

Utah Area 69 Fall Workshop
November 1-2, 2008
Tooele, Utah

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

Minutes of August 2008 Pre-Assembly Workshop – Sheri P. – Recording Secretary - Approved as read.

Financial Report – Nadine N., Treasurer – Approved as read.

District Reports

Dist 1 Teddie H., DCM – On Oct 9th we held our District elections. We'd like to thank Shirley & Mike O for assisting us with our elections. We were pleased to fill our DCMC position, 4 DCM positions, & Treasurer. Since our elections we've had people showing interest in Secretary and Standing Chairs positions. We have some upcoming area event that Dist 1 will be hosting next year. We're excited about serving Area 69. Thanks for letting us be of service.

Dist 2 Jake for Wade J.- DCMC – Dist 2 is doing very well. We had our Dist elections Thursday and I am pleased to announce that we had some very great people stand for positions. I am pleased to report that I am gladly moving to the Area service knowing that the Dist will be great. I am so grateful to all the people in the Dist. Who have enriched my life with the love and support they have blessed me with. I apologize for not being to the workshop on time, but rest assured as soon as the boss releases me I will be there. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Dist 3 Ramsey., DCM – Our District Christmas Party is on Dec 13th at the Rock Church in Provo 240 W 100 So. The new panel is excited to move into their positions for 09/10.

Dist 4, 5– No Reports

Dist 6 Denzel A., DCM – Dist 6 is looking forward to hosting the Area Committee Meeting in February. Flyers are on the table. Our groups are doing well. Some of the meetings have changed. Thanks

Dist 7 Luana H., DCMC – Since last reporting I have attended District 7 district meeting in Beaver. It was a very small meeting due to snowy weather. I attended 2 committee meetings, one for Pass the Gavel and the second for the Pre Conference Assembly. Both committees are coming along nicely. We elected a new DCMC Janet H. Russ T will be our Grapevine rep. YIS Luana

Dist 8 John G., DCM – District 8 is doing great. Our Oct business meeting was well attended. We're getting to have at least one member from all our groups to get to the business meetings. I'm hearing more and more about our three legacy's at meetings and about the value of home groups and sponsorship. Our outgoing standing chairs are picking up all the loose ends and our incoming chairs are finding the information they need. Between our outgoing corrections and PI chairs we are seeing more people showing up at meetings, after the get out and learning and

teaching us about the new freedom our program offers us. As always I've been asked by several people to thank you for your service. John

Dist 10 Rogers S – Alt DCMC Dist 10 still has several service positions open. We hosted the Fall Assembly. We received \$1000 seed money. We have returned 1280 to date & will return approx \$300 more as the checks clear. The Fall Ass'y then show a profit of about \$1200. We are working on 09 Budget & Guidelines revisions.

Dist 11 Bruce I., DCMC – The last District meeting was well attended. We have renewed interest in District service. District 11 is comprised of Davis County divided into two sub districts, North and South. For quite some time we've had good participation from the North along with a few dedicated Southerners. Now we are seeing increased involvement from the South. At the last meeting we had 4 new GSR's and three of them came from groups in the South. We elected both DCM's last month. Bill D. will cover the North and Phillip W the South. We still need a DCMC and a Secretary as well as a Literature chair. The finance committee turned in the budget proposal for 2009. The guidelines committee submitted their draft proposal for new guidelines for the District to consider. We have several new or nearly new GSR's and some of them need a little help figuring out what they just walked into. Our upcoming District workshop will be next Saturday November 8, at the Backstreet Club in Bountiful at noon. Lunch is available from the Club for \$6.00. The topic is step 12 and will be explored by roundtables which cover the three aspects of the Step. For more information pick up a flyer or talk to one of the District 11 members here today. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Standing Chairs

Archives Janet H. – I've been in contact with the CO archives just learning about each other. I have 5 display boards here today. 1 for each of the following – Magna Club, SLC Alano Club, Fellowship Hall, Price meeting hall. I did not get the one for Dist 12 finished. The other one here is to replace the display from/for the Ogden Club. Please don't take them until I have taken a picture. I do need someone who is willing to take these to their locations, or someone for each one. I have been working with the new Archives standing chair on materials needed and the supplies she will need. I am looking forward to serving the area but in a different way. Thank you for letting me serve.

Communications Chair Doug R. - I'm very happy that we elected James as our new communications chair. I know he will do a great job. I have to admit that I am ready for rotation, actually I am excited for rotation. Hosting and the Domain name Utahaa. Org has been paid till 2010 as per our guidelines we're always at least 2 years paid up. Our next Newsletter, is the final one for this panel. I've invited all the officers and standing chairs to submit articles about their experience serving on panel 57. I would like to extend that invitation to everyone. Please share your experience, strength and hope in the specific regard to service of this incredible fellowship. The committee decided the deadline for these articles should be Nov 28.

