### **Greetings WSEA 92!**

"Connecting with Love, Unity and Service"

### **November 2024 Newsletter**



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### **Concept Eleven**

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern."

The A.A. Service Manual, 2021-'23 Edition, by Bill W., pg. C37

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### It's a fact!

On a chill November afternoon in 1934 it was Ebby who had brought me the message that saved my life. Still more importantly, he was the bearer of the grace and of the principals that shortly afterwards led to my spiritual awakening. This was truly a call to new life in the spirit. It was the kind of rebirth that has since become the most precious possession of each and all of us.

The Language of the Heart - pg. 367

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### ~Area Elected and Appointed Reports~

### **Area Delegate**

### Greetings Area 92,

I would first like to say thank you to District 8 for a wonderful Assembly. Thank you to Paula and the hosting committee for "herding" all the cats and the dog! If you all didn't hear the news, Allen D., past Delegate, will be our Area 92 Nominee for Trustee at Large/US. I couldn't be more excited, honored and privileged to introduce my good friend, Allen, at the 75th Conference as our Nominee.

Gratitude sits in the middle of AA — gratitude for a release from active alcoholism and, as Bill W. points out in Step Ten (*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* p. 95), "a genuine gratitude for blessings received." There is no time frame on an AA member's gratitude, no expiration date, and AA's have long been focusing on Thanksgiving week (November in the US and October in Canada) as a tangible time to highlight their gratitude for AA and recovery, and to turn that gratitude into action. The first official recognition of an AA Gratitude Week, specifically designed to coincide with Thanksgiving week in the US, occurred in 1956, when the Sixth General Service Conference approved the motion, stipulating that this action be noted in the annual preThanksgiving appeals to the groups for funds to help support AA's worldwide services. Three years later, Bill urged in a letter, "Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward ... if you can carry the message to still others, you will be making the best possible repayment for the help given to you." (As Bill Sees It, p. 29).

I know in our Area there will be a lot of Gratitude Banquets going on throughout the month. I encourage you all to visit one of your neighboring Districts or Groups, and share the Love of Gratitude with "people who wouldn't normally mix." Reach out your hand and meet someone new! I have sent out to all DCM's and the Panel, the Annual Gratitude Letter from Bob, our General Manager at The General Service Office, Please share with all your groups and members.

As preparations for the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, July 3-6, 2025 continue, I have been asked to make 5 suggestions for possible speakers (AA Members) from our Area for the hundreds of AA Meetings that will be held during the Convention. So if you or someone you know is registered and planning on attending and would like to be considered for a possible speaking opportunity, Please let me know, I will need all pertinent information: Name, Email address, Ph number, etc. The cutoff date for submitting the suggestions is December 6th, 2024.

The Plain Language Big Book is now available on AA.org for \$11.00 or you can also get a PDF download for \$11.99. I am really interested to hear what our area thinks of the new accessibilities tool for understanding our basic text. Also the latest service manual has an ETA of mid December. We can also be looking forward to the Preliminary Agenda for the 75th General Service Conference to be coming out soon.

Grateful for the fellowship and the life you have all given me today.

Lisa G.

Area 92 Delegate P74

### **Area Alternate Delegate**

**Declaration of Unity** 

This we owe to AA's Future;

To place our common welfare first;

To keep our Fellowship united.

For on AA unity depend our lives,

and the lives of those to come

From Gratitude to Unity: Navigating the AA Assembly Together

I'm deeply grateful for everything Alcoholics Anonymous has given me, from the wisdom of its founders to the shared struggles of fellow members in my homegroup. My father found lasting sobriety in AA, and I've followed his path. The unwavering support of this fellowship, no matter where I've lived, has shown me the true meaning of unity.

We recently held a workshop on the motion process used in our area, and it was a fantastic success! You can find the recording and materials on our website under /Resources/Motions. I encourage everyone to check it out.

At the recent Assembly, you witnessed how our Area strives to conduct the business of AA in a way that best serves our members. While I sometimes wish things moved more quickly, I

believe our process ensures every member has a voice. We all had the opportunity to color in the Concepts Illustrated provided at their table and let their wisdom guide us as we work together.

My Registrar report will highlight the importance of staying informed about AA, from your homegroup to the General Service Office. Your participation here is vital. By sharing accurate information, you help promote unity and counter the misinformation that can sometimes spread through social media. Thank you for your commitment to keeping us connected and informed.

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### **Area Chairperson**

Just back from our October Inventory Assembly in Coeur d'Alene and heartened by the pervasive unity and cooperation over the weekend.

Some inventory and assembly takeaways from both my own observations and from independent feedback:

Our virtual "mock" motion workshop about a week prior to the assembly was a big success. Judging by the positive feedback, I am hoping to make these regular occurrences.

