

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.

International SOS Conference

(1st Annual International Sober-Over-Sixty Conference)

From May 18 – 21, 2006, the First International Sober-Over-Sixty (SOS) Conference will be held in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. The Theme of the conference will be “serenity not senility” – carrying the message to seniors. The conference will be open to all ages, and is tentatively scheduled to include a Resource Review, Panel & Workshops, Speaker, AA Speaker Meeting, 2 “Sober-Over-Sixty Meetings, a Spiritual Meeting, a “What’s on Your Mind” meeting. In addition, several entertainment and “Hawaii fun” activities are tentatively scheduled. More information (and a registration packet) will be posted on the MSCA website on the “Cooperating with the Elderly Community” Committee page (msca09aa.org/CEC.html).

Final Report, General Service Conference... It’s Here!

The Final Report of the 55th annual meeting of the General Service Conference has been published in English and was distributed to the districts at the Aug. 14 ASC meeting. Spanish versions are expected by mid September. Be sure to get one from your DCMC.

Tradition 9 (long form)

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

Each A. A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Minutes & Agendas of Past Assemblies & ASCs now on website

If you want to remind yourself of what happened at a prior MSCA Assembly ASC or, you can now find the minutes (and agendas) of those past meetings on the MSCA website. They are listed at the bottom of the Event Calendar page.

Spanish-Speaking Central Offices are now listed on our MSCA website

Our Area 9 Spanish-Speaking Central Offices very happily gave us permission to list them on our MSCA website, and their locations and phone numbers can now be found on the Spanish side of the MSCA website under “Para encontrar una reunión del AA” . This should be a great help to those looking on the internet for local AA meetings/information in Spanish.

PRAASA 2006 info on their Website

If you need more information on the Mar. 2006 Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA), as it becomes available, you can find it on their website: praasa.org. (note that the mention of the praasa.org website in this newsletter does not imply any endorsement, approval or oversight of the site by the MSCA. This information is provided only as information to our readers.)

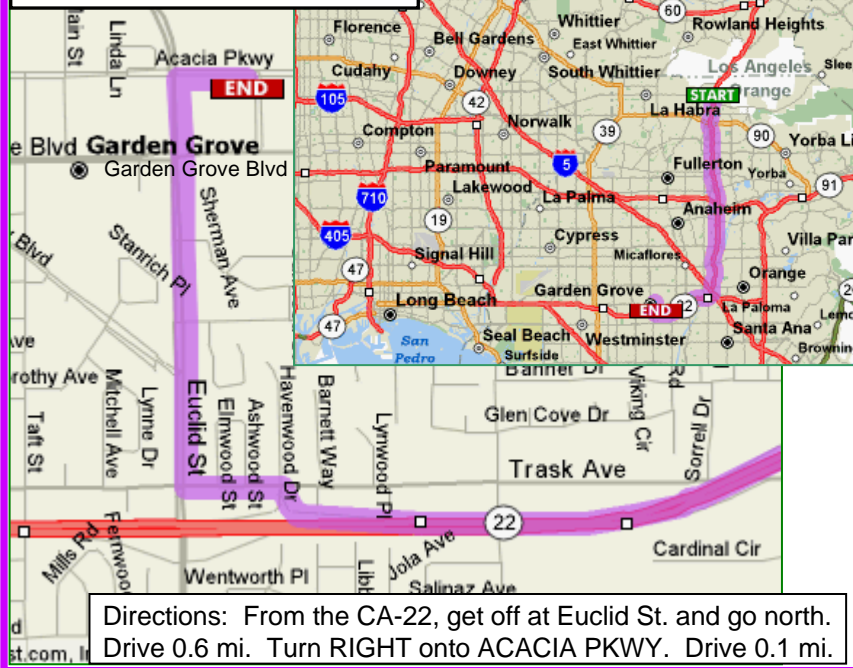
Design Contest

"Put your creative energy to work!!! Submit an entry for the 2006 MSCA Workbook Cover Design Contest sponsored by the MSCA Literature Committee. The winner will receive a healthy dose of gratitude, spiritual satisfaction and recognition in next year's Workbook! Please send your entries by Oct. 15th to Craig S., Chair of the MSCA Literature Committee.

