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Mid-Southern California Area 9 Assembly Minutes

Sunday, September 14, 2014

UFCW Union Hall 8530 Stanton Ave. Buena Park, CA

Hosted by District 7

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sharon at 12:00pm.

Readings: Declaration of Unity read by Jim in English/Victor in Spanish. The Statement of Purpose and Membership read by Eric in English/Dario in Spanish. GSR Preamble read by Alex in English/Rigo in Spanish.

Introductions: Past Trustees, Past Delegates, New DCMCs/Alt. DCMCs, New DCMs/Alt. DCMs, New GSRs and Alt. GSRs, Guests, Past and Current Area Officers.

Approval of minutes from May Assembly – friendly amendment adding report from Treatment Committee (read by Chair Dawn). Motion to approve as amended made by Rich, seconded by Amy. Amended approval passes.

Officers/Directors Reports (following reports are written reports):

Delegate Cesar: My name is Cesar and I am an alcoholic: it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Panel 64 Delegate Area 09.

I am happy to report to you that since the last May Assembly I have given the Conference Report 32 times to Groups, Intergroups, Committees and of course most of our Districts. There is still one more District to go. I have been invited to give the Conference Report to the Orange County Spanish Speaking Convention, at the end of this month. We will see how it goes. I have attended many La Vina Anniversary events in Area 05, Area 08 and Area 42 in Las Vegas, where they sold 733 registrations which equals subscriptions. I attended the Pacific Regional Foro in Boise, ID. Also I have been reading and replying to many emails from Delegates from the Pacific Region and all of the US and Canada.

On August 24, I met with David Morris, Class A Trustee and AA Treasurer, about the La Vina financials. We met in Rancho Mirage and had wonderful dinner, along with our Alternate Delegate Joe C. We shared our experience, strength and hope, and how La Vina is very valuable to us.

On August 30th, I participated at Area 08 San Diego/Imperial at its annual event called the Foro.

- **AA Membership Survey:** the information with the questionnaires filled out were sent to the GSO Public Information desk. I would like to share how grateful I am to our Area Officers for the help I received from them with regards the AA Membership Survey.
- Registration for the **2015 International Convention** opened on Sept 3rd. The International Convention is fast approaching and, as staff coordinator for the event, my colleague Eva Sanchez has plans in high gear. You can review important Convention information at **aa.org** by clicking on the "2015 International Convention" banner headline on the home page or by using the following URL/link :
http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/2015-international-convention-of-alcoholics-anonymous.
- Recruitment is underway for the new position of G.S.O. Information Technology Manager. The position has been posted internally and on external websites. An October 2014 hire date is anticipated.
- Mary D., is now retired from being on staff at GSO – her last day of work was Tuesday the 5th of August.
- Members are now able to make recurring contributions through the Contributions On Line portal at **aa.org**.
- G.S.O. is moving forward with a plan for the production of in-house, Web-only videos as an additional communication tool.
- The Conference-approved video, "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous," will be posted on **aa.org**, and the revised "Markings on the Journey" video is now available (we saw "Markings" at the Forum).
- A literature price increase was approved, and I believe you have received the new pricing structure that will go into effect in October.
- The new pamphlet "Many Paths to Spirituality" has been released and will be priced at 30 cents each.

