

Minutes Area 69 Fall Assembly Sept 21-23 2007
Best Western landmark Inn Park City, Ut.

Welcome Andy B., Chair – with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and

Anonymity Statement. Welcomed newcomers to their first General Service Meeting. Introduced Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Traditions – Jim District 10

Affirmation for Area Treasurer – Nadine N voted into position.

Affirmation for Grapevine Chair – Sheryl T voted into position

Minutes of the 2007 Post Conference Assembly read by Sheri P Recording Secretary. Approved as read.

Financial Report read by Nadine N. Approved as read.

Proposed Budget Presentation – Nadine N., Approved Bridge the Gap – Utah \$250, Communication an increase of \$150.00, Literature an increase of \$200.

Reports from Past Events

Nat'l Bridge the Gap Workshop – Renae H. – I want to thank Area 69 for the opportunity to serve & participate in the BTGWW. Much heart and earnestness is brought to the table to not only carry 12 work, but to also improve the chances for a successful sober transition back into life. Approx 50-60 in attendance. Warren S., NY Treatment Facilities Desk, General Service Office gave a report on GSO. Saturday topic panel included members from CA, NV, NH & Ontario, Canada sharing on what work is being done in their Area. One panel consisted of three Treatment/Medical Professionals. Don West, PH.D, Director of Treatment at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Vermont talked about the struggle of recovery where medication and mental issues are involved. There are new drugs being used with some success in the treatment of Alcoholism in some patients, but it is unanimously recognized that a change of behavior and thinking is necessary to maintain separation from the addiction. There is where 12 Step Recovery program of AA is so widely welcomed as a means to improve lives. The panel also included Elena VanZandt, M. ED. LADC, and John Severinghaus M.D., Medical Director of Valley Vista in-patient substance dependence Treatment and Psychopharmacology. They each echoed one another in a request for AA members to make people coming out of treatment feel more welcomed in our meetings. Their patients have shared their feeling of being uncomfortable and not wanting to return. Warren S. shared his personal story in a speaker's meeting. Sunday's business meeting primarily dealt with forming proposed guidelines to carry out the responsibility of the BTGWW. An ad-hoc committee was formed to review and combine 2 separate submissions of guidelines presented to the BTGWW body, to be available for 2008 BTGWW hosted in Oakland, CA. There was discussion of revising the GSO pamphlet called Bridging the Gap, to include more understandable content. It is inspiring to me any time a number of people come together with cause and with passion to watch our Steps and Traditions work in concert to form such wonderful results in service. In love and service---Ranae H.

Pre Assembly Workshop – Walter C. – Thanks everyone for coming to Tooele. We enjoyed having you there. AA in Tooele is wanting to do more service because of the Pre-Assembly Workshop. I am returning funds of \$1700. The seed money was \$1500, so we are returning additional funds of \$202. There were approximately 75 members registered for this event.

Fall Workshop – Treesa J. – The Fall Workshop will be held in Rockville, Ut. Rockville is 2 miles from Springdale, which is the entrance to Zion National Park. Rockville is about 25 minutes from Hurricane, which also has Motels. The facility for the Workshop is now the community center for Rockville. Al Anon will use the old chapel, and we will use the recreation hall. Lunch will be served in the pavilion. Lunch is \$6.00. There are packets for districts 5,6, and 9 as well as extra flyers on the table. Also I have brought information booklets on the lodgings and restaurants in and around Zion's. This is a busy

weekend in Springdale. Please register early and reserve your rooms. Al Anon has requested a separate meeting on Saturday night. UCYPAA has requested to host a fun event. BINGO. In November you can drive into Zion's. There are golf courses in Hurricane at Sky Mountain or Coral Canyon. If you can come early, you can attend our Delegates home group. The Hurricane Firehouse meeting is on Friday Night at 8:00 PM in the basement of the Hurricane Museum, corner of State Street and Main Street. Hope to see you all there.

Area Committee Meeting – Vicky A for Anna B. – The Area Committee meeting will be on December 1, 2007, at the War memorial hall on Forest Street in Brigham City. The contract has been signed and the money paid. There are flyers available here that give directions to the event. There will also be flyers at the Area Workshop in November. Registration for this one day event is free. A flyer was e-mailed to Doug of Communications so it can be translated into Spanish. Flyers were also e-mailed to other Area Chair people. We have a committee in place to set up, clean up and take care of hospitality during the day. We hope to see you there. Thank you for letting me be of service Anna B

Assembly/Agenda Chair – Thom B.- Hello Family. There have been some things in my life that have kept my attention away from my service responsibilities, and for that I apologize. Within 6 weeks my last 2 grandparents passed on. My professional life is extremely busy due to it being Utah's other season ... construction. I am doing all I can to keep in touch with the upcoming event host committees, and do all I can when it comes to serving our Area as requested of me. Some times the phone and Internet are the only ways I can communicate, and "suit up and show up" when I am asked to be a part of the committees. I hope I have not dropped the ball when it comes to serving you, and as the seasons change, so will my ability to become more available improve. Thanks for the privilege of serving you.

