



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.

Public Information District 5

The District 5 Public Information committee is getting ready for more events this fall. On Oct 4 we will have a booth at the Orange Friendly Center-North location. This is a community event focusing on resources that are available for those that are in need.

On Oct 5 we will be at the Santa Ana 2008 Youth Expo at Santa Ana College. This event has around 7,000 in attendance during the course of the day and is a good way to be available to give out information about what AA is and what it is not.

The Orange Street Fair booth was pushed back until 2009 so as to acquire the needed amount of volunteers for a much larger event. Also the costs involved are a lot greater than the other booths that we usually staff.

As usual we need more volunteers to do the things that the PI committee is being asked to do. If you have already volunteered I thank you. If you want more information about the District 5 Public Information committee please contact us at:

District 5
Public Information
P.O. Box 3374
Tustin Ca 92681-3374

The Public Information committee was formed to assist the groups in district 5 reach out to the alcoholic who wants information about AA. Our public policy is based on attraction rather than promotion. If a group ever needs clarification on what the public information committee is all about feel free to contact me and I will be happy to answer your questions.

Alex N., District 5, Public Information

Website (www.msca09aa.org) usage

In August, 2008, our website experienced an average of 173 sessions (visitors) per day, and an average of 1640 hits per day.

Treasurer's Travels in Spokane

I was privileged to be able to attend the Regional Forum in Spokane, WA, and represent MSCA 09 as your Treasurer. I met with most of the Treasurer's in the other 5 Areas in California informally and they expressed their concern of cutting back on their Area Budget. The discussions provide me more insight into my second year as your Treasurer.

Workshops: I attended *Unidad* and it was a privilege to be there and speak thru a translator, our own Alicia. I truly experienced the language of the heart. The passion among my amigas/amigos was very impressive and when I walked out of the Workshop, I felt good. I then proceeded to another Workshop, *Spiritual Program in Action*, where we spoke about *Maximum Service-Our Spiritual Benefit, Persistence-The Key to Progress* and most of all *Living the Traditions* which was lead by the Delegate from Area 8-San Diego/Imperial. A lot of thought goes into each workshop and the Moderator's and participants left me feeling wiser. I like to think that as your Treasurer, I live *Unity & the Traditions*.

Remember, in 2010, the Pacific Regional Forum will be held for the first time in Area 09. It will be at the Torrance Marriott in Torrance which has recently been remodeled and the adjacent Del Amo Mall has been recently remodeled also and includes many restaurants. There is a Starbucks inside and

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Concept X (long form)

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

AA Archive & Heritage Day

Saturday

October 11, 2008, 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

The Turtle Rock Community Center
1 Sunnyhill Drive, Irvine, CA 92612

This is an area 9 wide event & groups from all Orange County, San Bernardino, Riverside & a good portion of L.A. are invited.