The inventory itself was well conducted with broad participation from past delegates, elected, and appointed, to DCM's and GSR's. Much information was expressed and disseminated, and notes taken to be transcribed, stored, assimilated, and acted upon wherever possible in the coming months. One takeaway I have gleaned from the various other service events I have attended is that the follow up to an inventory is just as important as the inventory itself (or more important). Let's hope this is not just an exercise but that we can grow and get better at what we do from this.

After expected debate and consideration the Pink Can separate account motion was passed and is expected to help allocate "orphaned" Pink Can donations from districts with funds but no corrections facilities to other districts that have facilities that may need funds for literature. There are still some details to be worked out, but I think this promises to improve how we get our literature into jails and institutions.

Our secretary Catherine is stepping down for personal reasons and Jennifer W. from our Tech committee will be replacing her.

Lisa took a Delegate report into the Washington State Penitentiary! As a continuing corrections volunteer it was particularly heartwarming to hear her share about her trip to "Concrete Mama" in Walla Walla and her meeting with prisoner "W", his connection to her hometown, and her subsequent support for a long-standing charity there that his family had established. Pretty hard not to get on board that trolley. Thanks again Lisa!

Our corrections chair Dale and I will be traveling shortly to Charlotte North Carolina for the 7th National Corrections Conference (NCC). We have formed a joint bid committee with Area 72 that our own Lorri T serves as treasurer and t-shirt procurer for (yes, we have our own t-shirts!), and we are hoping to win a bid to bring the November 2026 NCC here to Area 92 in the Tri-Cities area. The main purpose of this event is to generate more volunteer involvement and improve our overall efforts in the corrections area of AA. It's exciting to have an opportunity to finally bring the NCC to the West Coast for the first time where AA in prison started in 1942 at San Quentin and 6 months later Walla Walla. If we win this bid expect to hear a lot more about this in the coming months. The overall implications for our corrections effort here are huge. Think good thoughts for us.

Thanks to everyone for all you do for suffering alcoholics.

Yours in Service

Bryan B

Chair

WSEA92

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### **Area Alternate Chairperson**

Sending a big thank you to everyone that attended the October Assembly. The hosting district did a great job. Thank you to the Tech team that does our recording and hybrid that allows access to members that can not attend in person.

We had a spectacular attendance of GSR's from all over the area. Yes we had 49 GSR's and 6 of them were first time attendees. That was ½ of the registered attendees. Let me just say that is amazing. But how can we do better? Send me your input on what would make Assemblies and Quarterlies more inviting to attend. I want to hear from you.

Standing committee chairs have a Service fair workshop in Spokane in December. I love fairs. It gives you a chance to see what something is all about. So come see what may interest you. I hear there will be snacks and raffles, Literature on hand to purchase. Do not miss a chance to learn what could be your next step into service.

Welcome to our Public Information Chair Kolton. I hope you all take a moment to get to know Kolton. DCM's please get your chairs in contact with him. .

I hope at our January Quarterly we will have many more in attendance. We will be in Selah WA located close to Yakima. District 25 is the hosting district and has been working hard to get this event ready to go. So get your registration in early so they know how many of us to plan for. I know traveling in January is difficult for some but if you are an alcoholic like me. I would have done whatever it took for a drink. *Are you willing to go to the same lengths for your commitments to recovery, service and unity?*Registration forms are out and on the Area Website.

Reminder that if you missed the motion workshop you can print and use all the handouts that are on the Area Website. You can even view the workshop. Would you like more Area workshops?

Please shoot me a note if you have a topic for another workshop for the area.. We have plenty of resources to draw from. Ie Past Delegates. Let's keep them active and share their knowledge.

One final note: some of our friends are suffering from illness and family hardships. Take a moment to think of those who are suffering. Ask what we can do to be helpful.

With love, respect, courage, and hope.

Fran- Alt Chair Area 92 Panel 74

### **Area Treasurer**

Greetings from your Area Treasurer.

Due to computer software issues I am unable to provide my report this month. I will be back next month. For copies of reports email or text me at treasurer@area92aa.org or text to 509-670-1858 and I will send them to you as soon as I am able.

I will also be sending them out to the Area Committee and Past Delegates. Thank you for your understanding.

With Frustration, Love and Gratitude In Service

Carole N., WSEA 92 Treasurer

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### **AREA ALT TREASURER**

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**

Thank you for your service Catherine.

Welcome, Jennifer W.

### **Area Archives Chair**

Yours in Love and Service Michelle W. WSEA92 ~ Archive Chair ~ Panel 74 509-517-9138

### **Area Archivist**

### **Area Corrections Chair**

Hello Area 92!!

Fall has been busy! September took me to the Bridging The Gap Weekend Workshop in Missoula MT, then to DuPont in Puget Sound for work, then to a Standing Committee Workshop in Libby MT. October took me to Pullman WA for work, where I still am today, and then the Area 92 Inventory Assembly, where the Pink Can motion was on the floor. Now, we are in November already where this week I am in apprenticeship school, and Friday I fly out

to Charlotte NC for the National Corrections Conference, where we and Area 72 will also be presenting a bid for bringing this conference to the Tri-Cities in 2026.

