

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.

Re: 2010 General Conference Theme:

“Our Commitment to Carry A.A.’s Message—Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action”

Inspired by the Conference theme, the following presentations/discussion topics will be addressed at the 2010 General Service Conference in New York this April. The discussion topics have been modified to be useful to us in our group/ district/ committee/assembly work.

A Suggestion: Topic discussion and/or presentations at Area or Intergroup meetings or even topics or sharing at recovery meetings on any or some of the following:

- A. Practicing these principles in all our “service” affairs:
 1. What is the difference between General Service and service in general?
 2. Love and tolerance is our code.
 3. Setting an example—attraction to service.
- B. Unity through inventory:
 1. Our common welfare should come first
 2. This we owe to A.A.’s future
 3. What happens after inventory?
- C. General Service event agenda selection process:
 1. How it works
 2. Collective participation
 3. Communication—The key to an informed decision

Delegate’s Corner

A few snippets from recent Emails:

“Who chooses the Conference Agenda items to be discussed at your Area pre-conference assembly....”

“Here is the roster of all the Pacific Region delegates (59 and 60)....”

“What does your area call your pre-conference event....”

“The hourly slots for hosting the Pacific Region Hospitality suite at the International Convention in San Antonio will be selected at PRAASA....”

“The Workbook is up on the website....”

“I’ve looked all over and can’t find that telephone number...have you asked Nick....”

“The mystery has been solved. There’s a typo in the GSO report. It should have read ‘cash receipts ...declined’...not ‘cash requests ...declined’....”

“Happy New Year....”

“Would you be my step sponsor....”

“Just a heads up: there’s a new type of Malware on the market....”

“I haven’t got my packet yet from GSO...do you have yours....”

“Can we post the Forum flyer with a Class A Trustee’s last name....”

“Up late, aren’t we....”

“...here’s the first part of the report for Sunday in Spanish...”

“... our Area has a strong remote communities coordinator. We elected to fund this position several years ago and have watched it change tremendously....”

“I’m truly looking forward to seeing Jim and you in San Antonio....”

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Why Do We Need a Conference?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:

"We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life.

"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

"We need it to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

Tradition 2 (long form)

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

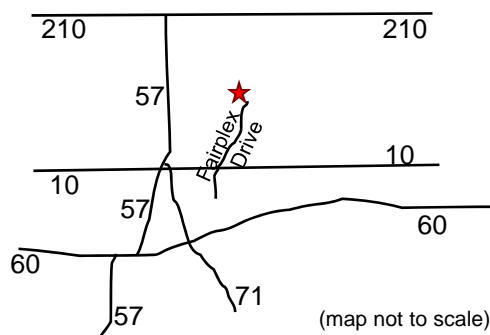
For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Four DMC Sharing Session

Feb. 20, Sunday, Church Fellowship Hall,
2425 E. Street, La Verne, 91750
Registration & Donuts at 9:30 A.M.
Program Runs From 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

The 4 Area DCM Sharing Session gives DCMs from Areas 5, 8, 9 and 93 an opportunity to share service information and experiences. All past, present and future DCMs, DCMCs and alternates are invited. Come join us and profit from rich diversities of Southern California General Service.

**Featuring: : ► Round Tables (Spanish Translation @ Each) ► Speaker: Jim W. (Past DCM / Area 5 Delegate)
► Lunch Provided ► Hosted by Area 5 Southern California Area Assembly**



Directions from the west, from the I-10:
Take the Fairplex Drive exit, Exit 43. Drive 0.2 mi
Turn Left (north) onto Fairplex Dr.. Drive 1.2 mi.
Turn left to stay on Fairplex Dr.. Drive 0.3 mi.
Turn right to stay on Fairplex Dr.. Drive 0.9 mi
Stay straight to go onto E St.. Drive 0.3 mi.
2425 E St is on the left.

From east, I-10 exit #46/Towne Ave. go right, 1st left on E. La Verne Ave. 1.2 mi., left on W. Arrow Hwy 0.8 mi., rt. on E St.

On 210E, Exit Foothill Bl., 3rd Rt. on Wheeler Ave, L on Bonita Ave, L on E St.

Concept 2

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

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"Madeleine, you never cease to amaze! Where the heck do you find the energy...."

"Do you have any information regarding the 2010 Southern California Convention..."

