



The Mid Southern California Area 9 Newsletter

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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.

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Visitors from New Zealand

In early June, 2010, a special visitation request came to the MSCA Area 09 Archives Committee members, Doug B and me, from a friend of ours, Diana F of Auckland, New Zealand. The New Zealand GSO Manager and Conference Chair and his friend wanted to visit our MSCA 09 Archives Repository on their way to the 2010 AA International Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

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Delegate's Corner

We arrived in San Antonio, Texas on the warm, steamy afternoon of Sunday, June 27th, after a two-day drive from our home in Costa Mesa. The weather report predicted the possibility that hurricane Alex, lurking about in the Gulf of Mexico, might drop a significant amount of rain on San Antonio by Tuesday and throughout the week. Jim and I have attended five previous International AA conventions, none of which had been affected by a hurricane that we could recall....

We arrived several days early to attend the Past Delegates' Reunion, which, on convention years, takes place a few days before the convention begins.

We strolled up the Riverwalk to the first lock. Meandering through the city, the Riverwalk affords tourists and locals an interlude of tranquil strolls, healthful exercise, and water taxi transportation and tour opportunities.... The afternoon temperature was only in the 80s...not so bad.

The presentations at the Past Delegates' Reunion were inspiring and moving...they included a panel entitled "Life After Rotation" with sharing from five past trustees and past delegates; "AA Around the World" by past delegates and trustees from Germany, Japan, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and South Africa; "GSO Service Highlights" moderated by a past GSO General Manager and sharing from four past GSO staff members.

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Public Information to take on 400,000 People

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Concept 8 – Oversight Versus Over-Management

Concept 8 (Short Form) *The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.*

Continuing in the vein of Concepts 6 and 7, this Concept further defines the role of the General Service Board. Ever aware of the continuing danger to our Fellowship of the unchecked quest for money and authority, Bill W. writes in his essay on Concept 8, "**However, experience**

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Anonymity and the Internet (aka Digital Age)

I was thinking about this the other day and how anonymity online affects a lot of us in Alcoholics Anonymous. For me personally, this hits home. Many of my AA friends know I sell online advertising for a living. As part of my job I elect to be part of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter as some of my client's use

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And lastly, and certainly a highlight, was excellent sharing from a past Class A Trustee and a past Delegate from California.

In addition to the convention itself and the Past Delegates' Reunion, we also attended the Past Trustees Banquet (I tagged along after Jim and am honored to be included in this wonderful group of dedicated and loving trusted servants) and the Delegates' Luncheon, where each of us join with other members of our own panel. At one point I went searching for the Panel 42 table to say hello to Jim. As I found 47 and then 43, I said sort of to anyone nearby, "It looks like I may be close to finding my husband." From one of the tables came the response, "Today may be your lucky day!"

People started pouring into town on Thursday and green-shirted volunteers could be spotted everywhere giving directions, offering help and smiles and support. It rained off and on, but the hurricane had dissipated and I didn't see any serious effect on the general good spirits of the convention.

Our GSO General Manager announced later in the weekend that there were over 52,000 of us who registered for the convention.... Bars all over town were deserted (unlike in some other cities where the bars have rallied and served coffee, sandwiches, and soft drinks with big "Welcome AA" signs)...but there were long lines outside ice cream parlors and pizza stands. People greeted each other with smiles and handshakes and hugs... many struggling to speak and understand a wide variety of languages.

I thought I saw my mother one afternoon, hurrying ahead of me in the crowd...and how I wish it could have been. My beautiful, intelligent and funny mother was an alcoholic...one who never found AA and never got sober. She died of an intentional overdose of drugs and alcohol in February of 1978 in her home where I found her body, kneeling over the coffee table with her empty coffee cup still wet with whiskey in her hand. She would, I believe, have loved AA, although she would have had trouble with the "God" thing, as have I...but I know that, as I have, she would have found that the phrase "god is love" has deep and profound resonance in AA.

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Although I didn't see my mother (who would now be well over 100 years old) in person in San Antonio, I saw her in every single sober woman...and man, for that matter....

