



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.

Looking forward to 2009

As this year comes to an end, I would like to thank all the Groups, Individuals and Conventions that sent contributions to MSCA 09 so that we could carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

When I became Area 09's Treasurer, I must say I was overwhelmed and a bit lost, but with the Area's help I have found my way. I am quite proud of all we have accomplished this year. We have taken more money than at this time in 2007; however we have also spent more.

For those who are unaware, your Area Officers have been holding Area Officers meetings once a month, except for the 3 months where Special Events are held. Hopefully, in 2009, we can be a more supportive unit of the Area.

I have been working with the Literature Committee on the "What's It All About" pamphlet and am hoping they will have it ready at Decembers Area Service Committee. Any Changes in where your District meets, please let our Area Secretary and the Literature Committee know.

I had the pleasure of attending Area 93's Election Assembly. Our Delegate, Joe, myself & Bruce were asked to attend dinner with Madeline P., our Pacific Regional Trustee and everyone had fun – one alcoholic talking with another. It was a very pleasant experience except that there were fires to the North and South of us.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! I will be working with Joseph for year end so PLEASE CASH YOUR CHECKS IMMEDIATELY! This way Joseph and I can do a year-end reconciliation properly.

*Thru love and service,
Panel 58 Treasurer, Linda H.*

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Concept XII

[The Six] General Warranties of the Conference:

... in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition,... The General Service Conference is the *guardian* of the Traditions of A.A. and the Traditions express the principles and attitudes of prudence that make for harmony in *all* our affairs.

... taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power;... Warranty One: God, grant us enough money and authority to do our work, guard us against perilous wealth and power...and the wisdom to know the difference!

...that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle;... Warranty Two: Participation in AA requires cash, as well as time, in order to assure that the "hand of AA *always* will be there."

...that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others:... Warranty Three: We in AA will not tolerate absolute human authority in any form...and we reinforce the idea with rights of appeal, participation and petition.

... that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;... Warranty Four: Talk, discuss, debate, listen, hear, decide! Because it requires a large majority to decide, the Conference speaks with the authority and confidence a simple majority could never give it.

...that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy;... Warranty Five: No humanly administered system of penalties is needed; when we fail to follow sound spiritual principles, alcohol cuts us down. Public controversy, even in self-defense, is equally dangerous; we cannot risk resentments and conflicts that would certainly result were we ever to yield to the temptation to punish in anger.

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From The Archives.

For the Holidays...some AA history...

Between noon of Wednesday, December 24, 1952 and midnight of Thursday, January 1st, 1953, some 120,000 members of AA will have seen their dreams of a dry holiday and their hopes of a sane New Year's come safely true. The first Christmas for AA was the depression year of 1935. There were three old timers to mark it ... hardly a dozen newcomers to share it with them. In Akron, Dr. Bob and Bill D. were going on their second six months. Four recruits had from four months to two months. in New York, Bill W. had thirteen months since his last drink, seven months since his historic trip to Akron and the start of AA. In Akron, the six gathered with their families at Dr. Bob's. There was no ceremony ... no exchange of presents. The Twelve Steps had not yet been formulated. The Big Book was only a vague stirring that would not even be in manuscript until three more Christmases had been achieved. But there was joy that this most dangerous of times for the alcoholic had arrived ... and twenty-four hours by twenty-four hours was being mastered. "There was thanks," remembers one of the two who survives that first Akron Christmas, "that we had come this far. However, I am certain that there was still considerable fear and trembling ... not fear that this new way would not work, but doubt and uncertainty that we would be able to hold on to it. Bill W. recalls only a quiet day in New York

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that Yule of 1935 where there were very few involved. Five years later, there was a place in New York for an AA Christmas party ... the first AA clubhouse. And about the 24th Street Club there hangs a real Santa Claus story! Or rather, it is a Saint Nicholas story. Just one hundred years before, in 1840, the building, that would later become the AA Club House, was erected at Number 334 1/2 West 24th Street ... the property of a family named Moore who were large landowners in Manhattan Island's Chelsea section. And driving across the snow-covered lawn, Dr. Moore began to compose (some say just as his sled runners touched what is now the meeting room of AA's first clubhouse!) his immortal gift to children of all ages ... " 'Twas the night before Christmas." (Grapevine, December, 1952).