- A.A.W.S. had a net profit of \$627,616. for the first six months of 2014, compared with a budgeted profit of \$41,946. This is attributed to strong sales of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book.
- A.A. Grapevine, Inc., had a net income of \$155,456 for the first six months of 2014, compared with a budgeted net income of \$27,185. The primary contributing factor was that all costs came in below budget (including editorial costs, circulation and business expenses, and general and administrative expenses). The La Vina shortfall was \$67,019, which is \$6,606 less than the budgeted shortfall of \$73,625. (By the way, we will likely continue to see the word "loss" in La Vina financial reporting after all, because of certain external requirements for reporting of accounting)
- The reserve fund stands at \$14,079,035, which is approximately 9.4 months of operating expenses.
- In other GV/LV news, member photos are being collected for the 2016 Wall Calendar, *The Language of the Heart will be* coming out in audio book format in fall of 2014, and there is a collaboration under way with A.A.W.S.'s International Convention staff to incorporate GV/LV info on the Convention Registration form.
- The trustee's archives committee approved a request from Paz Preciado (Non-trustee Director of A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and member in the Arizona area) to consult archival material related to Spanish speaking groups in Texas, California, and Arizona. Consistent with past practice and past Conference Advisory Actions, however, her request to consult audio recordings of General Service Conferences was denied.
- In response to a 2014 Conference Advisory Action, the Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference is planning a demo of an electronic anonymous voting system for its November meeting.
- A request has been forwarded to A.A.W.S. to task the General Service Office with the development of a website template that could be used by Areas and Districts in the U.S. and Canada. A request has also been forwarded to develop a searchable, web-based, mobile-friendly database of meetings in the United States. Please remember that neither of these actions means that we will ultimately end up carrying out either of these initiatives; it just means these requests have been received and are making their way through the pipeline.
- A request to develop literature directed to transgender and gender-nonconforming alcoholics was reviewed by the Trustees' Literature Committee and is being forwarded to the 2015 Conference Committee on literature.
- A request to produce a book that combines *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with Twelve Concepts for World Service* was reviewed by the Trustees' Literature Committee and is being forwarded to the 2015 Conference Committee on literature.
- The Trustees' Literature Committee discussed the idea of creating literature or A.A. Guidelines, or of adding text to existing A.A. literature, to address the subjects of individual safety in A.A. and anonymity as it relates to possible criminal behavior. Two subcommittees have been formed to follow up on this discussion.
- The Trustees' Committee on Nominating requested that both of the corporate boards include language in their notifications of vacancies to make it clear that being a past Delegate is not a requirement to serve as a Non-trustee Director on either of the corporate boards.
- The Trustees' P.I. Committee has begun work on developing a new P.S.A.
- A.A.W.S. will be following up on the 2014 Conference Advisory Action regarding translation of Conference background material and will report further at the November General Service Board weekend.
- A relocation study for G.S.O. was reviewed and accepted by the Trustees. This study is done on a regular basis. It compares our current location with other cities, looking at how much we might save long-term if we moved out of the New York area, and how much it would cost us in the short-term to actually make the move if we were to decide to do so. It generated a lot of discussion. Long-term savings would be potentially worthwhile, but short-term costs are very high. You'll see the study at the 2015 Conference, as I understand it, so I'll leave it until then for you to form your own views on it. The report does recommend that we remain in New York. On the basis of that recommendation, the Trustees approved initial work on a co-location plan to remodel the 11th floor of 475 Riverside Drive so that Grapevine will be located on the same floor as the rest of our operations. No construction will start until after the 2015 International Convention, so if the Conference takes a different view of the relocation study than the Trustees did it won't be too late to change course.
- Treatment: We currently communicate with 89 Area and 434 District Treatment Committee Chairpersons, 35 Area and 174 District Bridging the Gap (BTG) Committee Chairpersons, 20 Area and 57 District Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) Committee Chairpersons. The total list comprises about 809 Treatment related trusted servants carrying the A.A. message.
- In 2013 the Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities assignment passed along 1711 A.A. literature items to A.A. members, clients and professionals, including more than 60 Big Books, and 387 "A.A.in Treatment Settings" pamphlets.
Treatment Desk at G.S.O.: *"Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous," was recently added to G.S.O.'s website, aa.org. You can find it by typing in "Hope DVD" in the search box or going to the Treatment Committees section of the website. Below is a URL/link to the Web page which features the DVD:*

Service is a Legacy of Love.

Cesar F. Panel 64 Delegate Area 09

Conference Committee Public Information

Alternate Delegate Joe: Since our last ASC I went to the following Districts to assist Cesar in his report-backs; District 3 in Lomita, District 5 in Tustin, District 19 in Apple Valley, and District 14 in Hemet. I also went to Rozanne's house for our regular Board meeting as well as a group visitation in Santa Ana along with the other Board members. We have such a great time every time we have a chance to meet as a group. Our schedules are busy, but it would be fun if we could do that more often. I had a wonderful opportunity to drive out to Rancho Mirage with Cesar to meet with David Morris. David is one of our currently serving Class A Trustees, and is also currently serving in the capacity as AA's Treasurer. A few other AA members were also present and we had a wonderful constructive conversation. Thank you Cesar for that opportunity. Some of you will remember our Special Meeting in February. Sharon received several requests to form an Ad Hoc committee resultant of that meeting. She appointed me to Chair the committee for which I have selected 9 people, including myself to serve. I will be providing Sharon with regular updates. Lastly, now that we have the final conference reports, I can now begin to select the topics for the Servathon in November. The end.