They say that 10% of the population of the United States, and maybe the world, are possibly alcoholics...and the World Health Organization has named alcoholism as the leading health problem in the world. We are part of a just, loving and significant social cause, as well as a personal, life-saving journey.

International Conventions remind me that there are deep and abiding common interests and common understandings that can transcend all the other "important" differences we squabble, argue, fight and kill over. How much is a resentment worth?

There is much to be done and we, in the Mid-Southern California Area 09, can do much, much more than we already are...I hope all who attended the International Convention are inspired, as I am, to focus our sights, projects, and programs on how we can better carry our message ("having [] a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps") to the alcoholics in our area who still suffer and drink.

It has been estimated, from our own surveys, that there are approximately 48,000 recovering alcoholics in our area. 10% of the population of seven million, is 700,000, less 48,000 of us, equals **652,000 alcoholics**. Do they all know about us? Where are they? How can we reach them? What are we doing to let them know who we are and what our program is? Are we reaching enough professionals? Seniors? Remote communities? People with special needs? Those who speak other languages? Different cultural backgrounds?

Alcoholism is a chronic, progressive, fatal disease...each one of the people I saw on the streets of San Antonio last weekend is a walking miracle... I am so grateful to be part of this fellowship and to be serving with you, here in Mid-Southern California Area 09!

Thank you!
Linda C.

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Diana F had visited our old archives repository located at the old Brockton Avenue address in Riverside, California, which was in 2005 after she had attended the 2005 AA International Convention in Toronto, Canada. The Archives Committee members gathered all the information needed to prepare for their impending visit. Roger S, the current 2010 New Zealand GSO Manager and Conference Chair and I started communicating with each other via e-mail to set a date for him and his friend, Peter, to visit our Area Archives. I gave them my mobile phone number so they could contact me. I sent e-mail messages to our Area Delegate and Area Officers about this special New Zealand Fellowship visitation to our Area Archives.

Roger and Peter were flying into Los Angeles for a few days stop over to meet other Fellowship friends and meet up with Diana F and Doug B. June 29th, 2010,(Tuesday) was the set date for me to pick-up Roger and Peter from their hotel in Los Angeles and bring them to our Area Archives Repository in Riverside.. The trip to the Archives became interesting with each of us exchanging our Sobriety birthday and our experience, strength and hope during each individual's AA journey and general service work. Peter was going to celebrate 21 years of Sobriety at the International Convention on the 4th of July this year. Roger was intrigued with our highway system and how it interconnected with other highways. Upon arriving at the Archives, I introduced Roger and Peter to Pete B, our Area Archivist, and his wife, Patti. Pete B began their tour with our Area mission and the purpose of maintaining the MSCA Area 09 Archives. Later on, my New Zealand friend, Diana F, arrived with other Archive committee members. Roger, Peter, and Diana were amazed at our library, displays, collections, meeting and movie room, data basing and our whole facility. Cesar F, our Area Alternate Delegate, and Paco G, District 24 Spanish archivist, also, got a chance to meet our three special New Zealand guests. ... continued top of next column

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Roger S just couldn't believe the amount of general service and archival work that our Area Archives Committee members have done to maintain an Area Archives Repository. Roger's questions on archives and the purpose of maintaining AA and Area General Service History and documents were all answered by Pete B and me. We also gave them committee guidelines, group history forms, archival coding, and other documents that his GSO Archivist can use to assist them with their New Zealand GSO

Archives. But most important, we got their New Zealand GSO Archivist, Chris W's e-mail address so we could continue to communicate and assist her as much as possible with their Archives. Towards the end of the day, we all sat down for pizza and fellowship. Roger and I took plenty of photos, exchanged Area 09 and New Zealand pins, and exchanged e-mail addresses to keep in contact with each other. I was humble and truly grateful to meet Roger and Peter and most of all, to establish new Fellowship friends from another country. This meeting with them adds another chapter in my AA journey.