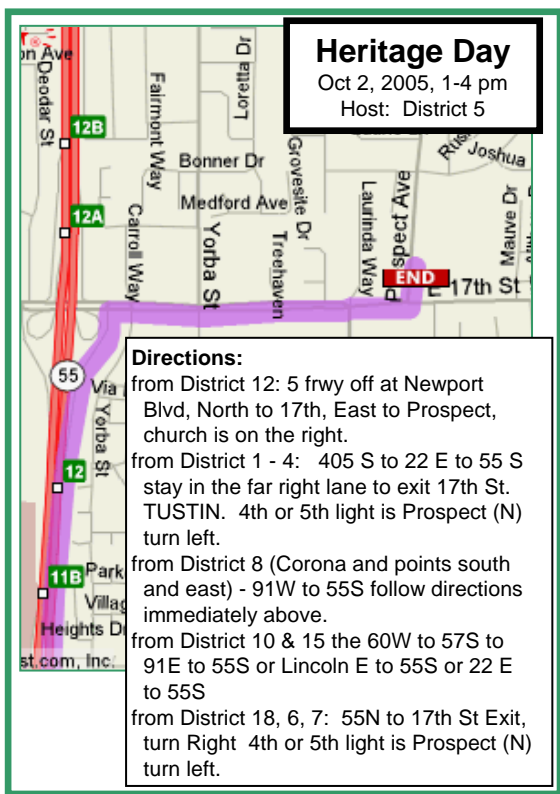
Concept 9 (long form)

Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders of A.A., must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Nov. 13 ASC Meeting,
Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia
Pkwy, Garden Grove, 92840



Heritage Day
Oct 2, 2005, 1-4 pm
Host: District 5



Directions:
from District 12: 5 frwy off at Newport Blvd, North to 17th, East to Prospect, church is on the right.
from District 1 - 4: 405 S to 22 E to 55 S stay in the far right lane to exit 17th St. TUSTIN. 4th or 5th light is Prospect (N) turn left.
from District 8 (Corona and points south and east) - 91W to 55S follow directions immediately above.
from District 10 & 15 the 60W to 57S to 91E to 55S or Lincoln E to 55S or 22 E to 55S
from District 18, 6, 7: 55N to 17th St Exit, turn Right 4th or 5th light is Prospect (N) turn left.

Directions: From the CA-22, get off at Euclid St. and go north. Drive 0.6 mi. Turn RIGHT onto ACACIA PKWY. Drive 0.1 mi.

Treasurer Workshop ... Sponsored by District 4, Oct. 1 (Saturday)

“How To” talk from three view points – Central Office, Area Finance Chair and Your Group:

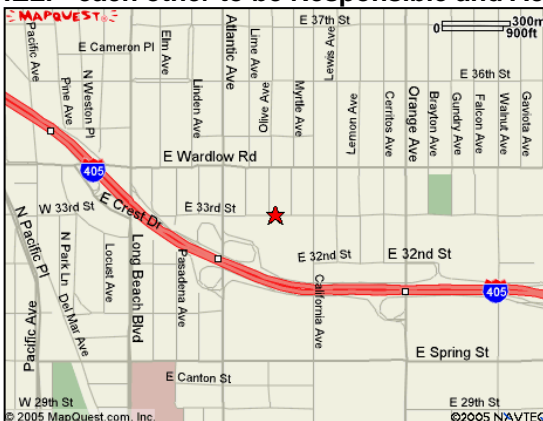
- How do we know about “bare running expenses” and “prudent reserves”?
- How do meetings format and “keep the books”? (Bring examples to share!)
- How do we keep it simple? (Banking, signatures on checks, paying bills, etc?)
- How are “voluntary contributions” done by meetings? (Group conscience?)
- How much and where should the contributions go? (Percentages?)
- How do you find out what your “Group Number” is? (An important point?)

