



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.

November 2011

American Sign Language Meeting

Well, I took the Special Needs position in my district, which had been open for many years. I figured, "How much can there be to do?" After reading the job description, at the next district business meeting I quickly explained, as best as I could, what the Special Needs position IS, and I gave the Registrar and GSR's my name and contact info. The Intergroup Liaison gave my number to our local Central Office.

About three months later I got a call asking for a meeting for the deaf. I had a little awareness of deaf culture, as my EC roommate graduated with a deaf studies degree. I began to investigate and found that there were no meetings being conducted in ASL (American Sign Language) anywhere locally.

The only interpreted meetings I found were three speaker meetings being held in the Greater Los Angeles area (with an approximate population of 20 million people).

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Presentation at the July 2011 Board Weekend: "Carrying the Message to Native Americans"

My name is Rod, I am a grateful alcoholic. It is my honor and privilege to serve as the Pacific Regional Trustee on the General Service Board. I have been sober 27 years and been involved in General Service work for about 23 of those years.

I am Dineh, a full-blooded Navajo, born on the Navajo Reservation, Tuba City, which is in Arizona and is the largest reservation in size and population in the nation. Parts of it are in Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. I was raised in northern Utah.

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Delegate's Corner

November: Traditions and Gratitude

It has become customary in A.A. to acknowledge the month of November as a time to focus on our 12 Traditions and the concept of Gratitude.

Traditions

I am a cheerleader for the long version of the Traditions. Heresy or not, I think it was a mistake to edit them into what we now call the Short Form (and officially accepted form). I love the detail and explicit explanation in the longer form.

I'm sure you're familiar with them, but I always like to take time to re-read them...old friends always bring new perspective with each meeting:

Our AA experience has taught us that:

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority -- a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience.

Our membership ought to include all who suffer alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought AA membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group.

With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted.

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And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation [now the General Service Board]. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose -- that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Problems of money, property and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to AA should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An AA group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to AA such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. The management of these special facilities should be the sole responsibility of those people, whether AA's or not, who financially support the. For our clubs, we prefer AA managers. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside AA -- and medically supervised. An AA group may cooperate with anyone, but should bind itself to no one.

The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous; that acceptance of large gifts from any source or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever is usually unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fee or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those full-time services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But personal Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.

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Each AA group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is usually the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the larger group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central committee, which often employs a full time secretary. The trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation are, in effect, our general service committee. They are the custodians of our AA Tradition and the receivers of voluntary AA contributions by which they maintain AA general Headquarters and our general secretary at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal publication, the AA Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in AA are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

No AA group or members should ever, in such a way as to implicate AA, 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.

Our relations with the outside world should be characterized by modesty and anonymity. We think AA ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

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 truly humble modesty. 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.

Gratitude, Thankfulness, Appreciation.

I heard at a meeting in my early sobriety: "You get to keep everything you're grateful for and you will have to lose everything you're proud of." I discovered that it isn't a mistake that the list of character defects in the 12x12 begins with Pride.

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Whenever I have had the courage to choose gratitude at any given time in my day, my life, my perspective shifts, dramatically, and I believe I am in the "right" place, the "right" situation, and even with the "right" people. I can immerse myself in gratitude any time I choose...not that it's always easy to remember to choose to be grateful! As my years in sobriety mount up, as I continue to learn the art of our way of life, it has become more frequent and easier...and the result has been the peace of mind I want above all else.

Albert Schweitzer said, *"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."*

It is with deep and abiding gratitude that I thank those who brought Alcoholics Anonymous into being, those who care enough about its future to continue to interest themselves in the process, and to each person I have met in my journey of sobriety for the lessons offered.

At the end of one of Bill W.'s introductory talks about his newly formed Traditions, he said:

"To sum up: For thousands of alcoholics yet to come, AA does have an answer. But there is one condition. We must, at all costs, preserve our essential unity; it must be made unbreakably secure. Without permanent unity there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. Hence our future absolutely depends upon the creation and observance of a sound group Tradition. First things will always need to be first; humility before success, and unity before fame."