Bid for 2008 Fall Assembly – Wade from District 2 bid, and Bruce from District 11 bid. District 11 won the bid.

Roll Call by Area Registrar – Charlie G. – In attendance were 6 Area Officers, 6 Area Standing Chairs, 5 Past Delegates, District 1 – 1 DCMC, 3 DCM, 5 GSR, 1 Stdg Chair- District 2 – 1 DCMC, 4 DCM, 3 GSR, 4 Stdg Chair – District 3 – 1 DCM, 6 GSR, 1 Stdg Chair – District 4 – None in attendance – District 5 – None in attendance – District 6 – 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District 7 – 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 3 GSR, 1 Stdg Chair – District 8 – 1 DCM, 1 GSR – District 9 – None in attendance – District 10 – 2 DCM, 15 GSR – District 11 – 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 1 GSR – District 12 – 1 DCMC, 2 GSR, 1 Stdg Chair – 8 Interested AA's. Total in Attendance 92.

Registrar – Charlie G. – We got back 9 mailings so keep sending the information to keep the Area Directory current. We still need to have everyone that has an email address to consider receiving their minutes, agenda & the rest of their mailings electronically to save the Area excess postage. Last mailing the e-mails totaled 83, but I do feel we can still improve that number. I visited District 12 and delivered Spanish Group change & New group forms. We will also be attending their upcoming event & help with a panel presentation. The FNV Database is coming along just fine. I received the updates for District 10 & they will be added to the FNV. There have been 5 new groups added & group numbers received. If you are a GSR & don't know your group number, please see me this weekend so you can use this for correspondence & to receive credit for your group contributions. I will be showing as apart of this report a brief presentation of the Fellowship New Vision so you can see what it looks like. This is not however the connection to the database, but a few saved pages from a previous session. I will be happy to answer any question you may have. If you would like me to give a Registration presentation in your District or just attend your meeting to answer questions please feel free to call or send an e-mail. There are some fliers here for PRAASA 2008. I have been doing a lot of research on flights to Anchorage, so see me if you would like me to share what I have found. My service sponsor tells me to make sure of my actions and that my motives are correct because you never know when or where you might be asked to participate. I feel you are all sponsoring me, and I hope my example might inspire you or show you how rewarding General Service can be and how it can improve every area of your life. Yours in Love & service always... Charlie G.

Delegate Report – Julie S – Copies were available.

District Reports

District 1 – Vicky A DCMC – Thank you to the committee for their service in putting on this event. The attendance at the GSR Meeting is picking up. Money wise if all our standing chair positions were filled and spending their budget we would be in our prudent reserve. Glen P our corrections chair has purchased a case of big books for the jails from the Ogden Central office. He'll be distributing these in Weber, box elder, and Cache Counties. A budget committee was put together for the budget review next month. We also formed the committee for the Area Committee meeting in December. Thank you God for giving me the opportunity to be of service.

District 2 – Wade J – DCMC – My name is Wade and I am an alcoholic, DCMC Dist 2. First I would like to thank District 10 and all the people who worked so hard to prepare this assembly. District 2 is doing very well, we have created a Pre-Conference committee and we are discussing a place to have the conference. We also are having a District Workshop on October 5th at the First Baptist Church on 777 So and 1300 East. Time will be from 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM., so please come and join us. It will be a lot of fun. There was Recovery Day at the Galvin Center last Saturday and District 2 managed an AA booth there. As you can tell the district has and is very busy. It's such a blessing to serve with such wonderful people. Thank you for my life. Love in Service Wade J/DCMC Dist 2

District 3 – J.A. (Stormy) D – DCM – The Whoopee party was held on Sept 15th. At the Lions park in Provo. It was a success, and made money to help support central office. The whoopee party will be moved next year to June, so it won't conflict with any other events. Central office committee meeting was held on Wed. Sept 19th at 6:30, with 16 Central office Reps there out of 26. We now have a Homebound & Hospitalized chair. The District 3 GSR meeting was held on Sept 5th. We still need a Archivist for the district. A committee was formed for the Christmas party. This year it will be held in Spanish Fork. A date has not been set yet. There will be flyers out as time gets closer. Thanks for letting me be of service. J.A. (Stormy) D DCM Dist 3.