CONCEPT of the 7th TRADITION: We Are Self-Supporting Through Our Own Contributions.

All who wish to help and to learn about being of Service are Welcome!!
Spirituality in our Material World..
Come and share your experience with others on our Tradition 7 of Self-Support.

DATE: Saturday – October 1st, 2005
TIME: 9:00am to 11:00am (Set-up 8:30am and Clean-up 11:00am)
(Coffee and Donuts!!)
PLACE: MWA, 835 East 33rd Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755 (Signal Hill is in the Long Beach area)
PARKING: Please park in the MWA lot, 33rd Street or West end of Target. (Do not park on Myrtle Ave [Permit Only], nor by Emerald Metals as you may be ticketed or towed, or both.)

Everyone is welcome to come to **LEARN** from and **HELP** each other to be Responsible and Accountable



FREEWAY for those coming from the NORTH to the South:
710 South, towards Long Beach, as you will need to be on the 405 South to
405 South
Exit Atlantic --- NORTH (not South)
Left at the top of the ramp onto Atlantic
(This will take you back over top of the freeway on Atlantic - headed North.)
Right at 33rd Street Light
Left at Myrtle Ave.
Left into MWA Parking Lot

FREEWAY for those coming from the SOUTH to the North:
405 North
Exit Atlantic --- NORTH (not South)
Right at the top of the ramp (You will be on Atlantic - headed North.)
Right at 33rd Street Light
Left at Myrtle Ave.
Left into MWA Parking Lot

Proposals (to be voted on at Sep.11 MSCA Assembly)

On Aug. 14, 2005, the MSC ASC voted to put the following proposals on the Sep.11 Assembly agenda.
(Note that GSRs and other MSCA Assembly members will discuss and vote on these proposals at the Sep. 11 Assembly.)

- 1. 2006 MSCA Meeting Schedule** (Bruce H)...(Note: see the proposed schedule on last page of this newsletter)
- 2. New Area 09 Expense and Budget Policy** (Mike M)
- 3. Change the name of the MSCA "Correctional Facilities Committee" to "Corrections Committee"** (Alex N)
- 4. Modify the Newsletter Committee Guidelines to allow for the listing of Central Offices and other useful AA websites on the MSCA website.** (Nick M)

Specifics: Modify Article VIII, Heading E Section 4, sub-section b, Hyperlinks to Outside.

Old:

- b. "The MSCA will not include links to other AA group Web Sites, except as noted above, since we cannot monitor the content of acceptability of any other AA Group's Web Site."

New:

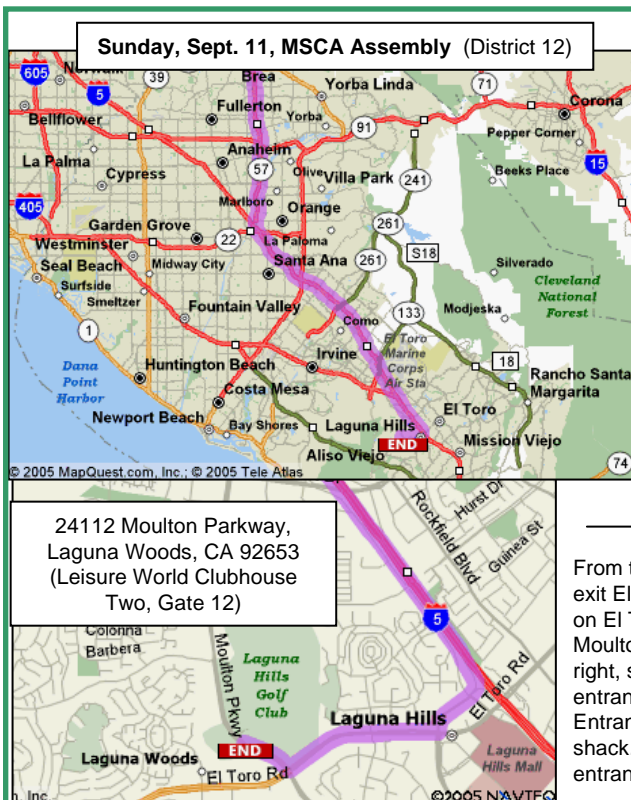
- b. "Web sites not covered in VIII.E.4.a above – for example, Central Offices and the PRAASA – may be added to the MSCA website, subsequent to approval by the EMSC, or the MSCA Assembly."