Joseph H., MSCA Area 09 Archives Chair

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Give your districts and committees the widest distribution of your needs, activities and events. Have them published here in your Area 09 Newsletter.

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dating from our earliest days strongly suggests that future Trustees and service workers, in the supposed interests of accounting simplicity, tax savings, and hoped-for efficiency, will be periodically tempted to go in for concentrations and consolidations of one kind or another. Should this be again attempted, we know that the risk of making an administrative shambles out of the total operation will be great indeed". Throughout the essay on Concept 8 Bill reinforces the idea that the best style of management for a business is, well, a type of business management. This Concept grants oversight of the two corporations wholly owned by A.A. – Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, (AAWS) and the Grapevine, Inc. directly to the General Service Board. It also instructs that the Board of Trustees should not and cannot be directly involved in the daily, weekly and monthly management of these two corporations. They are granted the power to elect the Directors of the corporations, (subject to approval by the General Service Conference), after which, the Trustees are instructed to "plan, manage and execute" their own duties and leave the management of the two corporations to the responsible boards.

As much as any other principle, this Concept has been directly responsible for allowing the entities of A.A. that are involved in business matters to manage those business affairs without constant second-guessing, (but, as you would expect, this still goes on, somewhat) and allows the Groups to tend to the matters of 12th Step work. This is where the material is truly separated from the spiritual. Now the real reason this Concept works is found in the next Concept – Concept 9. I'll give you a hint – Concept 9 deals with Leadership.

A member of A.A. in Orange County

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This is the first time that the Intergroup and General Service structure have partnered together to staff and host such an event in this area. The purpose of the community booth is to let interested people get information about AA for themselves or for a 'FRIEND'. The booth will be staffed with volunteers from throughout the Southern California area willing and eager to be involved in this type of service work.

English and Spanish literature is available for distribution along with an assortment of AA books. Meeting Directories will be on hand for those that need them. The more literature that gets picked up off the table and taken home the more successful the booth is. The literature that is used for this event is a direct result of your home group contributing to the different service structures of AA through the 7th tradition.

Volunteers are still need for this event. Shifts are 3-4 hours in length and run from Friday September 3 at 5:00pm until Sunday September 5 at 10:00pm. If you want to be of service and have 6 months of sobriety and a desire to spread the message of AA to the general public please send me your name and phone number and time available. Call the OC Central office @ 714-456-4555 and leave this information. Thanks for your assistance and look forward to having some of you stop by the booth during the street fair.

Alex N., CPC District 5

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these sites to promote their businesses. For social media networking, I have two Facebook accounts (one for work, one for personal). Reason, I don't want work acquaintances to know about my personal life and try very diligently to protect my anonymity. This isn't always easy.

I know a lot of us in AA are members of Facebook. I personally have 161 friends on my Facebook account that are members of AA and only one of them is on Twitter that I'm aware of. I'm not bragging that I have a lot of friends on Facebook but I have a lot to be concerned about as to how to protect my personal anonymity. Tradition 11 states that "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films." Perhaps this should be extended to digital too, I don't know, that is for AA to decide.

So what do we do to protect our own personal anonymity online? I will share a bit of what I do to try to protect my anonymity. With potential employers searching social networking sites prior to employing them we should take this very seriously. Did you know that if you Google search your name that all of your groups that you are a part of on Facebook or fans of have the potential to come up? This has happened to me. What if you were a Fan of Bill W. or Alcoholics Anonymous? Or even the group that has Serenity Gifts? To me, this being made available for all to see along with your first and last name is scary to me. We are not always given the opportunity to defend ourselves, many who possibly read this will jump to judgment and never ask us personally questions about their findings.

I make sure my privacy settings are set accordingly on Facebook. I try not to post anything AA related on my status updates. I never join any type of group or page that has anything to do with AA, it doesn't mean I'm not a proud member, just don't want potential clients, future employers, etc. to know this about me. Instead they will find out that I like Green Day, Coldplay, 80s music, Farmville, etc. Also, I don't publicly post pictures or videos of others without their consent.. How many times have we attended AA birthday parties, events, or even AA related round ups or conventions and posted pictures of people, tagged them on Facebook and posted. Did you get their consent?