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Big Book Study

1:00 PM -- 6:00 PM Heritage Day Program

Archives AA Area 9 Exhibits

Panel of Speakers

Discussion / Question & Answer

7:00 PM -- 9:00 PM Saturday Speaker Meeting

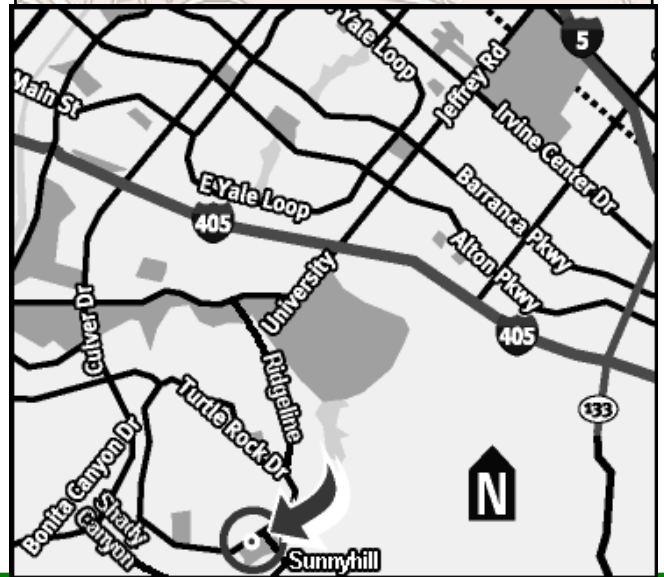
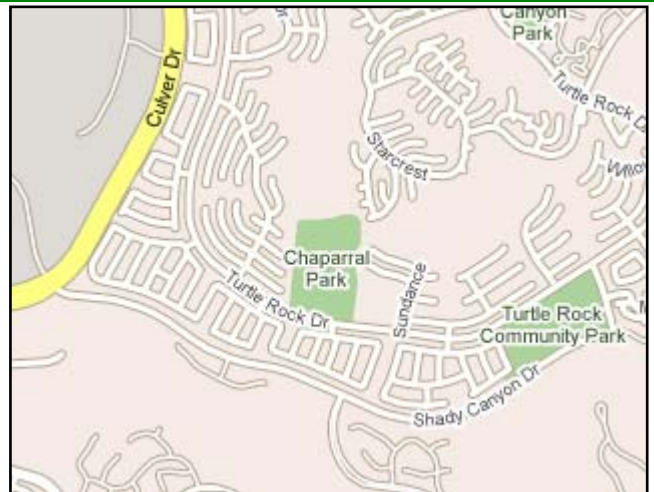
Pat M. (5-15-1961)

Joseph M. (10-26-1965)

John A. (9-18-1961)

Normal coffee & cookies will be served. Picnic area & delivery service available at your expense. For more information please call Ben G or see <http://www.msca09aa.org>.

The City of Irvine has graciously allowed us the privileges of using this specific 25.1 acre facility continuously since the mid 1970's! I ask each individual to please help assure we "ALL" are on our "best" to be welcomed back.



MSCA AREA 09 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

Approved by Area Assembly 09-14-09

Host:	Month:	Event Type:	Date:	Day:
District 6	JANUARY	ASSEMBLY	01-11-09	SUNDAY
Dist 19	FEBRUARY	ASC	02-08-09	SUNDAY
Dist 21	MARCH	ASC	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, and Dist 11	JULY	FORO de MSCA	07-12-09	SUNDAY
Dist 14	AUGUST	ASC	08-09-09	SUNDAY
Dist 2	SEPTEMBER	ASSEMBLY	09-13-09	SUNDAY
Special Two Day Event				
Area 0	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	12-13-09	SUNDAY

Across the Editor's Desk

Let Us Read---and Thank God

THIS is Grapevine's first International Issue, and I'm mighty glad to see it going to press.

This event reminds me that the Grapevine's original charter was drawn by an AA lawyer, since gone to his reward. He was a fine lawyer, too. Therefore, his charter was a workmanlike and properly legalistic job. But our departed friend was much more than a good draftsman. He was an AA with a vision--a vision of what the AA of the future could be and what part the Grapevine could play to make that dream come true.

When he wrote the "general purpose" clause of the charter he quite forgot being the lawyer and launched into an extra-enthusiastic portrayal of the Grapevine's purposes and prospects--so much so that in the pioneering year of 1944 his vision seemed all too far-fetched for most of us.

One of his phrases has always stuck by me. He pictured the Grapevine as AA's "Magic Carpet" which could instantly transport every reader to countless cities and hamlets and to those still lonesome outposts on distant shores where our society would one day flourish.

Like no other, this International Issue shows our friend's dream fulfilled.

In the brief fourteen years since he penned that first charter, his early vision has been far surpassed by the glorious reality of what has actually taken place among us.

Let us read this issue from cover to cover--and thank God.

Bill W.

Tradition 10

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

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I'm excited about it being in Area 09 in two years!