This I believe is my last major event for the year, other than the December 14th Standing Committee Workshop "Service Fair" in District 2.

I am kinda ready for the hustle and bustle of the holidays just to feel like I'm taking a breather from my schedule!! Service work for all its rewards can certainly keep one busy.

Let's take a look at some of the other things that have happened this month in the world of Area 92 Corrections.

- Bridge / Prerelease: We just received two more F-163 Bridge requests in the mailbox. Both releasing to the Spokane location, one early and one later in 2025. I will be reaching out for Volunteers for these gentlemen. This brings our total Bridge request to eighteen since January of this year. Of these eighteen, five have been successfully bridged to their first meeting by you.

Ten are still in a holding pattern waiting for their release date, and three are MIA and not responsive. I am pretty pleased with those figures. The ten still holding are in contact with us regularly. These are actually some of the more enlightening Members to me. Hearing their hopes and anxieties while they await patiently to land in the hands of you, the outside Members of AA.

These folks are balancing fear and faith as they await their day for you to share with them how we live life, one day at a time while staying sober. If you should run into one of these bridged Members, give them an extra handshake and hug for me, and share with them how they helped another AA like me, while they were still behind the bars.

They touch me, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be in Service to them.

Well, I just discovered I have until 5pm to submit this and it is now 4:40pm. I wish to take a quick moment in closing to thank all of Area 92 for their time and consideration on the Pink Can motion which passed two weekends ago at our October Inventory Assembly. Next step is for us to put the nuts and bolts together and put it into action. Check here for updates and its launch.

Thank you again for providing us a means to serve you, Area 92, its Members, Groups and Districts.

HOLD THE PRESSES!!! I just went to email this to the Area Newsletter Editor and in our Corrections email box is our NINETEENTH Bridge request!! We just received an F-163 from Area 72. I will be passing this onto our Area 92 Corrections Committee Ladies Bridge Chair Cindy C. Hot off the press for you, that's how Service goes!!

Please, reach out and bug me; corrections@area92aa.org

Dale B. Corrections Chair / Area 92 / Panel 74

### **Area CPC Chair**

Greetings everyone.

I hope this reading finds you well, and if not, then holding tight to your Higher Power. I am purposely making this report short in order to balance last month's long yet informative inspiring reading. District 4 has invited me to their district for a CPC workshop to be held in January. Date to be determined in their next district meeting. This is very exciting and I have invited our new PI Chair, Colton, to come along.

The October Assembly was filled with love and laughter equal to a Gratitude Banquet; seeing folks that haven't been seen for a while. Equal, that word reminds me of Concept 4:) And I still marvel at how Alcoholics Anonymous proceeds with business; simply amazing when we use our principles.

In Love and Service,

Lorri T, WSEA 92 Chair cpc@area92aa.org

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

Hello Area 92,

So I'm sure you are going to hear from everyone about how great of a time we all had over in Coeur D'Alene. So we did but that's not what I am going to talk about.

Next month is the Standing Committee Workshop and if you have never been to one **this** is the one you should go to. I think this one is going to be a fun and informative workshop. So that is enough about it from me. I will let the host committee member and the hosting DCM tell you about it. And I'm pretty sure the flier will be in here also.

So if anybody is interested in a Traditions checklist <u>click here</u>. And for people that are really into this A.A. stuff and want a concepts checklist <u>click here</u>. This is the kind of stuff I was taught: don't just believe what you hear and what we tell you when you can read the history of it. How it really happened and the trials and error that went into getting this thing right for the rest of us. So again submit this every month and if you have any questions or want to join the Grapevine/Literature google meet meeting on the 4th Monday of every month just email me at <u>literature@area92aa.org</u> and we will get you added or <u>click here</u> and it will go right to my email. By the way, I have ordered 100 Plain Language Big Books for Area 92 distribution. You can also order many other A.A.W.S. books and pamphlets online at aa.org!

Yours in Service

Ricky Leonard, Area 92 Panel 74

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### **Area Newsletter Editor**

Greetings Area 92!

Thank you for sharing voices of service through your submissions. Districts 16, 21, and 24, 25, Area 92's Hispanic groups, it's wonderful to read about the unity that has always been in the groups and is now, more often, shared in this newsletter format.

So much was digested during our productive Assembly in October. So I'll keep it simple and extend continued gratitude to our Area newsletter committee Suzanne Mc. in D4 and Susan C. in D7. Your contribution is appreciated.

Many signed up for the newsletter electronically and a handful of hardcopy requests. That's super cool. Although the goal is not about numbers - it's about being informed. Spread the word! See you in Spokane in December! Enjoy the rest of this year...one day at a time.