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Another thing I will do is set my privacy settings and hide those friends of mine that post A LOT of information about AA on their status updates. For example, one of my friends posts first and last names of people that are speaking at AA meetings. They don't post that it is an AA meeting but this leaves room for questions. Another one talks about meetings continuously and sobriety. I have had some of my non AA friends comment and ask "what is a friend of Bill W, etc. I will usually email these people personally and explain. I will also email the person that posts on my wall something related to AA and say that I am anonymous to several friends on Facebook and please do not post anything publicly regarding AA on my wall.

Another thing that I do as Secretary of Mid Southern California Area 9 with regards to email distribution. I will bcc everyone that I am forwarding a mass email to. All too often we forget that a lot of us do not want our email to show up on forwarded emails. This opens up your email address for spam and potential viruses. I am extremely diligent on this for Area 9 business and try to do this with my personal emails too such as forwarding jokes, prayer requests, etc.

Finally, what about You Tube? You Tube is the 2nd largest search engine next to Google. Just search Alcoholics Anonymous on You Tube. You will find a series of talks from Chuck C. at UCLA, people openly speaking about AA etc. Don't get me wrong, You Tube is a great venue for PSA's and AA.org has an account "aapublicinfo". Unfortunately, these PSA's have only been viewed 7,314 times. Then again it is "attraction" rather than "promotion".

I think a lot more discussion and loving conversation needs to be brought to the forefront on this and am hopeful that Area 9 will come up with some brilliant ideas on how we can combat this growing concern in the AA community. By all means, please feel free to share this with your groups if you think it will be helpful or ask me any questions. I had a lot of fun writing this article and hope some of you find it useful.

Movie Night

Movies will be shown at the MCSA Archives, on the schedule shown below. Doors open at 7 pm with the movie starting at 7:30 pm. The cost is free. Bring lawn chairs or chaise lounges and enjoy a classic Hollywood movie about alcoholism and recovery. Refreshments will be available.

The Archives is located at 7111-B Arlington, Riverside CA 90503 in the Riverside Airpark, next to the Riverside Airport. For more information, call (951) 785-0845.

2010 MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

All dates are Saturday

Leaving Las Vegas (1998)	Aug. 21
When a Man Loves A Woman (1994)	Sep. 18
Come Fill the Cup – (1951)	Oct. 16
Dark – Call for Private Screening	Nov. 20
Dark – Call for Private Screening	Dec. 18

My Two Sponsors

by Nancy R

Like most of us who serve AA in General service work, I have two sponsors. One is my program sponsor, and she helps me work the steps in my program of recovery. The other is my service sponsor. He helps me be of service as a GSR and in other General service positions that I temporarily fill. He helps me understand the 12 traditions and the 12 concepts, and how they help protect AA so that it will be there for future generations of alcoholics. He helps me to see how to adhere to these principals as I go about the daily business of fulfilling my General Service positions (a task that I find every bit as daunting as using the steps in all my daily affairs!). I am very grateful to both of my sponsors and all the experience, strength and hope they share with me.

From the AA Grapevine Board of Directors

The AA Grapevine Board of Directors is seeking candidates for the position of Publisher of the A.A. Grapevine. Candidates for this position should be A.A. Members with at least six (6) years of sobriety who have the qualifications listed below.

- * 10 or more years experience in a senior leadership/management publishing position; with experience in electronic and print distribution.
- * Corporate board experience
- * Service experience in A.A.
- * Strong communication and presentation skills; written and oral
- * Financial acumen
- * Undergraduate degree or higher

Interested members may forward their resume and any questions regarding the position to:

Ken B., Chairperson
Grapevine Board of Directors
KemB@aagrapevine.org
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1040
New York, NY 10115

Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.

Tradition 8

Our A.A. experience has taught us that: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

What is the difference between Assemblies and ASCs?