Area Chair Sharon: Hi everyone,

I'm Sharon alcoholic. Welcome to the third Assembly of Panel 64. I would like to thank those of you that stayed the duration of our last ASC. I would also like to thank District 5 for hosting, despite difficult circumstances. Thank you.

Since our last ASC I attended our Board Meeting, visited a group in District 20, visited District 10 and attended District 23 with our Treatment Facilities Chair Dawn, CPC Chair Maryka, and CPC Co-chair Juan. They presented a very nice overview of what their committees do. I spoke to District 7 about hosting today and you will be pleased to know that District 7 provided donuts today as part of their meeting budget.

I corresponded with our insurance agent about a quote for next year and should be receiving that shortly. I have corresponded with Area 5 and Area 93 Chairs and will be attending their elections in October and November. I love attending other Area elections.

As you can see by our agenda we have several open positions, we have Literature Chair for English, and Convention and Public Information Co-chair for Spanish. If you are interested in either of these positions, please email me your service resume and I will review with them with the Board.

If any of you would like me to attend your District meeting, please let me know. As Chair I'm here to support the DCM and DCMC of our Area. Our next Area meeting will be in Lakewood and the address is on your agenda. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Registrar Jesus: I have the honor of serving area 09 as the Registrar.

Since our last area meeting I've been in contact with the District Registrars. I also attended the Board meeting at Rozanne's. I'm also working closely with the Area Treasurer to figure out group numbers. We are trying to get the group information out to the District contacts, whether they are the Registrar or the DCMC. Today I met with the Registration committee. I think Casey is doing a great job as the Committee Chair. We had Maritza join us as the new Registrar for district 25. She is fully bilingual so she will do a very good job. We are trying to establish a system where we can all share updated group information; one with a dropbox and via email now that I figured out how to email word docs. Thanks to the help of Carlos R. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. If anyone is wondering whether it's a good idea to be of service at the Area level, I assure you that God will still do for you what you can't do for yourself.

Treasurer Rozanne:

September MSCA09 Treasurer's Report

BOFA Statement Account summary:

Beginning balance on August 1, 2014	\$ 6,358.09
Deposits and other credits	\$ 8,576.92
Withdrawals and other debits	-\$ 995.00
Checks	-\$ 3,119.29
Service fees	N/A
Ending balance on August 31, 2014	\$ 10,820.72
<i>BOFA Savings Account:</i>	<i>\$ 5,000.00</i>

My name is Rozanne and I am an alcoholic. I am privileged and honored to serve as your Area 09 Treasurer.

Our current status: as above and income/expense statement

Very important today is that you hand in your budget requests to your liaison, Rich or me.

Taxes were sent in on August 14th.

I am honored to be the chair for one of our Ad Hoc Committees which is exploring whether we should have a Policy Committee. We had our first meeting Sept. 4th. We have a great committee and we are already well into our research and developing criteria to guide our recommendations.

Thank you all for your contributions as always, our Area is extremely generous.

Reminders:

- I can only pay the Committee Chair and I must have receipts and an expense request form
 - Please assure your expense reports are legible so I can quickly get your checks back to you.
 - Please tell your groups to use the bottom of your receipts to return with your contributions
 - Always use your group number on your checks and contributions. If there is no group number, I can't process your check. And it's even worse if I get a money order and there is no information on it to identify the group or individual who sent it. So please, put as much information as possible on the contributions.
- If you have not received your budget request forms from your committee liaison, please see me I have extra copies.
Thank you for letting me serve you. Rozanne

Secretary Barbara: Since the August ASC, I have done much as the Area Secretary. Don't I always? And yet there is SO much more to do. My house looks like an Area tornado hit and my poor boyfriend is a GSR widower! Among random paperwork shuffling (I broke my three hole punch I was working so hard!) - I also:

