITY

Remember that:

- It is important that members formerly in custody attend their first A.A. meeting as soon as they are released.
- Our primary purpose is to carry the A.A. message.
- You are not responsible for the member's attitude or actions in or out of meetings.
- It is suggested that you do not loan money or anything of value, or become a personal taxi service.
- It is important to introduce the member formerly in custody to other A.A. members, just as you would any newcomer.
- We are not to act in any reporting or communication capacity regarding the A.A. member and the justice system.

Suggested Reading

"Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities"

"Where Do I Go From Here?"

A.A. in Prison: A Message of Hope

"A.A. in Correctional Facilities"

"It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell"

"Behind the Walls: A Message of Hope"

"A Message to Corrections Professionals"

Dear A.A. member,

The A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Program connects the A.A. member being released from prison with Alcoholics Anonymous in their community.

When the soon-to-be-released A.A. member writes us, we match that person to a Prerelease Contact in their community. If you are interested in this form of service, we will call you, get the okay, and then send you the name of a contact.

Many A.A.s involved in this service stress the importance of getting the member formerly in custody to a meeting as soon as possible, usually within the first 48 hours after release.

During this time, you help them get acquainted, get phone numbers, perhaps locate a sponsor or home group, and become connected to the local A.A. community. You introduce the newly released member to others in A.A. so they have a broad, healthy base.

An A.A. member who is part of a correctional facilities volunteer program needs to be familiar with, and adhere to, rules that correctional facilities have regarding a volunteer's contact with inside members, both while they are in the facility and after they are released.

If you are willing to be the hand of A.A. when a person in custody reaches out for help, complete the attached A.A. Corrections Contact Form and mail it to the address given.

A.A. Corrections Prerelease Contact Procedures

1. Inside A.A. members (those held in correctional facilities) are eligible for this program if they have less than six months to serve on their sentence.
2. The person in custody fills out the form and mails it to the Corrections Committee, which is responsible for processing and coordinating all Prerelease Contacts.
3. The outside A.A. writes to the inside A.A. member within two weeks. If the Prerelease Contact fails to make contact, the inside A.A. member should inform the Corrections committee. (Prerelease Contacts may, if they wish, use as their return address that of a local A.A. office.)
4. The inside A.A. member and the outside contact set up a meeting at the time of the member's release. The inside A.A. provides such information as their date of release, arrival time in the local area, and an address and phone number.
5. The Prerelease Contact will meet the newly released A.A. at an agreed upon time and place to help them adjust to attending their first meetings in the local community.
6. The Prerelease Contact and the newly released A.A. will, by working together, know when they both feel the time has come for the Prerelease Contact to move on to someone new.

Suggestions for the Prerelease Contact

1. Contact the inside A.A. member by letter within two weeks of being matched and remain in touch with them as their release date approaches.
2. Try to take members formerly in custody to an A.A. meeting within 24 to 48 hours of their release.
3. It is suggested that the first meeting be viewed as a regular Twelfth Step call and that you take another A.A. member with you.
4. Share your experience, strength and hope with the newly released A.A., just as you would with any other person new to A.A. in your community.
5. Review the A.A. Correction Prerelease Contact Information with the member so that there are no misunderstandings.
6. Your job is finished after a sponsor has been found, or when you and the newly released member feel that the member is secure enough for you to move on.
7. Make sure the newly released A.A. receives meeting schedules, phone numbers, and A.A. literature.
8. Encourage newly released A.A.s to attend meetings as often as possible, to find a home group and, most important, to get a sponsor as soon as possible. Let them know that even a temporary sponsor who has time for them now would be acceptable.



Washington State East
AREA 92
Alcoholics Anonymous

October 25, 26, 27
2024

Fall Inventory Assembly

Coeur d'Alene Inn

506 W. Appleway Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
Hosted by: District 8

Host Hotel	Other Nearby Hotels
Coeur d'Alene Inn – (208) 765-3200 506 W. Appleway Ave., CDA, ID 83814 \$130.00*	Comfort Inn – 208-664-2300 (\$139.00*) Motel 6 – 208-664-6600 (\$101.00*) Super 8 – 208-449-0149 (\$101.00*)
*Room Rates quoted do not include taxes..... Group Name for quoted rates: WSEA 92	
ONE FORM PER PERSON Name: _____ District _____ Position: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Address: _____ _____	Registration Fee – in person or zoom (\$55.00) \$ _____ Friday Ice Cream Social (\$19.00*) \$ _____ Saturday Lunch (deli sandwich & salad-\$28.00*) \$ _____ PLEASE CHOOSE: Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> or Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Dinner (SW Fiesta Buffet-\$50.00*) \$ _____ Beef Tamales, Fajitas, Taco Salad, Rice/Beans, Dessert Sunday Speaker Breakfast (\$25.00*) \$ _____ TOTAL \$ _____ (*20% gratuity & 6% sales tax is included in meal costs.)

****Every A.A. Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions****

Your reservation of rooms at the Coeur d'Alene Inn helps pay for this event. We look forward to seeing full participation in October. Thank You!

Please make your check payable to District 8 Host Committee

Mail your completed Registration to:

District 8 Host Committee, P.O. Box 2317, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Meal availability cannot be guaranteed for Registrations RECEIVED after October 18

Reserve your room early please! CDA Inn room block held until Sept. 25, 2024

(Also, FYI – There is a soccer tournament in CDA this weekend. Reserve rooms early!)

QUESTIONS:

Host Committee	Reservations:
Chairperson: Paula T. (208) 818-6044 Co-Chair: Sally A. (208) 691-8963	Reservation chair: Brenda Mc (208) 605-9110



WSEA 92 MOTION WORKSHOP

WHAT IS A MOTION?

WHAT IS THE LIFE OF A MOTION?

WHO CAN SPEAK TO A MOTION?

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER?

MOCK MOTIONS AND MORE...

Q & A

If you're interested in learning more about the motion process at
Quarterlies & Assemblies, join us on

ZOOM

OCTOBER 19, 2024

10:00 AM

ZOOM INFORMATION

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88575795599?pwd=bArl2ybPVtPJ9MLsktEcEcDbNVlem.1>

Meeting ID: 885 7579 5599

Passcode: 894905

PRESENTERS

DOLORES E., PAST DELEGATE

RAD M., PAST DELEGATE

DAVE M., PAST DELEGATE

MIKE MC., PAST DELEGATE



*District 12's
21st Annual*

2024 **GRATITUDE
BANQUET**

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2ND**

METHOW VALLEY
COMMUNITY CENTER
201 S. HIGHWAY 20
TWISP WA

3:00 - Doors open

4:00 - Dinner

5:00 - Speaker

**50/50 RAFFLE
GIFT BASKETS RAFFLE
DOOR PRIZES**

Turkey, ham, dressing and gravy provided

**Please bring a side dish or dessert
(bring dish fully prepared)**

Questions - Marcy (509) 476-2509
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