District 4 – No Report

District 5 – No Report

District 6 – Denzel A – DCM – My name is Denzel and I am an alcoholic. Dist 6 is doing well, with meetings 7 nights a week in Sanpete, new meetings in Monroe and Richfield. We held our workshop on the 15th. Turn out was less than we had hoped. Our next district meeting will be held on the 1st in Ephriam at 6:30. Anyone is welcome to attend. Kent a & Leroy continue to take meetings to Central Utah Corrections facility Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M. Thanks for letting me serve. Denzel A.

District 7 –Lauana H – DCMC – At our August District meeting we elected a new DCM NW Maggie B. Also elected a Treatment Chair Cynthia G. the Juvenile Detention Center has requested that we bring an AA meeting into Silverado Boys Ranch. How exciting that the facilities are coming to us to carry the message of recovery to the youth. We have ordered literature for Teen center, Purgatory and Beaver jails. I have attended the Pre-Assembly Workshop, Women's 12x12 Book Study on Wednesday nights. The group has good attendance, around 17 women, but needs women with some sobriety time. The average length of sobriety for the group was about 90 days. At our September District meeting we discussed ways in which we might attract more people into service work. Number one was to talk about it more at meetings and be excited about it when we do. From personal experience, it took me over a year and a half to find anything out about service in the Dixie area, and that was with me asking about it. People just did not know. When you don't know who to ask it is very hard. It was as if it was a secret society. Plans for the November Area Workshop are coming along swimmingly. Treesa J the committee chair will fill you in with her report. Angie W is now our new alt corrections chair. Lauana H.

District 8 – John G – DCM – All our Group Meetings are growing. District 8 is doing great. We have strong participation from the District and our district meetings are well attended, and we're covering all the bases and learning to be more affective. We look forward to hosting the Feb Area Community Meeting, and the opportunity to host this years Bridging the Gap Workshop in June. District 8 welcomes and a recommendation for a speaker you think would be well received at the workshop. Please get with DCM John between meetings.

District 8 is grateful to all of you for the time and energy you give in being our link to GSO and the rest of the AA world. Our District meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday in the month at 4:30 PM. John G.

District 9 – No Report

District 10 – Dayne A – Secretary- Dist 10 is doing well. Area visitors at our last District meeting was Andy, Sheryl, and Rane. We has 5 DCM positions available and 4 were filled and one Alt DCM. District 10 will hold a workshop Oct 26. The topic will be the importance of the GSR's duties and responsibilities.

District 11 – Bruce I – DCMC - Since the Pre-Assembly workshop we've had quite a bit of activity. Our Sept meeting was awesome. About 2/3 of the GSR's, all the Officers, and half of the Standing chairs were present. We accomplished a great deal with lots of participation. We filled one of the vacant Standing Chair positions. Michael o., has accepted to be our Grapevine chair. Two chairs remain open, but we have someone in mind for Corrections, which leaves CPC, and we hope to find a good candidate there as well. Our Finance committee reported a productive discussion of our current financial position & possible actions to deal with what appears to be a surplus. The committee members are going to explore different solutions to form a proposal for presentation at our October District meeting. Our first priority is to examine our needs in the District and evaluate whether we have provided the necessary services. Some feel we've accumulated the excess because we have had vacant Standing Chairs during the course of the last few rotations, and therefore not spending the budgeted amounts. We also had one year recently where contributions exceeded both the budget and actual expenses. Our district committee voted to host a workshop this fall. It will probably the 2nd or 3rd Saturday in Nov. The topic will be "The Home Group." A committee was formed to organize the event. We will give details to Dour R., the Communications Chair. Hopefully we will have a flyer to distribute as well. Our guidelines committee is dragging a little but it is about to get started again. There are a number of areas in our current guidelines that we have very little if any detail to give us direction in our responsibilities. I'm confident that our predecessors did the best they could. It's just that we are struggling with a lot of gray areas. Perhaps this is "our" opportunity to solve problems. I want to express my appreciation to the current members of the district 11 Committee who are showing so much enthusiasm and concern for their District and working so hard to make a difference. I am proud to be trudging the road with them. Thanks again for letting me serve. Bruce I.