- Worked on the Aug ASC Minutes on Aug 15th
- Sent approved June Minutes to Archives and to the non-existent Web Master/Communications Committee
- Wrote report for and attended August Board meeting on Aug 24th
- Sent the SOBYAA letter to Anthony (sorry it was late!)
- Sent the Aug ASC Minutes for translation on Sept 2nd
- Contacted District #20 regarding their letter of concern with regards to Grupo Ampliacion De Vida – Sept 2nd
- Sent Eblast to Area with Assembly Agenda/info on Sept
- Visited Ampli group with Board members & got the 2014 Final Conference report from Cesar – Sept 9th
- Sent minutes to Pete for printing – Sept 10th
- Email to Committee Chairs and District DCMCs reminding them to submit reports via email, if poss, also on the 10th
- AND sent a full Area Eblast with the May minutes and with the news that Cesar has the Final Conference reports and will be handing them out ... TODAY!
- Sept 14th – Area Assembly here in Buena Park

Busy as usual. By now, you seriously have to be getting my emails. With the website issues, I am the fountain of all Area knowledge, and all you have to do to tap into this is give me your darn email address. Right now – write it down (legibly! Is it an I, an L, or a 1?) and pop it up here in this box. Speaking of the 'put it here' box, this is where Committee Chairs and District DCMCs put their reports, unless of course, they email them to me, which is great. If you email them, no need for this form – just tell me who, what, where, when, and why and miraculously it will appear in the minutes! Voila! Thank you for letting me serve and thereby keeping me sober ... just for today.

I remain your respectful and humble servant – Barbara D – Panel 64 Area 09 Secretaria

Old Business:

- **Archives Guidelines** – Motion from Archives Chair Tony M.
- **2015 Calendar** – Motion from Area Chair Sharon K to approve the calendar submitted.
- Motion to delegate the Communications Committee the task of **electing a Web Master** for the Area. There will no longer be any restrictions as to re-appointing this position. There could be a salary involved but every effort will be made to minimize that. Motion from Area Communications Chair Kris C.

New Business:

- **Audit Committee Presentation**
- **Corrections Chair Confirmation**

Standing Committee Reports: (Submitted In Writing)

Archives Tony: Committee discussed and reviewed the purpose of our Area Archives. Reviewed Archives events, such as Heritage Day, the Archives Open House, and Movie Night. Suggest to members present that they could schedule a District or Meeting sorting party, followed by a Movie Night. Discussed the roll and purpose of District and Group archivists. The next scheduled Archives meeting is on Saturday Sept 20th at 10am at the Archives in Riverside. Upcoming events also include Movie Night on Sept 20th, where we will be showing Lost Weekend, and Heritage Day on Oct 25th, to be hosted by District #1.

CEC Beka: The Sept issue of the Grapevine features alcoholics who got sober at 75 years old and this issue is dedicated to the elderly getting sober. We discussed perhaps buying multiple copies for distribution to Senior Centers. The Grapevine Chair is not present today at the Assembly to discuss this option. Contacting Chair Beka regarding getting pamphlets. Also need to contact Central Office regarding conference calls.

Communications Kris: No Report

CPC Maryka: With 15 members in attendance the MSCA 09 CPC Committee represented Alcoholics Anonymous at the CA Society of Addiction Medicine conference in Anaheim, CA Sept 3 – 6, 2014. For almost 4 days we attended seminars and helped guide addition physicians, pain management specialists, and psychiatrists among other addition specialists through 12 step meetings, the 12 steps, and we answered many, many questions about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. From the research presented at the Conference it was garnered that 12 Step facilitation supports continuing sobriety. Upcoming events include Consul General of Mexico Health Fair on Sunday Oct 5th from 9am – 2pm in San Bernardino, CA.

CPC Spanish Juan: Good morning, my name is Juan B, Spanish CCP Chair.

Sharing ideas and experiences from events we lived during 2014. Also, we have a plan to work with a Foro of one or two days during 2015 and visit doctor's offices, judges, police officers, lawyers, church pastors, schools, and other work places to carry out workshops.

This is all for now and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Convention Liaison Marilyn: No Report

Convention Liaison Spanish Hugo: No Report

Corrections Steve: No Report

DCM School Jim: 10 members in attendance. We covered carrying the opportunities of service to groups – how individuals can get involved in service. We discussed how to inform groups of the purpose of general service and its importance to the groups. Members shared their successes and shortcomings in performing their duties. The DCM School is an ongoing school to share techniques among the DCMs in effective methods of performing their duties.