I wish us all a November filled with gratitude and appreciation.

"LA VIÑA"

The La Viña Rep and the Service Structure:

LVRs are encouraged to participate in service events such as area assemblies, state, national and international conventions, Grapevine and La Viña meetings/events, etc ... etc....We could keep on mentioning endless events in which we could participate and would never end. However, I'd like to discuss something wonderful that happened on July 30th and 31st, 2011 in Bakersfield, Ca. The place where we celebrated the 15th anniversary of our Spanish magazine "La Viña", an idea that was conceived at the 2010 Regional Forum held in Torrance, Ca. Area 09 hosted the event and it was a great privilege for our area and great honor for La Viña: who would have thought that such a simple idea would become something historic.

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The idea was to do something in order to increase subscriptions to our magazine and also to encourage participation in its 15th. Anniversary event. An idea is just that; an idea but AA has developed enormously from small and big ideas like this one. At first there were only 2 areas that were interested in carrying out this plan and they met in the city of Santa Ana. That day the La Vina Committee at District 20 along with the Area Committee and other Spanish district committees carried out a story writing workshop. It's worth mentioning that in this workshop we put together 36 stories, enough material to publish a few magazines. (Many of which; have now been published in La Vina) Out of this event came two interesting projects 1) the approval for district 20th to have an annual writing workshop in October and have that be reflected in the La Vina comite guidelines and 2) Area 09 and area 06 agreed on a joint effort to form 15th. and the first ever La Viña Anniversary Organizing Committee in California. Therefore, they met on October 30, 2010 in order to light the torch that would become such an event.

Later on, other areas got involved because they thought it was a great idea. They were excited about participating in different ways to bring about the best event possible. In addition, someone came up with the plan to have writing workshops in all places where we got together to plan the event and it worked. At first, we did not know which way to go but over the course of these meetings we began have a plan. Some areas requested that the committee bring information to area meetings and that's what we did. First, in Bakersfield, then Sacramento, followed by Las Vegas, Oregon and San Diego and we also provided information by phone, snail mail, email and we even designed a webpage. The webpage can be viewed at: (www.LVaniversario.org).

Before choosing the location for the event we discussed the ways to fund it. We then decided that we needed voluntary contributions from the groups and we began promoting it with contribution coupons. Were distributed coupons everywhere we could and the response was immediate, the support we needed and the contributions came started coming in. Initially, we had on a few expenses and that's how we handled them. This put us on the path to would become the 15th Anniversary of La Viña. I believe

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I took my Special Needs Service Workbook, which has an ASL translation of Chapter Five, and read the beginning of it during my monthly report to our district meeting. One of the brand new GSR's that night, a gentleman with 17 years sober, came up to me and made me aware he is nearly fluent in ASL!

Months passed and I felt guilty that I was not doing more in my job as Special Needs. I was spurred on by all the district board members when they told me how moved they were by the ASL translation of that reading.

At that point I decided to start a local meeting conducted in ASL so that deaf alcoholics would have a place to share in their language! I found a place and set a time for the regular weekly meeting and the other GSR fluent in ASL made the flyer. This gave us only two weeks to get the word out. He brought 30 flyers to our district meeting and I am not sure I would have had the courage to release them, but I ran late that night and by the time I got there, everyone already had one in hand, so the word was out!

Over the next few days it was being announced in meetings all over the district, and I did not even have one deaf person that I knew was going to attend! I had a pamphlet for deaf resources which listed 25 churches that had services translated into ASL, so I emailed all of them a copy of the flyer, and also asked our District Registrar that it be forwarded to the Area mailing list.

The night of the first meeting twenty people showed up; some deaf and some ASL fluent with deaf family members. We also received support from outside our District. I was the only one in the room that night who did not sign much.