Jacqueline C. Area 92 Newsletter Editor- P74

### **Area Public Information Chair**

### Area Technology Chair

### **Area Translation Chair**

Hola everyone! It feels like I just got back from the assembly and it's already been more than a week! Thank you Juan Carlos and German for your service interpreting at the assembly. I was able to be at the Standing Committee Roundtable and the Handbook Committee. I am so grateful to you!

On October 28th. I attended the National Corrections bid Committee meeting as invited by Dale B., our Area 92 Corrections Chair. The goal is to assure interpreting in Spanish is available for 2026 if we get the bid to bring the National Corrections Convention to Washington State.

I along with Miguel and German attended the handbook committee session at the assembly with the continuing concern of the inadequate translation of the Spanish version of our Area 92 Handbook. On November 11th I will be at the Handbook Committee meeting where this will be addressed.

On November 17th. I will be at District 25 in Toppenish where they will be celebrating their 15th anniversary with a Traditions and Concepts Workshop. Our Delegate Lisa G. Is invited to participate on one of the 12 Concepts.

On December 7th, I will be at the 60th Annual Prosser Potluck at noon ready for interpreting in Spanish.

This is November and most of the Spanish speaking groups and districts have A.A. Twelve Traditions Workshops in honor of Dr. Bob who passed away on November 16, 1950. I love his story and I often remember where he talks about why he passed on what he had learned to others who want and need it badly. 1.Sense of duty, 2. It is a pleasure, 3. Because I am paying the debt to the man who took the time to pass it on to me. 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip. These are beautiful words for myself.

Thank you all for your help and for allowing me to serve.

Virginia R., Translation Panel 74

### **Area Treatment Chair**

Had the privilege to serve with my fellow committee members in Idaho last month.

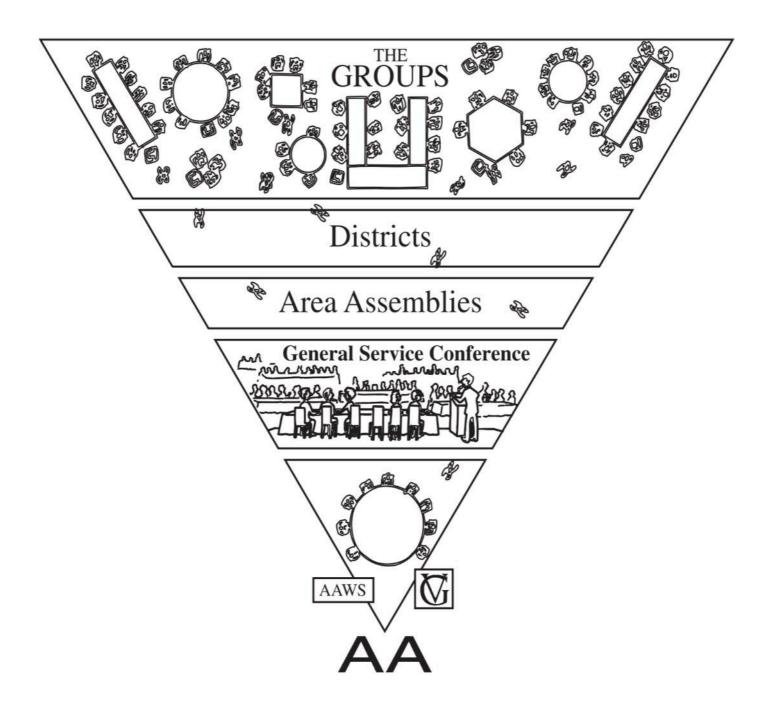
We are getting a little more participation. I'd also like to announce the new Bridging the Gap chairperson. Plus looking forward to December's SCW. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Eddie G.

Treatment Chair treatment@area92aa.org

### **Area Registrar**

### What is the Fellowship Connection?



How do we keep our groups in charge of our fellowship?

### Communication is key!

The Fellowship Connection is a database that the General Service Office uses to store AA member information for AA World Services literature distribution and General Service communications.

### How is the membership data for our area updated?

All the DCMs can access the data by logging into the Fellowship Connection to view their district meetings and service positions. As your registrar I can edit all meeting and service information, if I have necessary information for each item. I have provided a Google Sheet to each DCM that notifies me when any information changes, it can be used to store needed district information to make the DCM/altDCM easier. On our website are two forms to make group and service position changes. I get notified when any new information is put into these forms. I also will take new information by email but I cannot update anything without all the required information. There are two forms that the General Service Office provides but I don't get notified when they make changes.

### Require information to make updates.

First Name, Last Initial or name
Snail mailing address
Personal email address
Phone (optional)
How many homegroup members?
Incoming GSRS Get Your Group Connected!
Is your Group Information up to date?? Please take five minutes to complete this form: <a href="https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8">https://forms.gle/QpmDbGzhxzYzYJSP8</a> and take advantage of GSO services: GSR Kit, Box 459, (quarterly news and notes from GSO), contribution reports, important announcements, and more.
Dan M WSEA 92 Alternate Delegate/Registrar Panel 74
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### **District and DCM Reports**

### District 2, District 3,

### **District 4**

Hi All,

Thank you all so much for a great October Assembly! It was good to see so many Trusted Servants doing our Area business.