Assemblies: GSRs vote

First ASC after each Assembly: *The ASC members will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them.*

Second ASC after each Assembly: *ASC members will vote on which proposals to put on the agenda for the next Assembly (for GSRs to vote on).*

What's the Purpose of an ASC?

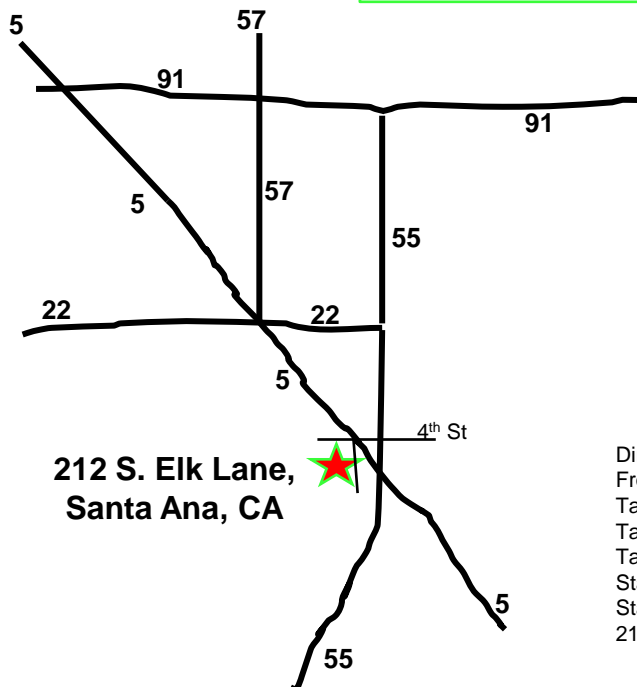
1. Identifying, defining, and discussing Area, District and Group problems and issues.
2. Obtaining the consensus of each District and its Groups.
3. Acting as an advisory Committee to the Assembly, Executive Committee and Delegate.
4. Establishing The agenda for the next assembly

Who are the ASC Members?

The MSCA ASC is made up of Area Officers, DCMC's, past Delegates, Alternate DCMC's, DCM's, other District Officer's, Standing and Coordinate Committee Chairs and Cochairs.

August 8 (Sunday), **ASC (District 7) Santa Ana Elks Lodge,**
212 So. Elk Lane,
Santa Ana 92701

ASC members will vote on which proposals to put on the agenda for the next Assembly (for GSRs to vote on).



Directions from the North:

Take the 57 south toward Santa Ana.
Merge onto the I-5 S via the exit on the left toward Santa Ana. Drive 3.3 miles.
Take the Fourth St. Exit, Exit 104A, toward First St.
Ramp becomes Mabury St.
Stay straight to go onto S. Elk Lane
212 S Elk Lane is on the right.

Directions from Riverside:

Take the 91 W. Merge onto CA-55 S. via Exit 34 on the left toward Newport Beach. Drive 6.9 miles
Turn right onto E. 4th St.
Take the Fourth St. exit, Exit 11B toward Irvine Blvd. Drive 0.3 miles.
Turn right onto E 4th St. Drive 0.6 miles.
Turn left onto Mabury St.. Drive 0.2 mi.
Stay straight to go onto S. Elk Lane
212 S Elk Lane is on the right.

Directions from the South:

From the intersection of the 5 and the 55:
Take I-5 N . Drive 0.9 miles.
Take the Fourth St. exit, Exit 103 C, toward First St.
Take the ramp toward First Street
Stay straight to go onto Mabury St.
Stay straight to go onto S. Elk Lane
212 S Elk Lane is on the right.