Website (www.msca09aa.org) usage

In October, 2008, our website experienced an average of 183 sessions (visitors) per day, and an average of 1618 hits per day.

MSCA Assembly, Jan. 11, 2009

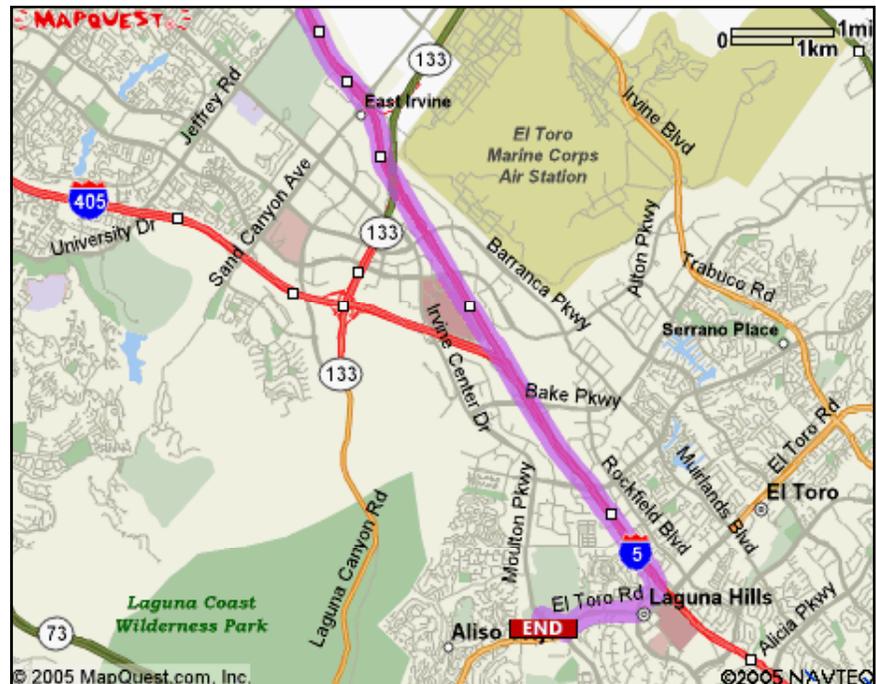
Clubhouse 2
24112 Moulton PKWY.
Laguna Woods, CA 92653

(Leisure World Clubhouse Two, Gate 12)

Directions:

From the 5 fwy South, exit El Toro Rd, turn left at stop sign (Ave Carlota), turn right at El Toro Rd (1st street), straight to Moulton Parkway, turn right, straight to Gate 12 entrance, turn right. Entrance at guard shack.

From the 5 fwy North, exit El Toro Rd, turn left on El Toro, straight to Moulton Parkway, turn right, straight to Gate 12 entrance, turn right. Entrance at guard shack.



Summary Oct. 12 ASC

Delegates report: A new Special Needs work book has been received from GSO. Also received a copy of the new Service Manual.

New Business: Becky B. gave a comprehensive Power Point presentation about how to navigate and make the most of our Area website (www.msca09aa.org).

Treasurer's report: Linda reported a \$7,330.00 shortfall between the money spent and the money collected. The need to re-evaluate and trim our expenses will be vital in the coming year.

Communications Committee: Linda C. presented proposed guideline changes for the next Assembly.

Finance Committee: Joseph presented the details of the budget.

Tradition 12

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

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... that though the Conference may act for the services of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action. Warranty Six: "To a man, we of AA believe that our freedom to serve is truly the freedom by which we live—the freedom in which we have our being."