Working with Lorri, our Area CPC chair at the Assembly, we were able to make a rough draft of two combined CPC and PI Workshops. The plan is to have the first workshop in January for AA members to get familiar with Communication with the Professional Community (CPC) and Public Information (PI) And hopefully inspire some members to stand as chairs for those positions. And then in June or July have another workshop to invite professionals from the community to join.

We really enjoyed the motion process at the Assembly. We got the opportunity to use the motion workshop information as we did Area business regarding the Pink Can Account Motion. We felt the Area Inventory was a success. We appreciated all the GSRs and service workers that participated. Great Job Area 92!!! The opportunity to grow in our area services will be fun when we get the results.

Our DCM learned something from the inventory already – he realized his shortcomings regarding passing along information to the Groups Representatives (GSRs) that he can forward all the information that he is receiving from our delegate right when he receives it. We have noticed again as we read the Final Report from the 2024 GSC that our Trustees have been treated harshly by some members of the fellowship. The Trustees inventory showed that they have been threatened and harassed over recent events, and "this past year saw unprecedented attacks on individuals and on the Board as a whole". We hope that the Trustees will be treated with love and respect in the future. In Concept III Bill W. said,

"But for so long as our world services function reasonably well—and there should always be charity for occasional mistakes—then "trust" must be our watchword, otherwise we shall wind up leaderless." As we can see from the 2024 Final Report our Trustees are doing an exceptional job. We had five GSRs at the Assembly - Congrats District 4.

Our Gratitude Banquet is on November 9th at the Red Lion in Kennewick thanks to the hard work of our Special Events Committee. We want to welcome Shellie to the Special Events Chair position!

Thank you all for our great Area

District 4

P.S 121 Days PRAASA Whaahoo! :)

Rich DeVine, DCM, District 4, dcm4@area92aa.org

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### **District 5, District 6, District 7**

### **District 8**

Greetings District 8.

This past month has been very busy as we were preparing for the October Area Inventory Assembly.

Finally, the Assembly was a huge success. District 8 was well represented by Jan R. District 8 Treasurer, Tom B., District 8 Activities Chair (also the Chair of the Hospitality Room Volunteers), the entire crew of Host Committee Volunteers, 10 GSRs and myself. Listed below are the GSRs representing at the Assembly:

- Ronda-GSR First Things First
- Curtis A.-GSR SOS
- Kerri S-GSR PPG
- Sally A.-Alt. GSR PPG and Host Committee Volunteer
- Jennifer-GSR Women In Emotional Sobriety
- Kyle- GSR GMAA
- James Mc-GSR Best Avenue Group
- John F-GSR Daily Reprieve
- Gary P-GSR Ft. Sherman Chapel Group
- Kelly C -GSR Sobriety Capital of the World
- Ed A.-Young N Years
- Emily-GSR-Young N Years

The main purpose of the Assembly was the facilitation of a WSEA92 Inventory. There were four questions, and we discussed each question for about 1-hour. Communication was big and I took notes. I plan to discuss our options to help ensure communication between the Area and District 8.

Would the GSRs prefer a "Shared Drive" to retrieve communication items, or the ongoing process of me sending these communiques through email. The Tech Committee is willing to help me set up a shared drive and give GSRs access to it.

- Each GSR would need a login name and a password to access this proposed shared drive.
- A GSR would need to log on to the Area website and follow the links to this shared drive, login, and retrieve the information.
- The other option is for me to continue emailing information.

Anyway, we will be discussing these options at the next District meeting.

We are getting closer to the annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Alcothon meetings at the Alano Hall. It is difficult to believe how fast this year seems to have flown by, anticipating the New Year 2025.

I will close with a big Thank You for all your support at the monthly GSR District meeting and at the WSEA 92 October 2024 Inventory Assembly!

Yours in service,

David R DCM District 8

### District 9,

### **District 10**

Hello from District 10,

October was another wonderful month of recovery!

Our meetings are well attended, and the community is always so supportive and inspiring. I can personally attest to how quickly I felt welcomed and comfortable when I was a newcomer. As November gets underway, you can feel the love and gratitude with our members at meetings. We are all excited for the gratitude banquets in Cle Elum (11/16) and Ellensburg (11/23).

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned one of our newer meetings, the Hoot Owl. As an update, there will no longer be a Hoot Owl meeting on Tuesdays, but the Friday night one (10pm @Union Hall) is still going strong.

A lot of sober birthdays in the month of November!

Congratulations to: Rose (1yr), Chantal (90 days), Jose (90 days), Angela (60 days),

Chris (5mos), Jacob (6yrs), Amanda (11mos), Chris W. (17mos), Jules (5mos), Eric (1yr),

Ryan (5mos), Jay (9mos), Mike (4mos), Cara (1yr), Fred (12yrs), and Adrien (6mos).

