

# The Mid Southern California Area 9 Newsletter

The Monthly General Service Newsletter for Area 9 of the General Service Conference  
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MSCA Area 9 includes all AA groups in the counties of Los Angeles (South of Rosecrans Ave.), San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange.

## Concept Two

*Signed, an anonymous member of A.A. in Orange County*

Okay, you're back this month – Concept 1 didn't scare you off! Where Concept 1 states that "Final Responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship", Concept 2 states, "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs". So, Concept 1 defines where the responsibility and authority lie, and Concept 2 defines how that comes about.

Our whole society participates in all matters concerning our world affairs through their delegated representative to the General Service Conference. Did you know that Delegate Area 09, Mid-Southern California Area, (which consists of all the A.A. groups in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and that part of Los Angeles County that lies south of Rosecrans Boulevard) is the largest population of A.A. Groups and A.A. members in the entire Fellowship? Hey, being that big, shouldn't we have more representation at the General Service Conference than, say, Alaska, or Nevada, who we absolutely dwarf in sheer numbers? Well, no, because the General Service Conference does not consist of representatives who go to guard the self-interest of their delegate areas. The Conference consists of delegates, one each elected by each of the 93 Delegate Areas, who are charged with the responsibility of seeking what is best for our whole society, as the Concept says. The 3rd Legacy Procedure that is the method used to elect Delegates pretty much removes politics from the process of the election, (no matter what you may hear, General Service is not "just politics", except in the true spirit and definition of the word – the few doing what is best for the many). Concept 2 is the principle that removes the self-interest.

Next month, Concept 3 – "To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision", The first of several rights defined in the next three Concepts.

*An anonymous A.A. member in Orange County*

## Delegate's Corner

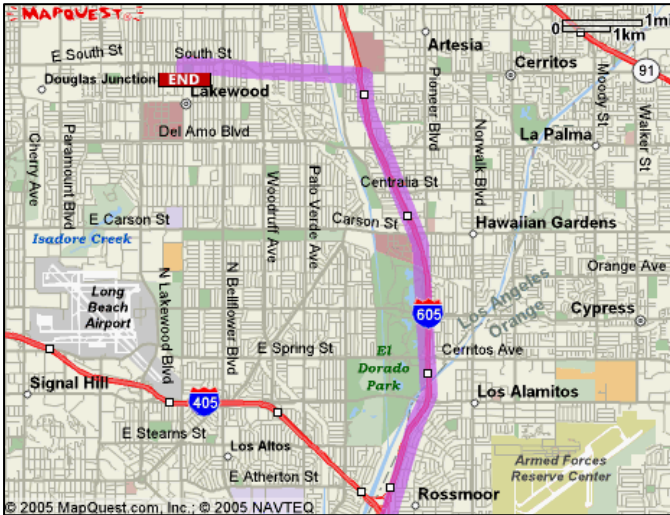
*Bruce H.*

I would first like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year. Now for some news the Preliminary Agenda Items for the 57th GSC are out and posted on our Website, and I hope to have the Final Agenda Items out by the middle of this month. So if you have access to our Website look for those items. Meanwhile feel free to discuss the Preliminary Agenda Items. PRAASA is getting close and I hope all who plan on attending March 2-4th in Portland have made all their arrangements. I know that the turnout from MSCA will be large and enthusiastic as it has always been. All attendees make sure to gather for our Area's annual picture, time and place to be determined at PRAASA. I also have to report that I am progressing in finalizing the bid package to present at the GSC to hopefully make a successful bid to host the 2010 Pacific Regional Forum. As I enter my second year as your Delegate I have learned some valuable lessons in how to be of service to the still suffering alcoholic. Remember to pencil in the date of April 15th not for the old reasons but because that will be the date of our Pre-Conference Workshop where you will have the chance to express how your home group feels about the Final Agenda Items. Filled with all this information and feedback I will be better able to represent your home groups and AA at the 57th GSC in New York. If you have any suggestions on what I should include in this Delegates Corner feel free to contact me. Until next time remember not to count the days but make the days count.