AA's Little Known Event (Regional Forum)

I am writing this article because it was brought to my attention how little was known about the Pacific Regional Forum. As you are aware or maybe not that for the first time ever the Regional Forum is being hosted by MSCA Area 09 in Torrance at the Torrance Marriott on Friday Aug 27 thru Sunday Aug 29th. I have the honor and privilege to serve as the Area Host Contact and my wife Linda H. is serving as the Greeter Chair with Pat C. past Alt DCMC from District 1 Area 09 as the Registration Chair. Any questions about this weekend of Love thru Service feel free to contact me at 310 872-7009 or any other member of the current Area Panel 60 officers/ directors. You can also contact the Regional Forum staff person at GSO or through aa.org. Remember to please registrar for this weekend so our General Service Office can know how many people to expect to attend. Plenty of Hotel Rooms are still available at \$139.00 per night plus tax contact the hotel directly at 1-800 228-9290 and please mention 2010 PACIFIC Regional Forum. The cost to registrar for this event is nothing since Regional Forums are a budgeted items in GSO,s budget that is approved every year, so the AA groups when they send a contribution to GSO they have already paid for this event so this truly falls under the concept of self-support.

The program starts at 7pm Friday the 27th and ends at 11 am on Sunday the 29th of August. Some highlights are presentations by the General Service Board and Staff along with A.A. Grapevine, a skit on Saturday and workshops on Saturday night from 7pm to 10pm and a self-supporting Ice Cream Social at 10pm to 11pm on Saturday the 28th.

Lastly if not the most important part of the weekend is the general sharing sessions which will be 5 in number, with the focus being on the first time attendees' getting to the microphone to share or ask that question that you have been dying to ask for years but have for whatever reason have not been able to ask. Example of a question that would fall into this classification is it okay for a past delegate to serve as a DCMC some ten years after serving as a delegate to the General Service Conference. Of course I could give you my opinion on this question but is it not better to hear it from a staff person or trustee since they have lot of experience with questions like this and others.

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All the first time attendees also will be given a ½ hour orientation from 6.30pm to 7pm on Friday, so get there early and sign in and meet drunks from all over the west from Alaska to Hawaii to Utah to New York and Canada. These are AA members who have been saved from the depths of alcoholism and have a love affair with AA. Meet these neighbors and see how they do AA all over the United States and Canada and acquire lifelong friends like I have made since attending my first Regional Forum in 1998 in Sacramento California.

Ever since Jack Norris, past chairperson of the General Service, came up with the idea of what is now known as Regional Forums, AA members have been having these sharing weekends 3 or 4 times a year all over the United States and Canada. Come and join us for what might be a experience of a lifetime, and it's a perfect time since we just had that big sober party in San Antonio over the 4th of July. Maybe you could not make Texas ... well here is a chance to get a feel of what it was like without the crowds or the sultry heat. Yes I have been promised from the weather God that the weather will be 75 degrees and no rain, if that does not happen see me and I will apologize for him. I would like now to debunk the notion that this event is just for those general service fanatics, well that is the farthest from the truth. In some ways the opposite could be said this event is more for the regular AA member than anyone involved in general service. That AA member who has heard this is the person who we are trying to reach out to attend because we serve all of AA not just those involved in General Service. Yes there will be those involved in General Service, Central Service and H&I there, so come and meet them and thank them for their service and they will thank you for being that sponsor or sponsee or whatever service position you have because the highest position we get in AA is AA member.

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When I first attended that forum in 1998 in Sacramento I had some preconceived ideas and since then those ideas have disappeared and I hope you will come to love the regional forum like I have over the years. For those of you not familiar with the hotel or the surrounding area there is a least 20 or 25 places to eat within walking distance, including PF Changs and Lucilles Rib Joint see Linda our greeter chair for a list of these places, also bring those credit cards and do some shopping in one of largest malls in the world across the street. At this time I would like to thank all the members of AA who have volunteered either to greet or work at the registration table. I especially would like to give a shout out to my Spanish speaking friends who have agreed to provide translation at the workshops or where needed in the main sessions, those non-Spanish speaking members who attend take a few seconds to thank these dedicated members. Lastly I would like to thank all my fellow Panel 56 and 57 delegates who had a enough faith in Area 09 that they voted to have this forum in Torrance. In closing without the faith and love of my wife Linda who was there when there was a few bumps in the road leading to August 27-29th, I am sure I would not have able to get this far in these hosting duties. Come down to Torrance and join use for a truly grateful weekend of love and service. Lastly come by and say hello to me because this event is kind of the last time I will get to met those of you I have had the honor to serve over the years. Look for me the guy who will be running around like a chicken with his head cut off.