I am sure there are many more I am missing; I apologize for that.

It is amazing to witness all the progress our fellows have made, and a true testament that the program works!

That's all for now. As always, stay safe and stay sober. God bless!

Yours in service,

Cody R.

Newsletter Rep. District 10

### **District 11**

### **District 12**

I just love this time of year with all the Districts holding their Gratitude Banquets.

We had a successful Gratitude Banquet on November 2nd at the Methow Valley Community Center. It was filled with wonderful food and warm fellowship. Our speakers made it very special.

Our District will be meeting on Zoom during the winter months, December through March. Our weather is typically challenging so it makes it difficult to travel. Hoping more people will be able to attend too.

We will be focusing on our Archives and a possible steering committee. We had a busy fall with finalizing our proposed budget and updating our Handbook. Looking forward to planning a Service workshop and holding some GSR trainings next year. These will be great projects for the winter.

Birthdays for November:

Twisp - Jim 19 yrs, Joe H 11 yrs, Rob N 35 yrs, Gabi 4yrs

Keep it Simple - Leroy 41 yrs, Louis 44 yrs

Native American Group - Tish 27yrs

Oroville - Kevin L. 1 yr

Tonasket - Joe L. 19 yrs

Recovery In the valley - Keith W 1 yr, Steve D 7 yrs, Mark W 2 yrs, Mary H 5 yrs,

Chris N 1 yr, Leslie C 1 yr

New Beginnings Ginny 30 yrs

Riverside Here and Now Jim K 48 yrs

Yours in service,

Lisa S.

DCM-D12

### **District 13**

The leaves are falling, Autumn is in the air, and District 13 is enjoying it.

We had another successful Potluck and Speaker Meeting. Thank you to Scott, Justin and Steffy who pulled it all together and made it look so easy! These folks also plan our annual Thanksgiving Alcathon Potluck. This event is loaded with fantastic food, back-to-back meetings, and fellowship. They are close to filling up all the chairs for the meetings and groups have contacted them about serving and maintaining the food line and about bringing food to share. Everyone loves this event!

We will be approving our budget for next year and are excited about the participation in our district.

Thank you to all the committee chairs and GSRs that are bringing the message to the still suffering alcoholic through their service in District 13.

Melinda L.

### District 14, District 15,

### **District 16**

From all of us in District 16 greetings to everyone in Area 92!

District 16 GSRs meet once a month in the District and are formed by 6 groups: 2 in Sunnyside, 1 in Grandview, 1 in Prosser , 1 in Mattawa and 1 in Benton city. I was fortunate to attend the October Assembly where I was accompanied by 2 GSRs and 1 group member. It was a busy event. The District groups are contributing to Area 92 , 7th. Tradition \$9.95 . Some members contribute individually and others as a group. A wonderful event happening here is a group member will be celebrating his one year sobriety anniversary on November 9th.

This is all for now. Thank you all for everything.

Benjamin M.

DCM District 16

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

### **District 21**

Hello everyone, greetings from District 21!

Our District meetings continue every month and we visit 2 groups monthly. The groups are supporting the Seventh tradition \$9.95 contribution for our Area 92. We were unable to be at the October assembly but are looking forward to the January 2025 Quarterly in Selah.

We are all also supporting the 2025 Washington State Hispanic A.A. Convention.

This is all for now. Thank you.

Carlos N,

DCM District 21

### **District 22**

In District 22 we have been working through a motion to structure our hybrid access process and responsibilities. At our last business meeting we were able to put the process we learned at the Motion Workshop into action and it worked well. That workshop was a great use of time and we hope to attend others in the future.

We are in the planning stages for a district inventory and working to put a 12 Concepts workshop together for late January/ early Feb in conjunction with District 7.

Meetings here are doing well and we are hunkering down for the winter, with our first snowfall today.

I thought the Assembly was very well done and am grateful for the continuing opportunity to try to be of service. It was great to see all who are becoming old friends!

Curt W.

DCM 22 Area 92

### **District 23**

Gratitude is in the air and we in AA are here to celebrate it!

I personally want to thank our adjoining districts for inviting us to participate in your gratitude celebrations! District 23 was well represented at the Twisp Gratitude Banquet held November 2, 2024. The next Gratitude Banquet will be held November 16th at 4pm in Wenatchee! Look forward to seeing you there!

Our AA Birthday Potluck is at St Andrews Church, downtown Lake Chelan. On October 26th,:we celebrated the following special birthdays:

Tina, celebrated 1 year! Lisa, from her homegroup End of the Road, proudly presented her coin. Stan celebrated 18 months (yes, there is a coin!!) Lisa from End of the Road homegroup was excited to present his coin! Rodney(Rod) celebrated 5 years. Ron from his home group, Living Sober presented his coin. New Chelan resident Brian, found our birthday celebration and had Javes present his 6 year birthday coin!