We elected officers and had a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. The second meeting was only about ten people, and that meeting was conducted entirely in ASL! Yes, they had formed a group and hopefully Providence will continue to shine on them!

Alan F.

"Carrying the Message to Native Americans" ... continued from p.1, col. 1

I have been asked to share on "Carrying the Message to Native Americans." I think that it would be fair to say that this is a topic we know that ten minutes is simply not enough time for, so I hope that this sharing can begin some thoughtful reflection that could lead to more understanding and hopefully leading to sobriety for Native People and for all people.

First some demographics from "Working with American Indian/Alaskan Native Clients: Perspectives for Practitioners" to start with: There are 555 Federal and State recognized tribes, 208 not recognized; alcoholism rates 579% greater, suicide 212% greater, homicide 41% greater than national rates. About 2/3 of native people live off the reservation. The life expectancy is 59 years old. Poverty rate is three times the national average; 1/3 of all outpatient visits to Indian Public Health Services were related to substance abuse; and in the top ten leading causes of death, four are directly connected to alcoholism: accidents, cirrhosis, homicides and suicides.

I believe that in fulfilling this responsibility of "carrying the message to Native Americans" it is helpful to understand as much as possible about the culture, tradition, and history of Native people. This can be a very challenging undertaking, especially when you consider that there are over 500 tribes on the North American continent. This could mean over 500 different languages, 500 different philosophies and 500 different belief systems, trying to understand all of that can be overwhelming.

Perhaps it would be easier to start with beliefs that are common to all Tribes such as their belief in the connection with Mother Earth and that each tribe manifests those beliefs in ceremony and tradition. I have three writings that exemplify some of these beliefs in the Mother Earth connection:

First: We should understand well that all things are the works of the Great Spirit. "We should know that He is within all things: the trees, the grasses, the rivers, the mountains and all the four legged animals, and the winged peoples; and even more important, we should understand that He is also above all these things and peoples. When we do

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understand all this deeply in our hearts, then we will fear, and love and know the Great Spirit, and then we will be and act and live as He intends."
Black Elk Manderson, S. D. (The Sacred Pipe)

Second: *"All Things are interrelated and an equal part of the whole, that we are like drops of rain which will one day return to the ocean, that we are like candles lit by the fire of the sun, forever part of it."* - Steve Wall & Harvey Arden 1990 (Wisdom Keepers)

And Third: *"...everything on the earth has a purpose, every disease an herb to cure it, and every person a mission. This is the Indian theory of existence."* ~Mourning Dove, Salish, 1888-1936

Another important commonality is the literal translation of the names for many tribes. That is, the name of the tribe usually translates to the Human Beings, Us, or The People.

For instance Dineh means the People and the original name for the Cherokee (tsis tsis tsas) means the Human Beings. This leads to another factor of understanding that may help in carrying the message to Natives: how some cultural beliefs are similar to the principles of AA, such as the way tribes believe in taking care of the safety and welfare of the People, of each tribal member; this is similar to the AA principle and I paraphrase *"a fellowship of men and women, who help other men and women to recover from alcoholism."*

Many tribal leaders are asked to consider this question when making a decision for their people's future, *"How will this affect the tribe for the next seven generations?"* This is similar to the question asked at the GSC, *"How will this affect the newcomer? How will this affect the future of AA?"*

I want to remind you about what happened at the board weekend last year during the introductions. I introduced myself in this way, *"I would like to introduce myself the same way when attending a sweat lodge. My name is Rod, I am of the Dineh tribe, I am a full blooded Navajo, My mother is of the Towering Rock clan and my father is of the Edgewater clan."* Then I said, *"This is probably the first time words like this have been spoken in this setting."* I chose this way to introduce myself as a way of bringing these two circles together, because I believe both circles are about healing and joy.