DCM School Spanish Jose A: We had 10 members in attendance from the 6 Spanish speaking Districts.

We discussed topics that are being presented at the Area events. The purpose is to be able to inform our G.S.R.'s as to why we are voting during our next meeting in Jan/2015. Spanish G.S.R. School Chair, Jose Alfredo.

Finance Rich W: No Report

Grapevine Ed: On July 12th we held the "Straw Dog Grapevine Writer's Workshop" in Huntington Beach, with 16 attendees. August 1-3, I attended Maad Dog Daze in Indian Wells, setting up a Grapevine display and interfacing with numerous alcoholics over the 3 day event. Unfortunately both the GV Chair and his stand-in were both absent from the August ASC due to family commitments. Sept 6th we had our "Hot Dog Grapevine Writers Workshop" at the Archives in Riverside, with 13 in attendance. Way back in July, the GV was representing at the FORO in Indio with our display of Grapevine materials. Chair Ed will miss our Sept Assembly due to a mens retreat, but looking forward to October's ASC.

GSR School English Gary: 17 in attendance and we discussed the importance of being a GSR and what we do.

Today we covered going to Steering Committee meetings. Discussed the General Service Conference Service Manual and giving reports to your group or meeting.

GSR School Spanish Amador: Fourteen G.S.R. members were in attendance during our meeting, from the Hispanic Districts. We discussed PRAASA and motivated everyone's participation to go to the International Convention in 2015. The most important is to live that experience that is so incredibly good. We studied the 12th Concept from the General Service Manual with the participation of many members who shared our experiences and what we can understand from this concept. There were two new members and one visiting. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I wish you a Merry Christmas and happy New Year in the company of family and friends. May God bless you all. Amador R. Spanish G.S.R. School Chair

La Viña Victor: Three AA's present, two from District 24 and a girl from District 4, I shared some news about La Viña, give them copies of the most outstanding, I also gave a report from the pass 18th Anniversary of La Viña including the total contributions and the ending balance. The contributions were from members and groups of the following Areas, 3,

5, 6, 9, 42, 58, 92 and 93. Concerning the remaining money was distributed as follows the 60-30-10 plan was used. We contributed to the GSO, to the area 42 and to District 21 in the same area 42, 110 subscriptions of La Viña were made and the rest will give to the New committee of Pro-nineteenth anniversary of La Viña which is the Area 06 of San Jose CA. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Victor

Literature English: No Report

Literature Spanish Mauricio: Good afternoon, my name is Mauricio T. Today, we opened our meeting at 10:10am with an attendance of 10 members. We talked about the need to have an English speaking chairperson to be able to work together and be able to provide a better service. There are many pending plans that are still to be completed, I will, however, do everything I can with your help and cooperation. Thank you, Respectfully, Mauricio T.

Public Information Sandi: No Report

Public Information Spanish Martin: No Report

Registration Casey: With 8 members in attendance this month, we cover a variety of subjects. Jesus - Area Registrar - discussed the functions of Registration, including what are active, inactive, merged, unknown, and incomplete groups, according to GSO. He also discussed the AA Survey and statistics. District Registrars should get contact information from groups even if they don't have a current GSR, using the group Secretary or Treasurer as contact in lieu of a GSR, so that that group can receive GSO information, such as Box 459. All new GSRs and/or new groups need to verify that the form for GSO is filled in completely and accurately, as to avoid delays. All new groups require a 30 day hold by GSO in order to ensure it is fully established. GSO group numbers are never deleted or removed but groups can and do become 'inactive' - every attempt is made to find out if these groups still exist, and we discussed getting a group account 'reactivated'. Area Registrar Jesus distributed a short packet to new Registrars and Committee Chair Casey explained to the new District Registrars the basic duties and had them complete the GSO paperwork. Jesus stressed to everyone that the Registrars are the gatekeepers of the District info. Reminded them to please print all info clearly and get the info to Jesus, who will forward to GSO. Committee is discussing possible locations for a Registration Workshop to be held next year - hopefully Jan or Feb. Chair Casey discussed next years Registration Committee budget, which is being submitted to Finance today. The new Registration Drop-Box is up and running to facilitate communication with District Registrars!