Thank you for an excellent potluck! Our Birthday Countdown included 220 years and 8 months of sobriety!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAY POTLUCKS ~ November 30th 4:30 PM & December 28, 4:30 PM. Presently and through April Birthday Potlucks will be held at St Andrews Church at 4:30 pm last Saturday of the month . Bring a dish to share or beverages

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! We are looking for AA members willing to be of service in our district 23. We will be holding elections for the New Year 2025! Interested? Please join us at the December meeting. November 4th 5:00 pm & December 2nd 5:00pm, St. Andrew's 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

Proud to be of service, Lisa B, Alt-DCM District 224

### **District 24**

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

Our District meets every last Sunday of the month at Grupo 12 in Pasco at 2pm. All are welcome. We also visit at least 2 groups a month. I. October I was able to attend the Inventory Assembly in Boise. 2 GSRs and our District treasurer as well as one group member were also present. On October 27th. Grupo La Viña celebrated their 18th anniversary with a Public Information Meeting, a Dinner and a dance. On November 4th, a member of Grupo La Viña will be celebrating his 1 year sober anniversary. Our District will have its next Traditions Workshop on November 28, hosted by Grupo La Viña.

Thank you very much.

Ramiro R.

DCM District 24

### **District 25**

We continue to visit the groups of District 25, Every month we visit three Groups. In October we visited the La Viña Group. Second visit Grupo Nuevo Camino. And a Traditions workshop at the Nuevo Camino Group on November 2, 2024.

All groups of District 25 can participate in the traditions workshops.

This is the point of the game: To become informed about our Traditions and have fun. If the GSR is not present, you will be given a tradition and you will be called by phone to inform you what tradition it was and your group's turn. If a group is not present, the table will look for a member of the service table to talk about the tradition to the group that is not present.

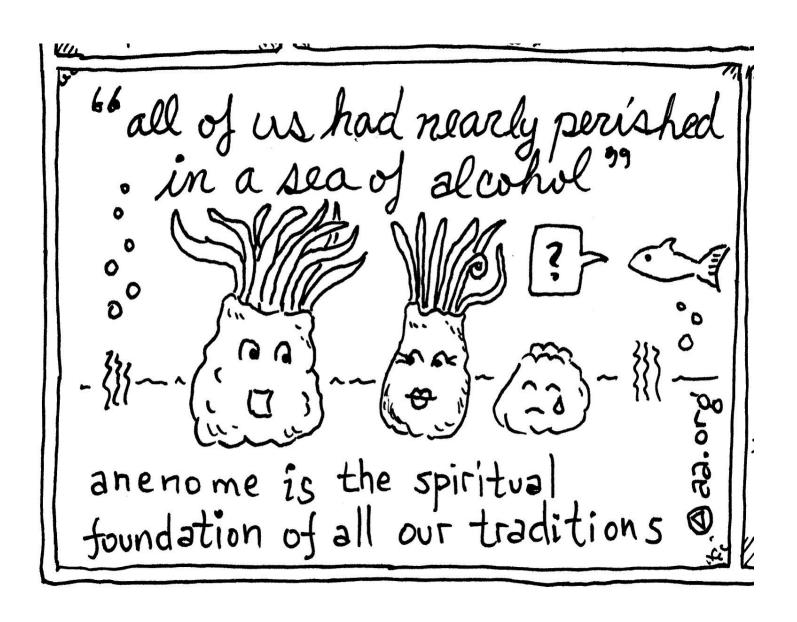
The anniversary of District 25 will be on November 17 at 11 am in the group Live Sobriety of Toppenish at 11 am.

DCM District 25

Miguel A.

### **District 26**

### **Member Submissions & Featured Articles**



### SAVE THE DATE

PRAASA 2025

Alaska Area 02 March 7-9

**Anchorage Convention Center** 

www.area02alaska.org

### A.A. Corrections Contact Form

Name:

Gender Identity (e.g. Male, Female, Non-binary)	T
Address:	- [
City:	- 1
State: Zip Code:	-1
Daytime Phone:	- 1
Nighttime Phone:	- 1
Home Group:	1
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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### 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 AA. 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"



# A.A. CORRECTIONS PRERELEASE CONTACT INFORMATION

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

### 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

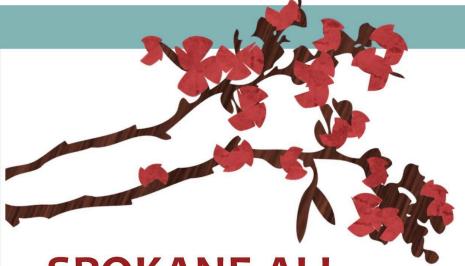
- Inside A.A. members (those held in correctional facilities) are eligible for this program if they have less than six months to serve on their sentence.
- The person in custody fills out the form and mails it to the Corrections Committee, which is responsible for processing and coordinating all Prerelease 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.
- 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.
- 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