"Please take a minute and explain what the gsr is to the area and the groups..."

From Linda C., Panel 60 Delegate

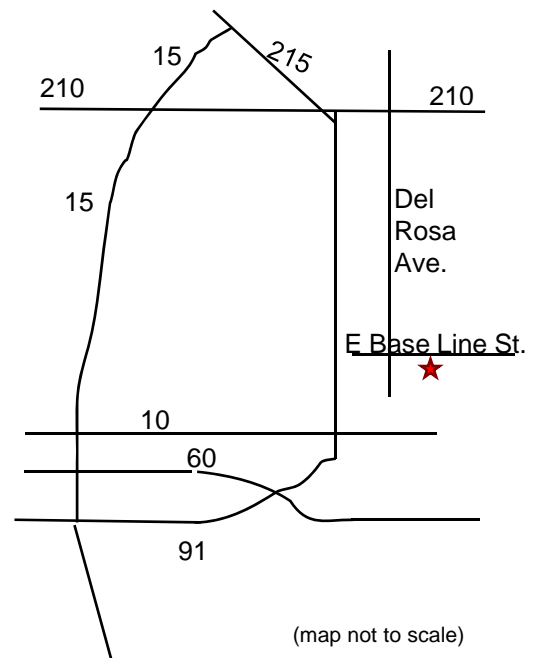
PLEASE TAKE NOTE

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

ASC, Feb. 14

Knights of Columbus
1729 E. Baseline Street
San Bernardino, CA 92404

Directions from the 210 in San Bernadino
Take the DEL ROSA AVENUE exit south
Turn RIGHT onto DEL ROSA AVE. Drive 0.8 mi.
Turn LEFT onto E BASE LINE ST. Drive 0.2 mi.
1729 E BASE LINE ST is on the RIGHT



PRAASA 2010

The 43rd Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
"Practicing A.A.'s Principles—the Pathway to Unity"
March 5 - 7, 2010
<http://www.praasa.org>
Radisson Hotel at Los Angeles Airport (LAX)
6225 W. Century Blvd. (Corner of Century/Sepulveda)
Los Angeles, California 90045

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., Alt. Delegate
Jeryl T., Chairperson
Sharon K., Secretary
Joseph M., Treasurer
Michael M., Registrar

Upcoming Events

Date - Event:

Feb 14 - Sunday - ASC (District 25),
Knights of Columbus, 1729 E. Baseline Street, San Bernardino, CA 92404
Feb. 20, Sunday, Four DMC Sharing Session, Church Fellowship Hall, 2425 E. Street, La Verne, 91750
March 5, 6 & 7 - PRAASA 2010 - Radisson Hotel at LAX, 6225 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045 (more info on www.praasa.org)
March 14 - ASC (District 22) -
April 11 - Sunday - Pre-Conference Workshop (District 1)
(TBA) **April - Archives Open House** -
May 16 - Sunday - Assembly (District 15) -
June 13- Sunday - ASC (District 10) -
July 1-4- International Convention - San Antonio, TX
July 11- Sunday - Foro (District 21 and 3) -
August 8- Sunday - ASC (District 7) -
Aug 27-29 - Pacific Regional Forum, Torrance Marriot , 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance CA 90503
Sept 12 - Sunday - Assembly (District 20)
October 10- Sunday - ASC (District 4) -
Oct 24- Sunday - Heritage Day (District 8)
Nov 14 - Sunday - Servathon (District 12)
Dec 12- Sunday - ASC (District 19)

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... tbd

Communications Committee Chair... Jesus O
Newsletter Subcommittee Chair... Joe B
Layout Editor... Nancy R
Electronic Media Sub-Committee Chair... Henry B
Web Coordinator... Becky B
Equipment Subcommittee Chair... Al W
Translation Subcommittee Chair... Santiago S

Convention Liaison... Bob D
Convention Liaison, Span... tbd
Corrections Chair... Alex O
CPC Chair... Bill G
CPC Co-Chair, Span... Martin G
DCM School... tbd
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
Public Info., Sp... .. Marcelo C
Registration Chair... Devon F
Special Needs Chair... Scott R
Special Needs Co-Chair, Spanish... tbd
Treatment Facilities Chair... John O

Archivist... Pete B
Coffee person... Paco G
Regional Forum (2010) Coordinator... Bruce H
Sound Dude... Leandro L & Raul C

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