Visit to Area 08 for Inventory:

Also, I had the distinct honor to be invited to Area 08's inventory, along with my fellow Panel 58 Officers. I was assigned the task of being recorder for the Financial table. The new GSR's asked lots of questions and hopefully the suggestions provided will help Area 08. They had 10 tables with topics and except for the Moderator and Recorder everyone rotated tables.

Being Treasurer for Area 09, it was the perfect opportunity for learn about how another Area works in regards to Finances. The two main themes were that they didn't understand the budget and how it worked. The second one was if a Special Event was held and there was no line item, they had to approach the Finance Committee, Area Officers, and finally the Area Assembly. If approved, they would get no more than \$450.00 and then they would have to wait until the following budget. This was so everyone would think prudently.

They had a wonderfully large room and I learned later that they bid on their Area Assembly's and usually two districts host. The Inventory was considered a special Assembly and two districts bid on hosting.

*Back to my Treasurer's duties,
Linda H., Panel 58 Treasurer*

Servathon, Nov. 11, 2008

580 W. 6th Street, San Pedro, CA, 9 am to 3 pm

The purpose of the Servathon is to focus upon one or more of the Twelve Traditions and all aspects of A.A. service. This broad charter specified in the Mid-Southern California Area "Guidelines For Structure and Procedure" gives the Servathon participants a unique opportunity to review and learn about A.A. service fields that they may not be familiar with. In the past, topics for the Round Table Discussions have been selected from discussion topics scheduled for next year's General Service Conference. This has the effect of bringing the Area closer to the forthcoming Conference in April. The information gathered at the Servathon provides a baseline for a more in-depth review of the topics at the "Pre-Conference Workshop" held in the spring of the year.

This year there will be speakers from General Service, Inter group and Hospital +Institutions along with displays by various committees along with a lunch. Come join us to learn and share about the many aspects of service in AA.

Upcoming Events

October 11th - Heritage Day - Turtle Rock Community Center and Nature Center - 1 Sunnyhill Drive - Irvine, Calif. –

Oct. 12, Sunday, ASC (*The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them*), (District 7)

October 18th 2008: Traditions Workshop, Hosted by District 6 - Mid So. Cal. Area 09, 414 E. 32nd St. Newport Beach, CA (Newport Club) from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. If you know something about the Traditions but would like to learn more, or if you have questions to ask concerning the Traditions this is the place to be + Spaghetti dinner served. Great speakers, great fellowship!

Nov. 8, 2008: Servathon (Saturday) - Hosted by District 3 of MSCA at 580 W. 6th Street, San Pedro, CA from 9 am to 3 pm

Dec. 14, 2008, Sunday, ASC (*The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda*), District 18

Panel 58 Area Officers

Delegate: Joe B, 714-423-3808,
delegate2008@msca09aa.org
Alternate Delegate: Mike M
Chair: Jason S
Secretary: Ruth D
Treasurer: Linda H
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
CEC Chair...Rick H

Communications Committee Chair...Linda C
Newsletter Subcommittee Chair...Steve S
Electronic Media Sub-Committee Chair...Henry B
Web Coordinator...Becky B
Equipment Subcommittee Chair...tdb
Translation Subcommittee Chair...Jorge

Convention Liaison...Mike
Convention Liaison, Spn...Jose A
Corrections Chair...Patrick C
CPC Chir...Michael M
CPC Co-Chair, Span...Santiago S
DCM School...Scott R
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Finance Committee Chair...Joseph M
Grapevine Chair...Kimberli A
La Viña Chair...Angela R
GSR School...John H
GSR School, Spanish... Paco G
Literature Chair...tdb
Literature Co-Chair, Spanish ...tdb
Public Information Chair...Kay M
Public Info., Sp...Francisco D
Registration...David T
Special Needs Chair...tdb
Special Needs Co-Chair, Spanish....tdb
Treatment Facilities Chair...Al F

Sound Dude... Raul C
Coffee person...Mauricio T

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