Special Needs Jack: Need help on growing this Committee along with a Spanish speaking Co-chair. We are a fun Committee which really helps those in need! Planning on reaching people by telling success stories of how Special Needs has literally saved lives. We are staying in touch with people who are interested in being of service and would love to do a workshop at some point in the future!

Treatment Facilities Dawn: We had 9 in attendance this month. Purchased and created a temporary contact display! Attended the monthly meetings for Districts #03 and #04 - presented BTG and solicited temporary contacts. The committee approved graphics for the display. We requested budgetary assistance from the Corrections Committee to purchase our identification sign and Corrections approved \$100.00. Cancelled the BTG Presentation for District #06 and will reschedule. Upcoming events are many, including 10/21 So Bay H & I, 10/28 So Bay Central Office, 10/31 CCAPP, and 11/09 OC H & I.

Coordinate Committee Reports:

SOBYPAA – Meets at the Torrance Lomita Alano Club. SOBYPAA continuing to get more and more involved. We welcomed the addition of several new members and are excited for the upcoming bid to host SOCALYPAA. Our members have been working tirelessly in preparation for our bid, as well as our upcoming event. On Sept 20th we are planning to hold a Pajama Party Dance at the Southwest Alano Club. We are currently working on a bid to host SOCALYPAA in 2015, and will present our bid on SOCALYPAA Weekend in October.

District Reports (submitted in writing):

District 1 Maryka: Thurs Sept 11th at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club with 50 people in attendance. The District #01 website committee gave an audio/visual presentation on the construction of our new website "aainthesouthbay.org". The District #01 executive committee will be hosting an "In Love and Service" seminar – District #01's Third Legacy to guide new GSRs and present District members through the basics of General Service, to be held Thurs Oct 9th at 7:30pm at the Hermosa Beach Kiwanis Club in Hermosa Beach. Upcoming events also include Heritage Day presented by Area 09 Archives and being hosted by District #01 on Sat Oct 25th from 2 – 4pm at the SouthWest Alano Club in Hawthorne, CA.

District 2 Tanya: We held our meeting on Sept 8th at 7pm at 6500 E Del Amo Lakewood CA 90713
We had reports from the committee members present.

We had 10 in attendance (due to holiday on the 1st our meeting was moved to the following week which affected our attendance)

We spent most of the meeting planning the food for the October ASC meeting to be hosted by our District. We have a delicious meal planned.

We also discussed the current topics regarding the Archives. We are planning a trip to visit the Archives in November as a group. This way we can make an informed decision as a group.

Our next meeting will be October 6th at 7pm at the address noted above.

District 3 Dee Dee: We meet the second Tues of the month. In August we had our Delegate Cesar and Alternate Delegate Joe come to our District meeting to present the Conference report. At our meeting in Sept we are grateful to have had the Treatment Facilities Chair Dawn P, who came and educated us as to how 'Bridging the Gap' works. I would like to thank all the members for taking the time to come to our District meeting!

District 4 Hiro: Sept 3rd, the first Weds, approximately 35 in attendance at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Long Beach (corner of Carson & Cherry). The pre-meeting GSR School (held at 6:30pm) had 4 nearly new GSRs attending, along with a couple of established GSRs upping their game! And immediate GSR concern was the request for a District field trip to the Area Archives to underscore how cool and vital the Archives are to our MSCA history. We discussed the upcoming votes and reviewed the pros and cons of mandated rotation for the Archives and Webmaster positions. A new Alternate DCMC was elected - Gilbert G. Two of our Districts groups participated in the 2014 AA Membership Survey. We are also preparing a future workshop on training for various group positions (how to be a group Secretary, Treasurer, et al). Tabled until next meeting the question of whether we will have a District field trip to Catalina, as we are trying to make contact with the Avalon Alano Club. Our monthly post-meeting Concept and Service Manual Study focused on Concept #9, which brought tears to some members eyes ... Upcoming event in the H&I Chili Cookoff at Rec Park on Sat Sept 20th.

District 5 Ryan: District meeting held in Santa Ana on Sept 11th at 7pm with 28 in attendance. This month we took time to go over the July AAWS highlights, taking time to discuss the topics inside include the L/M bulletin and the Navajo translation status. We also discussed the 3 motions that will be voted on at Sept's Assembly. If time permits we will begin a 3 month project to watch DV-05 "Bill Discusses the 12 Traditions".