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I want to share with you a reading by Black Elk, a medicine man for the Teton Dakota. He was born in the moon of the Popping Trees (December) 1863. He was related to the great chief, Crazy Horse. He knew Sitting Bull and was at the Battle of the Little Big Horn. This writing comes from his dictated autobiography in 1931. It is about the importance of the circle and how fundamental it is in Native philosophy. I hope it may help in understanding how profound I believe it is to join these two circles:

"You have noticed that everything an Indian does is in a circle, and that is because, the Power of the World always works in a circle, and everything tries to be round... Everything the Power of the World does is in a circle. The sky is round and I have heard that the Earth is round like a ball and so are the stars. The Wind, in its greatest power, whirls. Birds make their nest in circles, for theirs is the same religion as ours. The Sun comes forth and goes down in a circle. The moon does the same, and both are round. Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing and always come back to where they were. The life of a man is a circle from childhood to childhood and so it is in everything where power moves. Our tipis were round like the nests of birds and these were always set in a circle, the nation's hoop, a nest of many nests where the Great Spirit meant for us to hatch our children."

Another factor to be mindful about are the barriers in Carrying the Message to Native Americans. One of the biggest is the way many Indian people have suffered from discrimination, bias and racism, on an individual basis, from other groups, from the government and from society. Some members of AA may believe that this is an outside issue and yet I believe whatever may get in the way of any newcomer's sobriety is relevant to our twelfth step work. The painful, tragic history of Indian peoples (some have even called it genocide) will need to be considered. It isn't as important whether you believe that or not; what is important is that you are mindful of that history and then hopefully become more empathic and understanding of how that history can affect a Native person now, today; how it can affect their ability to stay sober, let alone sober in AA.

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The Trail of Tears of the Cherokee, the Long Walk of the Navajos were both forced relocations of these tribes and are symbolic of what all tribes went through as they lost their lands and their way of living. The confiscation of lands sometimes through treaties that some tribal leaders signed under the influence of alcohol resulted in much distrust of this dominant society and contributed to a basic distrust of white people that may have led to the native belief that this is a white man's program and not for Indian people.

Imagine your bottoms, remember the fear, frustration, anger. Maybe you were suicidal. Now imagine that for a whole race of people, believing that for three or four centuries.

I believe that an understanding and awareness of these issues can be helpful in carrying the message to the Native Americans. I believe it is very important to keep in mind that as we do our 12th step work that respect and honor translate and transcends any language or culture.

In 1999, there was a special Forum in Window Rock, AZ on the Navajo Reservation. I remember there was a Native gentleman who told of his struggles to stay sober and for many years he was unable to. The medicine man told him that alcoholism is a white man's disease and requires a white man's cure. Years later he came to believe that the medicine man was talking about A.A.

I was born on the Navajo Reservation, but raised in the Salt Lake City area away from my culture, language and tradition. When I started drinking and during the whole time I drank, I didn't care about any of that. It wasn't until I started getting sober that I began to think about those things and saw how important they are for me. Many natives have their culture first then AA. I had AA first then my culture and I am still learning. I began to see how devastating alcoholism has been to Indian people and to me personally. This understanding of my culture and tradition has enhanced my sobriety and Alcoholics Anonymous has enhanced my culture and tradition.

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I want to end with two readings that show the similar miracle of sobriety for two different people, one a man and one a woman, one Caucasian and one native, one recently and one over 70 years ago.

First: *"My life is filled with honesty today. ...I am In love and proud to be a Native American. At an AA meeting on an Indian Reservation, I heard the words 'Sobriety is traditional.' I stand at the top of the Sacred Mountain and I listen to the wind. I have a conscious daily contact with my Creator today, and He loves me."* From the story "Listening to the Wind" Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 458

Second: *"I felt lifted up, as though the great clean wind of a mountain top blew through and through. God comes to most men gradually, but His impact on me was sudden and profound."* Bill W. Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 14