- 5. Modify the Newsletter Committee Guidelines to assign general responsibility for the content of the MSCA website.** (Nick M)

Specifics: Add Article VIII, Heading E, Section 3, sub-section e

- e. General responsibility for content of the MSCA website shall be retained by the EMSC acting as a deliberative body. This assignment of responsibility is in keeping with the Right of Decision outlined in Concept 3, service responsibility matched by an equal service authority as outlined in Concept 10, and the guarantee that no members will ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over other members, as outlined in the Warranties of Concept 12. Regarding website content, the EMSC will be guided by the force of AA Tradition and the 12 Concepts of World Service. The MSCA Assembly shall retain final responsibility and ultimate authority for the content of the MSCA website.

- 6. Budget Override for Delegate Expenses at the 2005 International Convention** (Nancy J)
- 7. Budget Override for GSR School** (Felipe G)



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

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

The Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure and is the representative voice of the Fellowship expressing itself. It is the gathering of the GSR's and the ASC, which deliberates upon and enacts resolutions concerning service matters brought before it. Its responsibilities include:

1. Strengthening AA as a whole and carrying the AA message the best way possible in the MSCA.
2. Being an interim repository, through its GSR's, of the collective group conscience of the Area.
3. Seeking substantial unanimity in all important decisions.
4. Supporting the Area Officers, including a Delegate to the General Service Conference.

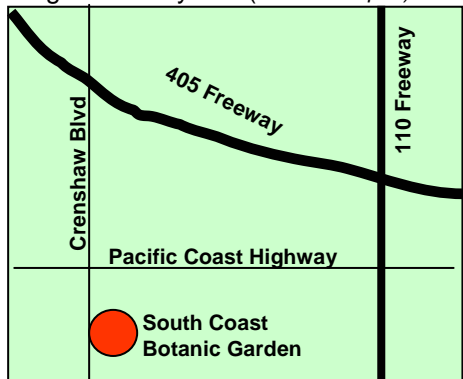
Assembly Membership includes the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, other Area Officers, all currently serving GSR's, DCMC's, Alternate DCMC's, DCM's, Alternate DCM's, other District Officers, and Standing and Coordinate Committee Chairs and Cochairs.

Election Assembly, Oct. 9, Sunday (Host: Dist. 1)
 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274
 (South Coast Botanic Garden)

All GSRs: Please come to this Assembly & help us elect the best service leaders possible to be officers of the MSCA for the 2006-2007 term Remember: "Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety."(from Concept 9)

Directions:

Take the San Diego Freeway (#405) to Crenshaw and turn South on Crenshaw, or
 Take the Harbor Freeway (#110) to Pacific Coast Highway. Go west on Pacific Coast Hwy. and turn south on Crenshaw Blvd.



NOT YET APPROVED

2006 MSCA Meeting Schedule

(to be reviewed for approval at the Sept. 11, '05 Assembly)

- Jan. 8 (Sun.) **Assembly (GSRs vote)** (hosted by District 23)
- Feb. 12 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (District 17)
- Mar. 12 (Sun) ASC Meeting (District 21)
- Apr. 9 (Sun.) Pre-Conference Workshop (Dist. 10)
- May 14 (Sun.) **Assembly (GSRs vote)** (Dist. 18)
- June 11 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (Dist.22)
- July 9 (Sun) Foro do MSCA (Districts 5 & 20)
- Aug. 13 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (Dist. 7)
- Sept. 10 (Sun.) **Assembly (GSRs vote)** (Dist. 4)
- Oct. 8 (Sun.) ASC Meeting (Dist. 24)
- Nov. 11 (Sat.) Servathon (Dist. 30)
- Dec.10 (Sun) ASC Meeting (Dist. 1)

To Be Voted on Sep.11

Being a GSR

Jim B, Area 09 GSR School Chair, will be giving an in depth presentation on being a General Service Representative.