District 6 Ashly: District meeting held on 6652 Heil Ave Huntington Beach CA. September 2nd, 2014. Approx 60 in attendance. We discussed 2 motions that are currently being discussed by our local Intergroup that have the potential to dramatically affect the groups in District 6. We are looking forward to hosting our Area Treatment Facilities committee next month and discussing our Areas most recent audit from 2013. Kind Regards, Ashly Williams DCMC

District 7 Lisa: No Report

District 8: No Report

District 9 John: We had 6 members present this month; working on workshops to introduce newcomers to General Service and to help them become GSRs - a Service pool party is also in the planning. Our DCMC visited six groups and got one new GSR! We are working to finish District guidelines. Upcoming events include a wellness clinic at the Jocelyn Senior Center in October, where we will have an information booth.

District 10 Carlos: This month our meeting, which is the first Weds of the month, had 25 in attendance. We had a presentation from the Area 09 Chair Sharon K and we voted to invite the Area Archivist to attend our December meeting. 4 new GSRs were in attendance. Our District Registrar resigned - looking for a new Registrar. This was the first meeting for our new Secretary, Amber.

District 11 Don: District #11 met on Aug 17th. We reviewed the attendance at the Mountain AA Conference and contacts that were made. Also reviewed were the details of the Oct 1st AA Book and Literature price increase. Started a District inventory process by answering the first 2 of 13 inventory questions. Our next District meeting will be on Sept 21st.

District 12 Kaili: On Thursday, September 4th, 2014 District 12 had its business meeting with 2 new GSRs Present. Among other things we discussed the importance of making GSR reports interesting and included the GSR suggested format. All are welcome to District meeting and workshops and we had 7 GSRs at GSR Orientation @ 6:30-7:30. Upcoming events include District Archives Event- November 6th with Archivist Pete- All are welcome. Also Traditions Day, a Sponsorship Workshop, PRAASA 2015 are upcoming and this Saturday 10-2 is our Grapevine Workshop. Remember the GSO Literature price increase effective October 2014, and the new pamphlet - Many Paths of Spirituality – is available now.

District 14 Karen H: On the third Weds of the month at 7:30pm we hold our District meeting at the Church of the Good Shepard, this month with 20 attending. Our Area #09 Delegate Cesar came and gave us his Conference report-back. Our District has a new Alt DCMC - Theresa S! We had a movie night event for our District and showed "When Love Is Not Enough - the Lois Wilson Story". 80 - 100 people attended - wow! We are also planning an Ice Cream Social in November and are thinking positively about attracting more people into Service.

District 15 Leslie: On the first Thurs of the month our meeting begins with GSR School at 7pm; this month we had 10 in attendance. Continuing to work on our District guideline revisions. Voted to reimburse our GSRs 30 cents a mile (round trip) for miles driven to Area events - motion passed. Our District is looking for a new Registrar.

District 17 Mary W: Held at Boston Billies in Sun City on the second Tues of each month at 6pm - this month we had 41 in attendance. Julie F gave a report of our District Inventory Workshop, in which 15 members were present and each question was discussed. GSRs discussed their group conscience on the motions of the Sept Assembly. It was a very moving and enthusiastic meeting! Michelle ("Mickie") gave an informative share on Tradition #5, and we learned about the value of listening to the minority opinions in Concept V. Several committee chair positions are open in our District: Archives, CPC, PI, Literature, and H&I Liaison. We are reaching out to groups for support. Our Alt DCMC and District are having trouble locating a facility for the December ASC, which we are hosting.

District 18: No Report

District 19 Gary W: 20 attended our District meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Victor Valley Alano Club. District #19 would like to thank our Panel 64 Delegate Cesar and Alt Delegate Joe for presenting the share-back at our August meeting. Our PI Committee has been busy ensuring we have Big Books in all our community libraries (which was quite a large job!). Our CPC Committee has also been very busy getting literature to a vast majority of our local doctors and working at getting to them all. It is an awesome blessing to be of service with all of District #19 and Area #09!

District 20: Good afternoon, I am Luciano, alcoholic. District #20 M.C.D.

The District meets every Monday of the year with an attendance of about 14 to 16 R.S.G.'s and 3 committees.