District 12 – Carlos G – Alt DCM – Estamos tratando de formar comites de servicio para alcanzar las areas de Hospitales e Instituciones, Centros de Tratamiento, Escuelas Contes, Iglecios y coperacios con la comunidad profesional – Estamos ye civiendo el apoyto de membros del Area 69. Tales coruo Monte, Charlie y otros que us rewendo sus hombres y tambres de la Oficia Ventral. Gracias a nuestra delegada Julie por su apoyo al victaruos en nuestro distrito, nos disaul pauios por no toner arve acoudicianado. Nuestra convencion ser a el proximo 19-20-21 de Octubre y teudneur la participacion te la delegada Julie. Los espenacuor a todas. Graciously y Teugar Buenos dias.

We are trying to form committees in the areas of Hospitals and Institutions, Treatment Centers, Schools, Churches and cooperation with the Professional Community. We are in need of the support of members of Area 69. thanks to Monte, jcharlie and others and the people from Central Office. Thanks to our delegate Juie for her support in visinting our district. Our convention will be held 19-21 of October and we are grateful for our delegate's participation. All are welcome to attend. Thank you and good day.

Archive Ad-Hoc Report Back – Janet H – Copies were available

12:00 P.M. Adjourned for Lunch. Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Welcome back 1:30 – Andy B

Standing Chair Reports

Archives – Janet H – Good afternoon everyone, I want to thank you for the defrayment to the National Archive Workshop. Bob the archivist for the past ten years who taught the "Preservation and Conservation

Techniques” was unable to attend due to health, and Gale the National Archive Workshop Archivist was not there due to an injury so both were missed. There were 24 archivists from the Pacific region, representing 6 States. 18 other states were represented and 1 archivist from Toronto, Canada. 68 total attended. Friday day was devoted to the “Preservation and Conservation Techniques. Friday evening was opening ceremony with the Arizona Delegate addressing us, followed by a panel of long timers. Saturday morning had 4 panels “What are Archives”, “Storage – Repositories” (my privilege to be a presenter), “Long Time Recollections” and “Disaster Recovery.” Sat afternoon 1 panel “Collections vs. Archives. Sat evening a presentation from Amy GSO archivist. Hills, CA had reports, old business and voting on new business. I had some very good feedback on our display. I have 8 display boards in various stages of completion and will have them at the Fall Workshop. I received an email from Amy stating the newly revised Archive Workbook is now available to purchase on line. (Spanish and French are pending) also the new Archival Guidelines. Thanks again for the defrayment. I always come back feeling renewed with information, connecting with archivists I have gotten to know and making new acquaintances. Thank you for letting me be of service to you.

Treatment – No Report

CPC – No Report

PI – No Report

Literature – PeteG – Many thanks to the host committee for their hard work in providing this event. Thank you for attending the Pre-Assembly Workshop in Tooele. The Tooele group benefited from the event and will remember the good fellowship and lessons learned for a long time to come. Literature acquisitions were average. I guess it’s time to focus on tapes and video cassettes that we have available for your group or for individual use. I was able to help District 2 procure literature racks from GSO for placement in Treatment Centers, shelters and other locations. A recent letter from GSO announces the addition of a new service to help make it easier to purchase literature from them. Literature servants can now have their literature invoices and statements emailed to them rather than mailed. I have copies of the request or you can download this document from UTAHAA.ORG. My Home Group had the opportunity to provide the ASL tapes for the Big Book and the 12 and 12 to a member. I want to thank Area 69 for the devotion to those who are challenged by hearing impairment or who are blind. Please remember that the Area has American Sign Language tapes and Braille available to those in need. They do no one any good boxed up in my spare bedroom, let’s put them to use. Thank you, Pete G

Communications – Doug R – For those new to service the Communications Chairperson serves as both the Area Web Servant and Newsletter Editor, and directs three sub-committee; the Website committee, the Newsletter committee, and the Translation committee. We meet on the second Monday of every month. All are welcome. The Area’s website, utahaa.org, is maintained by the Website committee. The most important aspect of the Area’s website is the maintenance of the AA meetings list. Some districts have created service positions whose sole responsibility is to make sure their districts’ meetings are accurately represented on the website. Other districts have given this responsibility to their PI chair and/or their DCMs. The newsletter is prepared and copies distributed at the Pre-Conference Assembly, Post Conference Assembly, Fall Assembly and Fall Workshop. An internet appropriate version of the newsletter is also published on the Area’s website, They can be found on the internet at utahaa.org/publications.html. The 2007 Fall Assembly newsletter was printed in English and Spanish. As of Sept 15, 2007 there have been 51,061 hits (which are people visiting the site), the grand total cost (life to date) of the Internet services has been \$622.75, which means that it has cost the Area 1.2 cents per visit. The area’s meeting list can also be accessed using your mobile phone’s internet access at utahaa.mobi. The Translation committee has been busy translating the Area business documents, including the fliers and agendas from English to Spanish. These are available on the Spanish side of the website at utahaa.org/sp/sp_area69.php. Spanish translations of the Area reports are also available at utahaa.org/sp/sp_publications.html. I want to thank my committee members for their continued dedication and willingness to serve. I would also like to thank the Area for allowing me to serve. With gratitude, Doug R