These are just a few of the topics to be discussed:

- How and when to inform your group.
- What exactly to tell them.
- The ever important question, *how long* your report should be.

If you have been a GSR or have thought about being a GSR or would like to base your own judgment of a GSR then now is your chance. *Jim B. Will be at the District 8 Business Meeting on Wednesday September 21st @7pm.* Please come and get informed and meet some of us at Grand Terrace Community Center, 22130 Barton Rd, Grand Terrace, CA. We look forward to meeting you!

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 cochairs of the Standing committees are listed below.

Panel 54 Area Standing Committee Chairs, Cochairs, et al.

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| Archives Chair...Pete B | GSR School, Spanish...Felipe G |
| Archives Cochair...Ron E | Literature Chair...Craig S |
| CEC...Michael M | Literature Cochair, Spanish ...vacant |
| CPC...Maggie R | Treatment Facilities Chair...Patrick S |
| CPC Cochair, Spanish...Miguel M | Newsletter Chair...Nancy R |
| Convention Liaison...Jason S | Newsletter Cochair, Spanish...Jesus O |
| Convention Liaison, Spanish...Arturo F | Public Information Chair...Christine S |
| Correctional Facilities Chair...Alex N | Public Information, Spanish...Luciano P |
| DCM School...Phil L | Registration...Henry B |
| Electronic Media...Nick M | Special Needs Chair...Nancy B |
| Finance Chair...Mike M | Special Needs Cochair, Spanish...vacant |
| Grapevine Chair...Melissa B | |
| La Vina Chair...Raul C | Archivist...Charles K |
| GSR School...Jim B | Audio Equipment...Joseph M |

Panel 54 Area Officers

- Delegate: Nancy J, delegate@msca09aa.org
- Alt. Delegate: Carlos M, altdelegate@msca09aa.org
- Secretary: Cesar F, secretary@msca09aa.org,
- Treasurer: Joe B, treasurer@msca09aa.org
- Registrar: Linda H, registrar@msca09aa.org
- Chairperson: Bruce H, chair@msca09aa.org,

Upcoming Events

Sept. 11...**Assembly (GSRs vote at all Assemblies)** (Host: Dist. 12), 24112 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, CA 92653 (Leisure World Clubhouse Two)

Oct. 2..Heritage Day (Host: District 5), 13922 Prospect Ave. (17th & Prospect N), Santa Ana, 92705 (church), 1-4 pm

Oct. 9...Election **Assembly** (Host: Dist 1), 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274 (South Coast Botanic Garden). At this assembly, we will elect our 6 MSCA officers for the 2006-2007 two-year term.

Nov. 5...Servathon (Host: Dist. 14) 515 E. Kimball, Hemet (at a church)

Nov. 13...ASC (Area Service Committee) meeting (Host: Dist. 5), Masonic Lodge 11270 Acacia, Garden Grove CA 92840

Dec. 11...ASC (Host: Dist. 6)

March 3, 4 and 5, 2006... PRAASA, Warner Center Marriot, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. More information can be found on the praasa.org website (note that the mention of the praasa.org website in this newsletter does not imply any endorsement, approval or oversight of the site by the MSCA. This information is provided only as information to our readers.)

Schedule for most MSCA Assemblies (but NOT the Election Assembly)

- 9:30 am....GSR School
- 9:30 am....Delegate's Sharing Session
- 10:15 am....Committees meet
- 11:30 am....Lunch
- Noon until 3:30...main meeting (in which voting occurs)

*Note: GSRs vote at MSCA Assemblies, but not at ASC meetings.