Love thru Service Bruce H.

**Aug 27-29 –
Pacific Regional Forum**
Torrance Marriot ,
3635 Fashion Way,
Torrance CA 90503

Registration is free

Program starts 7 pm Friday
And ends at 11 am Sunday

5 General Sharing Sessions

Regional Forum - Pacific

Torrance, California — August 27-29, 2010

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the Pacific Regional Forum to be held during the weekend of August 27-29, 2010 at the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel, Torrance, CA. Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staffs will be present at the Forum to share experience, respond to questions and hear suggestions. It will be a weekend of lively participation for all concerned.

Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2010. The opening session will start at 7:00 p.m. Friday and the Forum will close at noon on Sunday, August 29, 2010. There is no registration fee for the Forum.

You may register online at our Web Site: www.aa.org. All persons registering online must include their full name and postal address. Online registrations must be received before Monday, **August 23, 2010** in order to be processed. If you miss the deadline, we welcome on-site registration. It is not necessary to call G.S.O. to pre-register; advance registration simply helps our planning. Hotel reservations at the Torrance Marriott South Bay can be made by phone: (800) 228-9290. Be sure to indicate Pacific Regional Forum when you call. For the special room rate, you must register no later than Friday, **July 23, 2010**. You can also go to the Forums portal on www.aa.org where there is a link to hotel reservation for the Pacific Regional Forum. Please note that the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel does not accept hotel reservation forms by mail.

If you wish a particular topic to be presented and discussed on the floor or at one of the workshops during the weekend, feel free to send your ideas via e-mail to regionalforums@aa.org.

There will be simultaneous translation available from English to Spanish. We want all A.A. members to be able to participate regardless of language.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Torrance.

Sincerely yours,
Eva S.,
Regional Forums Coordinator
E-mail:regionalforums@aa.org

Ward B. Ewing
General Service Board Chairperson

Upcoming Events

Date - Event:

August 8- Sunday - ASC (District 7) – Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 So. Elk Lane, Santa Ana 92701

Aug 27-29 - Pacific Regional Forum, Torrance Marriot , 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance CA 90503

Sept 12 - Sunday – Assembly (GSRs vote) (District 20)

October 10- Sunday - ASC (District 4) -

Oct 24- Sunday - Heritage Day (District 6)

Nov 14 - Sunday - Servathon (District 12)

Dec 12- Sunday - ASC (District 19)

Schedule

for most MSCA Assemblies/ASCs

9:30 am....GSR School, Delegate's Rpt

10:15 am..... Committee Meetings

11:30 am... Lunch

12 noon ... ASC or Assembly mtg

Panel 60 Area Officers

Linda C., Delegate

Cesar F., Alternate Delegate

Jeryl T., Chairpers

Sharon K., Secretary

Joseph M., Treasurer

Michael M., Registrar

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 60 Area Standing Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, et al.

Archives Chair... Joseph H

CEC Chair... Doug W

Communications Committee Chair...Jesus O

 Newsletter Subcommittee Chair...Joe B

 Layout Editor...Nancy R

 Electronic Media Sub-Committee Chair...Nick M

 Web Coordinator...Becky B

 Equipment Subcommittee Chair...Al W

 Translation Subcommittee Chair...

Convention Liaison... Bob D

Convention Liaison, Span... tbd

Corrections Chair... Alex O

CPC Chair... Bill G

CPC Co-Chair, Span... Martin G

DCM School... Terry S

DCM School Spanish ... tbd

Finance Committee Chair... Jim B

Grapevine Chair... Doug M

La Viña Chair... Mauricio T

GSR School... David B

GSR School, Spanish... Renaldo A

Literature Chair... Ernesto M

Literature Co-Chair, Spanish ... tbd

Public Information Chair... Keith S

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