Corrections Ranae H. – District 2 hosted a Bridging the Gap workshop on Sept 4th, for anyone interested in learning more about how they can help and participate in the transition of folks getting out of or leaving correctional facilities and treatment centers. Statistics indicate that the opportunity to stay sober increases when a newly released member attends an AA meeting within the first 24-48 hours after their release. The workshop was well attended and was casual and interactive. We were very pleased to have three professional guests from the Utah State Department of Corrections in attendance as well. Each have been with the DOC in various job capacities 13-15 years and brought many combined years of experience to the table. Many of the professionals who work in this field and in treatment institutions are willing to learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous and how we can cooperate in a joint

effort. I had the opportunity to attend the Pacific Region Forum in August. One of the class A Trustees present on the panel was a California Judge who responded to a question asked from the floor, “How do we approach people like you to talk and share about AA?” That can be a very intimidating experience for many of us. The Judge responded with “Just call us or come into our offices and share your enthusiasm and what and how AA can benefit those folks you are trying to reach.” Quite often many professionals have heard about AA but are not sure how to get in touch with us, and more importantly are not aware that we want to and can “work” and cooperate with them to achieve our common goals. Some of our districts have BTG coordinators compiling volunteer lists and making connections, while other requests from the “soon to be released” members are being handled through local networking in less populated committees. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve this Fellowship.

Grapevine Sheryl T. – I love the grapevine and want our friendly little publication to go anywhere it might help a suffering alcoholic- treatment centers, jails, hospitals, nursing homes, doctors offices – the list could go on. It’s that time of year again. The annual buy one-get one half off offer is on now. It’s such an excellent deal and a great time to remember sponsees, sponsors, new members of AA, family members of AA, etc. Speaking of gift ideas, there is a new Beginners Book just out from the Grapevine. Written for beginners, it’s a collection of stories about getting and staying sober in AA. The cost is 8.95 per book or 8.50 for five or more copies. There is a monthly online newsletter currently called “News from the Grapevine Office.” The Grapevine Office is having a contest to come up with a more catchy title for the newsletter. The deadline for entries is November 30th and anyone can enter. Enter by going to circdirector@agrapevine.org. The winner will be announced and the new name will appear in the Dec edition of the newsletter. Thank you once again for letting me serve Area 69.

Literature Pete G. – I have had this opportunity to serve my fellows for three years and in a month I step aside and watch other people grow and serve. The Fall Assembly in Park City was uncustomary light in the Literature distribution. A huge blessing took place after Park City as Jose, the District 12 Literature servant asked me about their upcoming 3rd Annual Spanish Speaking Convention. I gave him all the Spanish Literature I had plus the large display board to display pamphlets at the event. District 7 has been seeking a Literature chair for a number of months and I am grateful to say that there is a person interested in the position. For many panels Area 69 has had copies of the Big Book, the 12 and 12 and Living Sober in Braille format. At the Fall Assembly I was approached by Leroy, DCM District 6. He asked what would it take to get a copy of the Big Book in Braille and how much it would cost. The cost was prohibitive but I also knew that these books were doing absolutely no good stored in the garage. I was told that the books would need to go to jail. A mild panic set in my mind at the thoughts of these special books being confiscated, damaged, destroyed, misplaced or simply used as rolling papers. I contacted the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate to get their views on this and they were both highly favorable in getting the books to the person in need. I contacted the Area Corrections to be certain that we were not asking for any special privileges or breaking any rules and therefore exposing the fellowship to controversy. Ranae was very helpful in contacting everyone and even offered to get the books to District 6 as she was going to be in the St. George area. The material that had spent time in some of the finest garages and spare rooms in the state now is giving new meaning and hope to another alcoholic. If memory serves me these books spent a period of time in Salina stored in a spare room. A more complete narrative about this miracle can be found in the Area Newsletter next month. This story is being submitted to the Grapevine in the hopes that this example of dedication to those who still suffer will inspire others to make this material available to those who truly need it. Thank you for letting me be of service.

P.I. Mike A – All I have to report is that I have been studying the materials to the PI Kit. I have gone over the materials several times and have learned a great deal. Unfortunately I started this position so late that I was never able to form a PI committee. However, I do wish Andy good tidings and he should do an awesome job as the incoming PI Chair. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Treatment John M – Besides my normal duties I participated in the workshop in district 2 where I spoke briefly. It was well attended and very interesting mostly to the efforts of Ranae our corrections Chair.

Agenda Jim N. – Since our last event I have had contact with different people on different committees for different events. I have worked closely with Sara L. and people that have stepped up to fill the positions needed for this event. They have done a great job. As it says in our literature” sometimes slowly” I am still learning more about this position. I thank everyone that has stepped up to take on the Service Work for putting together the events for all to meet, learn, and grow. I hope to see more people to attend our events, so please spread the word in any meeting you go to, and try to bring someone with you. Sponsors bring your sponsees. They might get this in their blood – even by accident, like I did. Thanks

Bid for Fall Workshop Nov 7-8, 2009 – Jim N. - John G Dist 8 stood up to bid. The workshop will be in Dist 8.