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that the most valuable benefit of this event was the fact that the areas that were unaware La Vina were now getting plenty of information and the areas that had no idea about putting on a writing workshop were also given the tools. We learned a great deal through the process. As a result, members who had never been subscribed to La Vina were now subscribing and it was very exciting to see all this. Something that personally gave me a great spiritual fulfillment was the fact that an AA group in San Francisco bought 36 subscriptions and that was the whole membership of the group. This showed me that in AA, if I am willing the only thing that prevents this kind of participation is the lack of information and communication.... The days passed and the great day we all had been waiting for also came. Two days before the event we had close to 500 new subscriptions to La Vina. We had received so many blessings and the event had yet begun. The work had paid off and the 12 areas that were involved were very happy and grateful.

Saturday, July 30th, 2011 was a very exciting day and we had great results as well. The speakers scheduled to share that day are very knowledgeable of our history and they are especially very knowledgeable about "La Quinceanera" (Our Sweet Fifteen Year Old); That

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Concept 11– Who Really Does the Work

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

Okay, if you tried to read the above text in one breath, and have now regained consciousness from the oxygen-deprived state which that would have brought about, let's take another approach. Simply stated, (a) the General Service Board of Trustees should take great care in selecting the people who will compose the service boards and committees and those people who will be employed at the General Service Office and the A.A. Grapevine, and (b) where these people are employed, they should be paid commensurate with the requirements of their job.

In Bill W's essay on this Concept, he relates that the people we employ at the General Service Office and the A.A. Grapevine will always be the first line of communications and direct service to the Fellowship, in essence they will be the "face of Worldwide A.A. service". If you have ever met any of these staff people from G.S.O., you probably agree that we are fortunate to have these committed employees working for us. And how about those 13 staff positions that require that the employee be a recovering alcoholic – wow, can you imagine the application!

That's it. Simple, huh?

A member of A.A. in Orange County.

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is what Jim Estelle (trustee emeritus) called La Vina for when he was president of the GSO Board he supported the idea of having a Spanish magazine and here we were 15 years later. Wow, very, very exciting! We had laughter and joy but there were also tears. The experience was complete and it had come to an end. In the end we had 806 new subscribers, more than 350 personal stories that came about during the planning stages of this event. The next hosting area for the 16th Anniversary Celebration came out of the hat was area 92 Eastern Washington. We will have more information later for this area... In the mean time you are all invited to the Second Writing Workshop the District 20 La Vina Committee to be held at 1754 S. Main St., Santa Ana, CA. 92707 on October 29, 2011 starting at 9:00 am. Contact information is (714) 658-1013.

Thank you

Leandro C.

MSCA-09 - 2012 Meeting Calendar

Event	Month	Date	District
Assembly	Jan	8	5
ASC	Feb	12	23
ASC	Mar	11	15
Pre-Conference	Apr	15	24
Assembly	May	20	1
ASC	Jun	10	22
Foro	Jul	8	20 & 18
ASC	Aug	12	10
Assembly	Sept	9	6
ASC	Oct	14	12
Servathon	Nov	11	21
ASC	Dec	9	7

Tradition 11 (Long Form)

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Looking for Thinkers!

I don't know about you, but my days are busy. Sobriety has added much joy to my routine. I find great pleasure in my work, friends, meetings and sponsees. General Service has taught me the value of having and fulfilling commitments. On the days I find less joy I know I will still find a lesson within. As much as I love General Service, the last thing I want to add to my life is yet another meeting. However, our Area Chair asked me to join a "think tank" to look into making an application for a new delegate area.