## PRAASA 2007

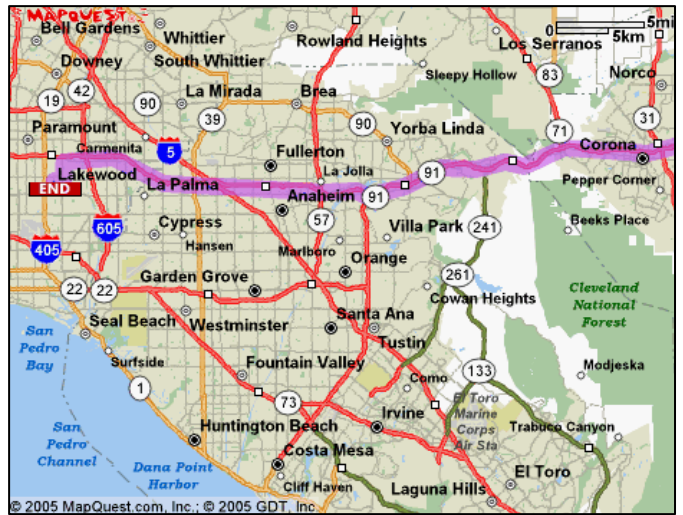
Don't forget, this year, PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) will be in Portland, Oregon from March 2 through 4th, at the Red Lion hotel. This year's theme is: "Our 12th step responsibility -- are we going to any length?" You can find more details on the PRAASA website, [www.praasa.org](http://www.praasa.org). Programs begin at 1PM Friday and end at noon on Sunday. The registration fee is \$17. GSRs from all over the Pacific Region (from Alaska to California, and from Hawaii to Arizona) will be there to share their experience, strength and hope.

**Directions to Feb. 11, 2007, MSCA ASC  
at the Community Center at Mayfair Park,  
5720 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90712**



**Directions from the South:**

Take I-405 N toward LONG BEACH.  
Merge onto I-605 N.5.4 miles.  
Take the SOUTH ST exit.0.2 miles.  
Turn LEFT onto SOUTH ST.2.2 miles.  
Turn LEFT onto CLARK AVE.<0.1 miles.  
End at 5720 Clark Ave, Lakewood, 90712-1908.



**Directions From the East:**

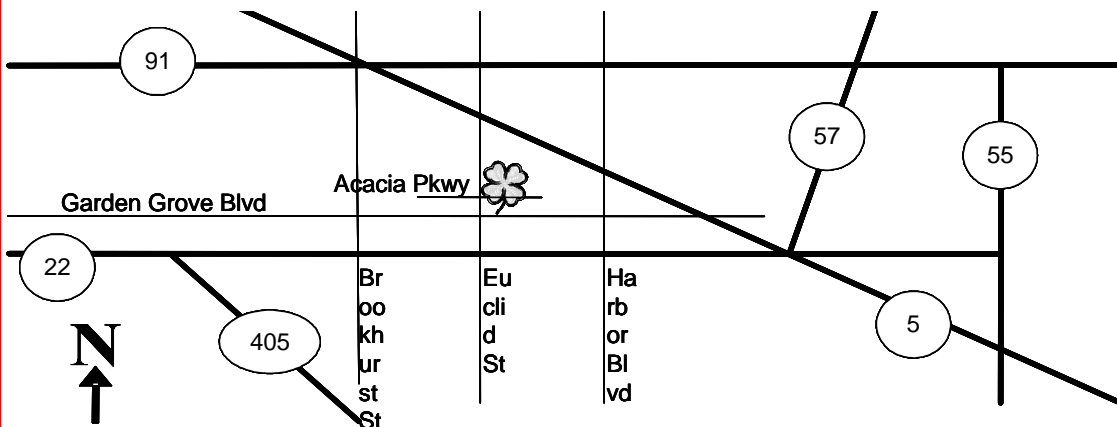
Take I-10 W toward LOS ANGELES.  
Merge onto CA-60 W via the exit on the LEFT toward RIVERSIDE.23.0 miles.  
Merge onto CA-91 W toward RIVERSIDE/BEACH CITIES.49.8 miles.  
Take the BELLFLOWER BLVD exit toward BELLFLOWER.0.1 miles.  
Turn LEFT onto BELLFLOWER BLVD.1.1 miles .  
Turn RIGHT onto SOUTH ST.0.5 miles .  
Turn LEFT onto CLARK AVE.<0.1 miles.  
End at 5720 Clark Ave, Lakewood, CA 90712-1908.