Officers Reports

Registrar Charlie G. – First let me make amends for not getting the labels printed sooner so the mailing for this event was late. I will make sure Sheri has the labels in plenty of time for the next 2. Welcome to district 2 and thank you for hosting this event. We just received back eleven of the mailings & our email list just reached 120, we are only 42 away from our goal of ½ of our mailings from email by year end. We have received and recorded all group changes for district 3, 6, 7, and some from district 10 & 12. I will be happy to attend your district elections if ;you can let me know when they are being held as this is the fastest way to get the FNV updated as well as our Area Database. I have copies of the Western Regional, Eastern Regional & Canada Directories from GSO. I have a few of the printed Directories as well as some on CD. If you need one see me & we can get you one of the other. I checked the FNV websites & here are the stats on the groups in our Area. Total active State wide 262, Inactive 253, Unknown 46. Thanks to all of you for allowing me to grow in love & service.

Roll Call Charlie G. Registrar - Area officers 6, Area Standing Chairs 7, Past Delegates 2, **District 1** 1 DCM, 1 GSR – **District 2** 1 DCM, 4 GSRs, 3 STDG CHR- **District 3** 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 ALT GSR, 1 STDG CHR – **District 6**, 1 DCM – **District 7**, 1 DCMC – **District 8**, 1 DCM, 1 ALT DCM, 1 GSR – **District 10**, 3 DCM, 1 ALT DCM, 2 GSR, 1 STDG CHR – **District 11**, 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 GSR – **District 12**, 1 DCM, 1 ALT DCM, 1 GSR
Interested AA's 4 Total in attendance 50

Secretary Sheri P. – I attended district 10 elections & district 8 elections. I am excited to start my new position as Area Standing Chair CPC. I have been a little over whelmed lately but as I was visiting with my friend Julie the other night I shared with her that my service is not an option of letting go. It has been with you guys and serving on the General Service level that I have stayed sober and my life and myself are what they are today. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the trust and love and support to allow me to serve.
Love in Service.

Alt Delegate – Monte S. – Since our last meeting Sheryl, Area Grapevine Chair, Charlie Area Registrar, Claudia District 10 GSR, and I attended the Spanish Speaking Convention at the Salt Lake Hilton. This is the largest event in our Area for Spanish speaking AA's. While there we met with Eva S. a member of the staff at our General Service Office. Eva was attending as an invited guest of District 12 and is one of 2 staff members who speak fluent Spanish. She spent an hour with us answering our questions and sharing about the Office in New York. Ricardo from Ogden asked us to help coordinate with the McKay Dee Hospital to start a Spanish Speaking meeting on

Monday nights at the hospital – **starting** October 27, 2008. The meeting will be held in room 2 of the educational center from 8-9 PM. I have been corresponding with Julie, reading AA publications, re-reading AA Comes of Age and talking with past Delegates and others as I try to make plans for attending the General Service Conference. My wife has had me cleaning toilets in our bath rooms to keep me humble. The experience at the election assembly was the beginning of another Spiritual Awakening I will always cherish. As Madeline announced the election results for Delegate, I looked over at my sponsor; his eyes were filled with tears of gratitude. So were mine. Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Yours in AA Love and Service.

Treasurer Nadine N. – I'm grateful to be here & to be able to be in service. I has saved my life one more time.

Area Chair Andy B. – Since the Fall Assembly life has been “well”, and thank you God & AA for this awesome experience of a New Life. I have attended Dist 10's GSR meeting and helping with planning the Post Conf Assembly. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Past Events

Post Conference – Teddie H. – I was the Co Chair for Post Conference. I don't have a lot of details on the financial aspect I know that we were not able to return all of the seed money. We had a wonderful host committee. The event was poorly attended. We did lose money on the Banquets. District 1 appreciated the opportunity to serve Area 69.

Up Coming Events

At the last District meeting the chairperson needed to be replaced. Linda B DCM and myself volunteered to Co chair. Russ to prepare flyers. Hope to have something in De. The 1st Committee meeting was last Sunday. Other than Luana checking in the St George area the past few months for a location, nothing had been done. Awesome who folks step up – Registrar, treasurer, Secretary, hospitably, flyer, program, and the co chairs are filled, signs, the alanon contact also attended the meeting. The location will be Kanab Red Hills. I do believe that we have got a great committee and will work together well to prepare the event for the area. Thanks

Adjourned for Lunch 12:00

Reconvened at 1:30 PM – Workshop begins

Adjourned 5:00 PM