A group, then their district, feels our area is too large with too many groups to be represented by a single Delegate and panel of officers. They approached the area with their concerns and the think tank was born. The meeting began with an overview of concerns from the Group's GSR, an overview of the process to apply for an additional delegate area, and questions. Then we began to talk, sharing our experiences in the area asking why don't more Groups want to participate in General Service? Where is the excitement of spending time in a car having the meetings before and after the General Service meetings? Is there something we

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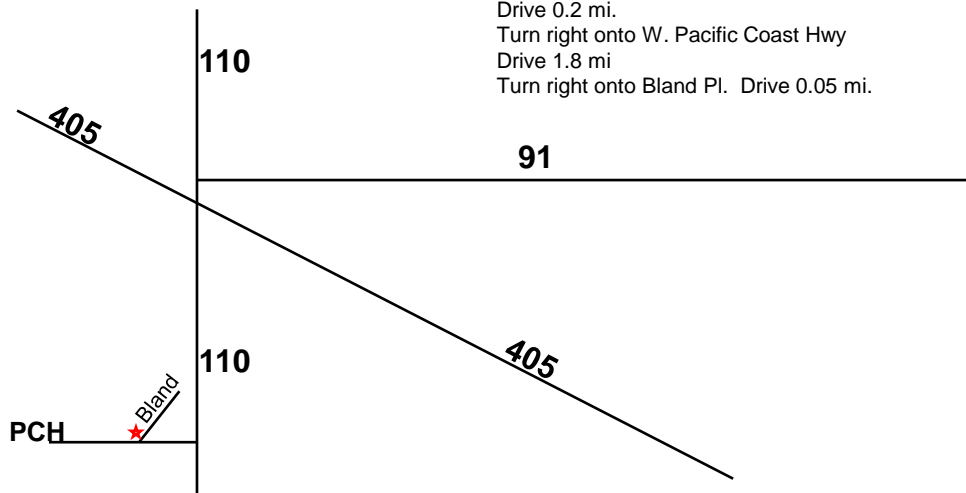
as an area could be doing to increase participation by the Groups that have more GSRs? How can we better retain the GSRs we do have? Do the Groups feel their voice is important to the future running of AA? The excitement began to build in the room. What had begun as a polite conversation grew into interest, excitement in the process, ideas of growth and self improvement for the Area.

We are a long way from taking the steps to decide if we make application for an additional delegate area but I know I'm looking forward to the next meeting to be held at the Area Archive Repository on October 29 at 1PM. Something as important as this needs lots of different voices with varying opinions from all corners of our Area. Why not each District make a commitment to send a representative with the District's voice to this committee. All you can change is our Area's future path. Come join us, all are welcome.

Marita
District 09
Coachella Valley

**Nov. 6 – Sunday – Servathon,
Angels Gate Masonic Lodge,
25725 Bland Pl, Lomita, CA 90717**

From the East:
Take the 91 W to I-110 S.
Merge onto the I-110 S via EXIT 6 toward San Pedro.
Drive 6.3 mi
Take the Pacific Coast Hwy/CA-1 exit, Exit 4.
Drive 0.2 mi.
Turn right onto W. Pacific Coast Hwy
Drive 1.8 mi
Turn right onto Bland Pl. Drive 0.05 mi.



Nov 20 - Sunday - Area Service Committee

(ASC) District 4,

Veteran's Park, 101 E. 28th St.,
Long Beach

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)*

Directions From the East:

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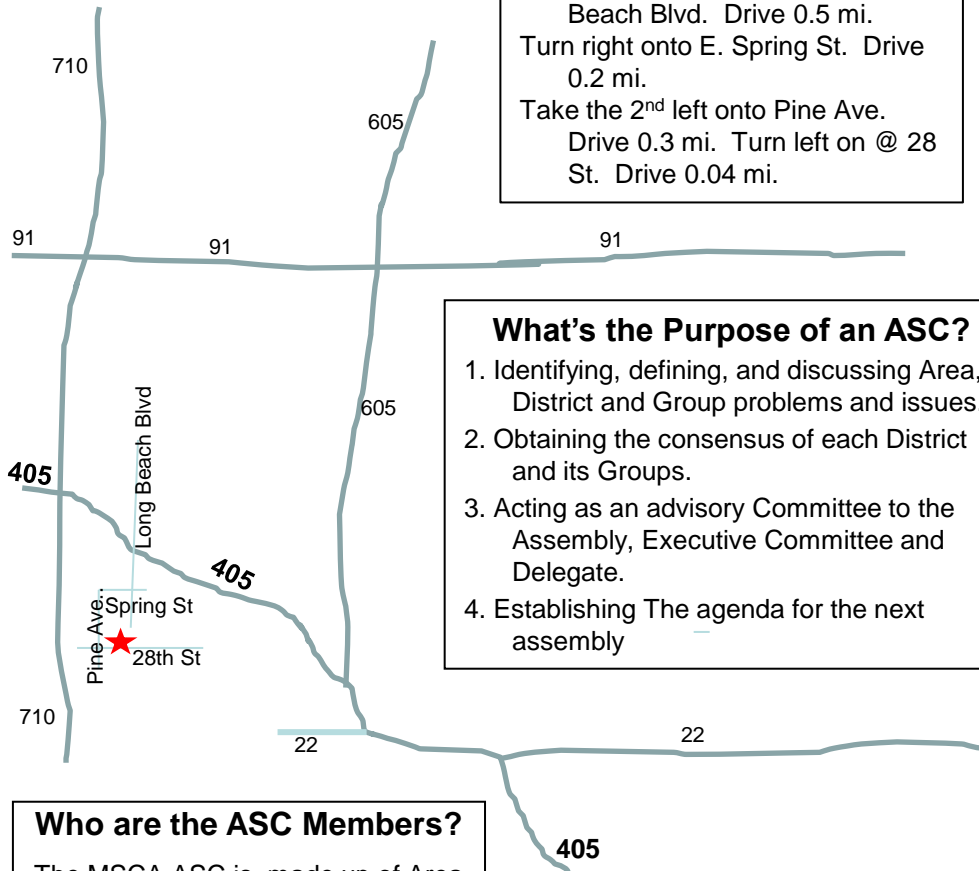
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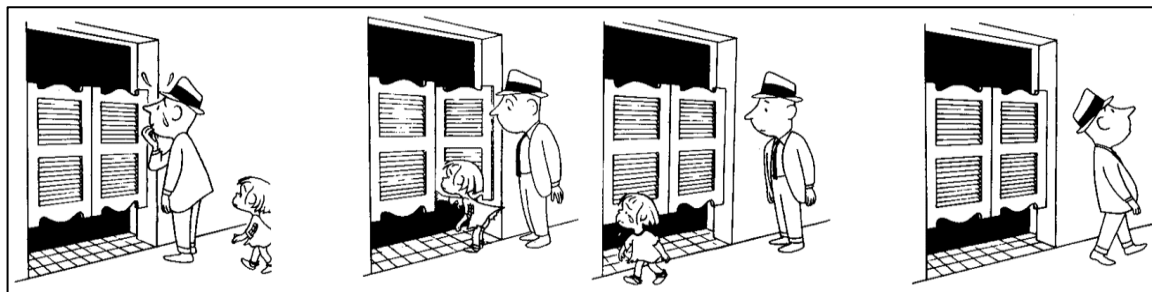


What's the Purpose of an ASC?

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.



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Schedule for most MSCA Assemblies/ASCs

9:00 am....Delegate's Sharing*
 10:15 am..... GSR School, and
 Committee Meetings
 11:30 am... Lunch
 12 noon ... ASC or Assembly meeting

* Please note that The Delegate's Sharing now goes from 9:00 to 10:00 and the GSR School and committees start their meetings at 10:15

Upcoming Events

Date - Event:

Nov. 6 – Sunday – Servathon, Angels Gate Masonic Lodge, 25725 Bland Pl, Lomita, CA 90717
 Nov 20 - Sunday - Area Service Committee (ASC) District 4, Veterans Park - 101 E. 28th Street, Long Beach, CA
 Dec. 11 - Sunday - Area Service Committee (ASC) District 30

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