The group that was having problems has found a solution thanks to the Area Committee's intervention. Many thanks for your help with this task. Everyone is invited to our annual Christmas celebration on December 22 in the District's hall at 6:00pm. Today, we had several members attending. Thank you and that is all. MCD Luciano

District 21: District 21 continues working making visits twice a week and its district meetings every Wednesday of the month. We are also present in the Area meetings and the Spanish speaking Inter-district events. This month we will be hosting the Inter-District event which will take place at the Group Ultimo Milagro in the city of Hawaiian Gardens, 21509 Norwalk, CA on 9/28/2014. Next events: Our district will be hosting the Area meeting on 1-11-2015, the place is still to be decided upon.

District 22 Juan: Good afternoon Area 09 members, my name is Juan Castillo and I am the M.C.D. for District #22. Our district continues to meet every Tuesday with a Study Group and a Work Group and continue to visit two groups a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Also, during the month of November we had our 31st Congress of the Valley of Coachella. Among us was Maria Paz, the director of The Grapevine. Also, The Archives was present with Pete and we thanked them for their participation. Yesterday we had our Veterans Event with members with more than 20 years of sobriety. We had an approximate attendance of 120. Today we are 6 members attending. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Respectfully, District #22 - M.C.D. Juan C.

District 23 Jacinto: Informing that we continue to motivate service by visiting a group each Wednesday . Also planned visits if invited to the district. We also invite to our meetings each Friday, to our Inter-District events, PRAASA and Atlanta, Georgia. We have in our plans the Foro where we will be the host. We had the Hispanic Districts in a group at District #23 and we worked on important points. May everyone have a happy Christmas and a good year. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Respectfully, Jacinto E. There were 4 alcoholics attending today.

District 25 Hugo: We had our 7th anniversary. We were present during the selection of the Theme and Emblem for La Vina. Our District continues to work every Monday and our meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00pm. We visit groups every Wednesdays and Fridays. All of our committees are working, according to J Refugio M.C.D. We are working on our next Inter-District event which will take place during the last week in January. Also, motivating all to attend PRAASA. We were 5 in attendance today.

District 30 Becky: On September 28th Delegate Cesar and Alternate Delegate Joe C. will be at our District meeting Sunday @ 2 p.m. We are looking forward to their presentation and are hopeful local members will be present. Some members are showing a strong interest. October 25th plans for our "Singleness of Purpose" Round Table discussion has been set with the location in Joshua Tree. The 4 leaders of each round table also have been chosen (Alternate Delegate Joe C among them). We are showing a sturdy group of GSR's consistently being involved and we have a temporary acting Secretary (Kelly A.) as replacement for the Secretary that stepped down. Katherine C., one of our local GSR's, is busy getting the Area newsletter out and will have it in your hot hands as is her customary timeliness. The members of District #30 wish to express their gratitude for the opportunity to serve in General Service.

Recap of Actions:

- Approval of amended Minutes from the May Assembly.

- Presentation by the Audit Committee – thank you again for your service to our Area 09.
- Motion to delegate the Communications Committee the task of electing a Web Master for the Area passes after much loving discussion. After minority opinion, a motion was made to reconsider, which did not pass, so motion stands as passed.
- Archives Guidelines motion discussed. Ashly made motion to table the Archives Guideline vote until next Assembly (January 2015), which was 2nd by Dawn. More discussion ensued. Motion to table this motion stands with further discussion to be had by the Board.
- The 2015 Calendar is perfect and passes as such!
- Ramon confirmed as new Corrections Chair.
- Convention Liaison Chair Marilyn requesting override of \$581.77 – per Finance Chair Rich, that is within budget. Motion passes and budget override will be processed.

Announcements:

Nov 8th Traditions Banquet in Los Alamitos, to benefit HACO.

Remember the Nov Servathon on Sun the 9th – lots of great stuff planned! Bring a newcomer to Service and show them what GSR can do for their sobriety!

Birthdays:

Jose 15, Lisa 22, Lois 53!, Rozanne 20, Gil 3, Dave 17, Alex 18, Sue 20, Pete 27, Hiromi 1, Cassie, 9, Mitchell 5, and Jose Alfredo 39 ... a miracle of 249 years of sobriety!

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm, motion made by Rich, 2nd by Gil and meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement in both English and Spanish.

Minutes respectfully submitted by your grateful MSCA 09 Panel #64 Secretary, Barbara D.