Grapevine – Sheryl T – The person serving as the Area 69 Grapevine standing Chair resigned the position on August 18, 2007. This occurred during the Pre-Assembly Workshop in Tooele. Andy B., the area 69 chairperson, asked me that day if I would be willing to fill the position temporarily. Andy said that a discussion and vote would take place at the fall Assembly in September regarding filling the position on a permanent basis. I was given six small boxes of misc Grapevine materials. I was approached by a new DCM

who asked if I had any back issues of the Grapevine she could use for her groups. Two of the boxes contained back issues of the Grapevine. 150 copies in all. I felt like I had struck gold. There were also some books, Grapevine, and LaVina order forms, and other miscellaneous items. (a detailed list of the inventory I received will be attached to my report when I turn it in at the Fall Assembly.) I look forward to learning more about the Grapevine and thank you all for the opportunity to serve Area 69 in this new capacity.

Corrections – Ranae H – 12 Step work in correctional facilities throughout Area 69 is increasingly growing. We have received more letters of interest and requests for inside meetings from inmates. One letter came to me by way of GSO Corrections desk. The Jail Commander from the San Jan county Jail is open to starting a meeting if there would be a “committed” AA volunteer to facilitate the meeting and requested that this individual contact him directly. This is an example of a direction that seems to be spreading among correctional administrators. GSO Corrections Desk is in need for outside AA’s to volunteer for Correspondence by Mail program. AA’s presentation at the Utah Association of Jail Commanders meeting is scheduled Sept 26th. The Women’s Corrections power point presentation was recently converted to DVD. The Men’s Corrections Power point has been modified and suggestions we received have been incorporated. The DVD called “A.A. in Correctional Facilities has undergone its final revision since it was approved by the General Service Conference last April in New York, and is being reviewed by the board of Trustees. It will be released sometime in October. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 69.

Past Delegate – No Report

Alt Delegate – Monte S. – Welcome, quoting from the Sunday Morning Serenity Preamble, “we hope that what you learn here today will be of help to you in your recovery and your understanding.” Dist 12, our Spanish Speaking linguistic district has invited us to a couple of their Spanish Speaking AA meetings. They are having growing pains and are having a hard time filing Gen Service positions especially their District Standing chairs. There is concern about how newcomers are being treated when they show up in some meetings and what message they are getting. However, the enthusiasm shown in the Spanish Speaking meetings for the AA program is inspiring and contagious. Even though we don’t always understand each others language, the Language of The Heart is communicated loud and clear. We have learned new lessons about Unity. For all the Area Standing Chairs and Officers; we have been invited to participate at the 2nd Annual Spanish Speaking Convention in SLC. We are on the program under the Service heading. The host committee would like each of us to share about our experience with General Service. It is hoped our participation will act as a Twelfth Step call and encourage others into General Service. Julie S will moderate the panel and Lucy has volunteered to translate. Julie has been asked to address the body as a speaker. Registration is \$15.00 and payable at the door. The event will be held at the Salt Lake Airport Hilton. A flyer with more information is on our website. Everyone is invited. Please come show your support for District 12 and the Spanish speaking Convention. Yours in AA Love and Service. Monte S.

Chairperson – Andy B. – Once again I’ve been very busy helping several committees as well as some group picnics. I just can’t say “No” most of the time. It always turns out good though, and always just how God planned it, and I sure like the way it makes me feel. You know the warm and fuzzy when you have been able to make someone’s day a little better. I’ve had the opportunity to attend a few district meetings as well. Thanks for making me feel welcome. Thank you all for making my Service experiences an unforgettable gift. Love you all, Andy B.

Guidelines Committee Recommendations – All guideline changes and recommendations were voted on and approved.

Motion that was submitted by Ed Curley – Dist 10 GSR – seconded by JA (Stormy) D. That the February committee meeting be moved to the last weekend in February and the Pre Conference Assembly be moved to the 1st weekend in April. Some discussion. Motion was passed and become effective 2008.

Roundtables and Open Mike

Adjourned 5:00 P.M with the Serenity Prayer.