*Note: Bill W.'s essay on Concept XII in **Twelve Concepts for World Service** is fourteen pages long and well worth study and contemplation.*

Concept XII (long form)

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ASC

Dec. 14, 2008 (Sunday),

(The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda),
(District 18 is the host)

**Kaiser Medical,
6650 Alton Pkwy.
Irvine CA 92618**

The meeting will be held in Medical Bldg. 2, 5th Floor (North End of Kaiser Campus) in the MOBII (New Building 5th Floor) Rooms C2, C3, C4, C6 & C7. The Hospital is located off the 405 Fwy @ Sand Canyon. The Hospital Campus is entirely smoke-free.



Upcoming Events

Host:	Month:	Event Type:	Date:	Day:
District 18	DECEMBER	ASC (<i>vote which proposals to put onto Assembly Agenda</i>)	12-14-08	SUNDAY
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District 6	JANUARY	ASSEMBLY	01-11-09	SUNDAY
Clubhouse 2, 24112 Moulton PKWY, Laguna Woods, CA 92653				
Dist 19	FEBRUARY	ASC	02-08-09	SUNDAY
Dist 21	MARCH	ASC (<i>vote which proposals to put onto Assembly Agenda</i>)	03-15-09	SUNDAY
Dist 8	APRIL	PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP	04-05-09	SUNDAY
Dist 25	MAY	ASSEMBLY	05-17-09	SUNDAY
Dist 24	JUNE	ASC	06-14-09	SUNDAY
Dist 23 & 11	JULY	FORO de MSCA	07-12-09	SUNDAY
Dist 14	AUGUST	ASC (<i>vote which proposals to put onto Assembly Agenda</i>)	08-09-09	SUNDAY
Dist 2	SEPTEMBER	ASSEMBLY	09-13-09	SUNDAY
Special Two Day Event				
Area 9	OCTOBER	MSC AREA 9 50TH ANNIVERSARY	10-10-09	SATURDAY
District 12	OCTOBER	ELECTION ASSEMBLY	10-11-09	SUNDAY
District 17	NOVEMBER	A SC	11-08-09	SUNDAY
District 9	NOVEMBER	SERVATHON	11-14-09	SATURDAY
District 30	DECEMBER	ASC (<i>vote which proposals to put onto Assembly Agenda</i>)	12-13-09	SUNDAY

Panel 58 Area Officers

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 Alternate Delegate: Mike M
 Chair: Jason S Treasurer: Linda H
 Secretary: Ruth D Registrar: Cesar F

Schedule for most MSCA Assemblies/ASCs

9:00 am....GSR/DCM/DCMC Schools, Delegate's Rpt
 10:30...ASC or Assembly mtg
 Ca 1 pm.....Lunch
 Ca 1:30 pm...Committee mtgs
 3:30 pm...Committee mtgs Adjourn

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 Co-Chairs of the Standing committees are listed below.

Panel 58 Area Standing Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, et al.

Archives Chair...Joseph H	Finance Committee Chair...Joseph M
CEC Chair...Rick H	Grapevine Chair...Kimberli A
	La Viña Chair...Angela R
Communications Committee Chair...Linda C	GSR School...John H
Newsletter Subcommittee Chair...Steve S	GSR School, Spanish... Paco G
Electronic Media Sub-Committee Chair...Henry B	Literature Chair...tdb
Web Coordinator...Becky B	Literature Co-Chair, Spanish ...tdb
Equipment Subcommittee Chair...tdb	Public Information Chair...Kay M
Translation Subcommittee Chair...Jorge	Public Info., Sp...Francisco D
	Registration...David T
Convention Liaison...Mike	Special Needs Chair...tdb
Convention Liaison, Spn..Jose A	Special Needs Co-Chair, Spanish....tdb
Corrections Chair...Patrick C	Treatment Facilities Chair...Al F
CPC Chir...Michael M	
CPC Co-Chair, Span...Santiago S	
DCM School...Scott R	Sound Dude... Raul C
DCM School Spanishtdb	Coffee person...Mauricio T

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