- 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.
- Try to take members formerly in custody to an A.A. meeting within 24 to 48 hours of their release.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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## SPOKANE ALL DISTRICT POTLUCK & SPEAKERS MEETING

DEC 1

4 PM FELLOWSHIP
POTLUCK
SPEAKERS
HOSTED BY RX FOR LIVING

SPOKANE ALANO CLUB 1700 W 7TH AVE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: NICOLE K 253-747-7592

### AREA 92 STANDING COMMITTEES PRESENT A



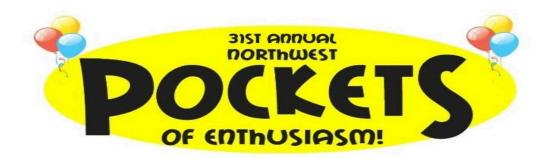
DECEMBER 14, 2024 12PM to 5PM

Learn about the committees at the Area and District levels and how you can participate.

Booths, food, and fun!



SPOKANE ALANO CLUB 1700 W. 7TH AVE, SPOKANE, WA 99205 CONTACT PERSON: OLETA B. (509)218-1122



### Saturday, March 22, 2025

### A day to recharge & refresh 'The Spirit Within' our recovery

Mukogawa Fort Wright Commons 4320 W Owens Ridge Road Spokane WA 99224 Doors open at 9:00am

### Baskets for the Raffle are needed:

Would your group be interested in putting together one to donate? For any questions, please contact Chrissy B. 360-481-5024

Hospitality Table Treats Needed (Baked goods, fruit or snacks)

Please contact Robin D. 406-239-2766

### Other service opportunities are available.

Questions? Call Nicole K. 253-797-7592 or Coleen D. 509-869-7507

Register online starting December 1, 2024 at www.nwpockets.org \$40 Early Registration Until 3/15/25 \$45 After 3/15/2025

### 2025 AA Speakers:

Dennis I Mineola TX
Marce C St. John WA
Mallina W Bellingham WA
Matthew M. Santa Paula CA

2025 Alanon Speaker:

Keely F Spokane WA

### 2024-2025 AREA 92 STANDING COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

WORKSHOPS BEGIN AT 10 AM

June 15th 2024-District 4
Sept. 21st 2024-District 26
Dec. 14th 2024- District 2
March 15th 2025-District 6
June 21st 2025-District 9
Sept. 20th 2025-District 5
Dec. 13th 2025-District 3

AREA 92 Website Information area92aa.org

CONTACT INFORMATION chair@area92aa.org

### ALL A.A. MEMBERS WELCOME



NO REGISTRATION FEE

COMMITTEES:
ARCHIVES
CPC
CORRECTIONS
GRAPEVINE & LITERATURE
NEWSLETTER
PUBLIC INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
TRANSLATION
TREATMENT &
ACCESSIBILITIES

JOIN IN AND CARRY THE MESSAGE OF A.A.







## Have you checked out the Area website lately?

### www.area92aa.org

### What is new

- \$9.95 <u>Challenge Contribution</u> page.
- Link found at the top of the front page or scan this QR Code

### 2 Events Calendar

- Find out what is happening in our Area on the calendar.
- Send in your flyer for addition to get more involvement in your activities.

### 3 Corrections Interactive Map

- We now have an interactive map on the Corrections Committee page.
- https://area92aa.org/areacommittee/standingcommittees/corrections/

### Standing Committee Calendar

- Our Standing Committee Chairs hold monthly meetings
- Go to <u>this</u> calendar to get more information how to be invited to a Committee meeting.

support@area92aa.org



Support our special services to reach the still suffering alcoholic!

### Celebrating Area 92 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

1995 - 2025



WSEA 92 1314 S Grande Blvd Suite 2 Box 103 Spokane, WA 99202

- OR -

www.area92aa.org
Make a contribution!

### The \$9.95 Challenge

Let's see how much we can raise if <u>every</u> AA member in the Area sent \$9.95 to Area 92 once between now and December 31st 2024

### **Area Newsletter Submission Guidelines**

The Area 92 Newsletter- Published Monthly

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

Submissions: Any Member of A.A. may submit information, questions, reports, ideas or discussion points to the Editor. All Submissions are subject to editing for Grammar, sentence structure and spelling. Welcome's submissions in Docs or pdf's. Any opinions expressed herein are not endorsed nor approved by A.A. as a whole nor is any article or activity published by A.A. as a whole except when Conference approved literature is quoted or otherwise copyrighted by A.A.W.S.

<u>The Submission deadline is the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month at 5pm. Pacific Standard Time. Each submission</u> should be approximately 250 words.

Submission Methods: Email to newsletter@area92aa.org or US Mail to Address below

Area 92 Newsletter I 670 Swanson Mill Road I Tonasket, WA 98855

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- 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

Yours in Service!

Jacqueline C.

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