**49th ICYPAA**

Aug. 31-Sep.2, 2007

ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in AA) is an annual celebration of sobriety among young people in AA. This conference provides an opportunity for young AA's from all over the world to come together and share their experience, strength and hope as members of AA. This year's ICYPAA (the 49th one) will be held from Aug. 31 through Sept. 2, 2007 (labor Day weekend) in Los Angeles. More information can be found on their website, [www.49thicypaa.org](http://www.49thicypaa.org). Please note that the mention of their website in this newsletter does NOT imply any sponsorship, endorsement or oversight of this event or this website by the Mid-Southern California Area (Area 9). You can also find out more info by calling the ICYPAA info-Line: (310) 216-8771.

**4-Area DCM Sharing Session, Sun. Feb. 4, 9am to 2:30 pm,  
11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove, 92840**



**Table Topics to be discussed**

1. How do you balance the group conscience with delegated authority?
2. Group visitation strategies
3. How to inspire GSR commitment and follow-through.
4. Busting the myths of General Service
5. What is "any lengths" in General Service?
6. Education: "Obviously we can't transmit something we haven't got"
7. How to have fun in general service.
8. Service Sponsor or, self will ?

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 4, 4-Area DCM Sharing Session, 9 am to 2:30 pm, 11270 Acacia Pkwy, Garden Grove, 92840

Feb. 11 ASC (District 2), park, 5720 Clark Ave., Lakewood, CA 90712 *(The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them)*

Mar 2-4 PRAASA, Red Lion Hotel on the River, Jantzen Beach (I-5 Exit 308), 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217. Hosted by Oregon Area 58. There will be NO on-line registration this year, so please snail-mail in your registrations. Registration forms can be downloaded from the PRAASA.ORG website. As of Dec. 8, 2006, only 69 more rooms were available at the special PRAASA room rate of \$89.00 plus tax.

Mar 11 ASC (District 9) *(The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda)*

Apr. 1 Archives Open House, Riverside

Apr. 15 **Pre-Conf. Workshop (GSRs vote their groups' conscience)** (District 15), Ebell Club, **313 Laguna Road, Fullerton, CA 92632**

May 20 **Assembly (GSRs vote)** (District 6)

June 10 ASC (District 19) *(The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them)*

Jul 8 Foro (Districts 4 and 21)

Aug 12 ASC (District 14) *(The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda)*

Sep 9 **Assembly (GSRs vote)** (District 12)

Oct. 6 Heritage Day

Oct 14 Assembly (District 8)

Nov. 3 Servathon (Dist 17)

Nov. 11 ASC *(The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them)* Dist 18

Dec. 9 ASC, (D 23) *(The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda)*

### Tradition 2 (long form)

*Our A.A. experience has taught us that:*

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

The MSCA Assembly includes permanent committees responsible for conducting much of the AA business activity in the Area. We have Standing and Coordinate Committees. Chairs and cochairs of the Standing committees are listed below.

#### Panel 56 Area Standing Committee Chairs, Cochairs, et al.

Archives Chair...Pete B	Literature Cochair, Spanish ...Cesar F
CEC...Michael M	Newsletter Chair...Russ D
CPC...Ernesto M	Newsletter Cochair, Spanish...Raul C
CPC Cochair, Spanish...tbd	Public Information Chair...Linda H
Convention Liaison...Gary M	Public Information, Spanish...Damien
Convention Liaison, Spanish...tbd	Registration...Ben
Corrections Chair...Alex N	Special Needs Chair...Rich W
DCM School...Jim B	Special Needs Cochair, Spanish....vacant
DCM School Spanish Cochair.....	Translation... Jesus O
Electronic Media Sub-Committee...Nick M	Treatment Facilities Chair...Phil L
Finance Chair...Joseph M	Webserver...Nancy R
Grapevine Chair...Linda C	Sound Dude...Joseph M
La Vina Chair...Francisco D	
GSR School...Scott R	
GSR School, Spanish... Jose A	
Literature Chair...Patrick C	
Coffee person...Ana S	

#### Schedule for most MSCA Assemblies/ASCs

9:30 am....GSR School

9:30 am....Delegate's Sharing Session

10:15 am....Committees meet

11:30 am.....Lunch

Noon... **Main Meeting** (which normally includes introductions of new GSRs, Area officers' reports, presentation/ discussion/ voting on proposals, committee reports, other reports )

3:30...Adjournment



#### Panel 56 Area Officers

Chairperson: Craig S, chair@msca09aa.org,  
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