

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Fall Workshop
November 5-6, 2011
Murray Cottonwood Elks Club
Murray, Utah - District 12**

Welcome Renae H., Chair – Meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcomed newcomers to their first General Service meeting. Introduction of Area Officers and Past Delegates. Jocelyn, Dist. 11, read the 12 Concepts, short form.

Minutes of the Pre-Assembly Workshop, August 13, 2011 – Sheryl T., Area Secretary – Approved with revisions.

Treasurer’s Report - Doug R., Area Treasurer – Verbal report given.

Financial Report – Doug R., Area Treasurer – Approved with revisions.

Delegate’s Report –Keith M., Delegate- “Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age”- Greetings Area 69. My name is Keith and I am an alcoholic. It is my great honor and privilege to serve you as the Panel 61 Delegate from Utah Area 69. This is, and always has been, one of my favorite times of the year. The old agenda items have been resolved through the Conference process and it’s our turn to implement the new changes. Also, it is time to carry the message to the still suffering. I always re-read the Big Book in October. Having begun my new sober life in September, it’s a good time for me to reconfirm our core principles which are so well articulated in our Big Book. Sharing openly what it was like, what happened and what it is like now is very important. I have been hearing great things occurring at our Central Offices throughout our area. It’s been noted that Central and Intergroup offices are not part of General Service. However, they are definitely part of A.A. as a whole and are a true asset to our fellowship. The yellow sheet “A.A. Guidelines: Central or Intergroup Offices” provides great clarity about our relationship. Under the heading “What is a Central Office?” the following description is provided: *“A central office (or intergroup) is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community – just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups – functions which are best handled by a centralized office – and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”* (A.A. Guidelines: Central or Intergroup Offices: MG02 Page 1) Good communication is the key to working together. In 1990, the General Service Conference stressed the importance of communication and recommended that delegates establish and maintain contact with offices in their areas to share Conference information and assure the central office/intergroup have a voice in the Fellowship through their existing service structure. The A.A. Guidelines suggest the following: *“Try to find out what is going on by getting together from time to time with corresponding committees in your area. It is important to share ideas and discuss activities so as to avoid duplication of effort. It is not important who does the work (the General Service Committee or the Central Office or Intergroup Committee in your area) but that the work gets done – that help is there for the next alcoholic who needs us and our Fellowship.”* (A.A. Guidelines: Central or Intergroup Offices: MG02 Page 4) It is my goal over the next few months to reach out to all of our Central or Intergroup Offices and I will try to attend a few meetings. Moving on to a topic that concerns me greatly – money. I have recently contacted the other 93 delegates in the U.S. and Canada on the Dele to Dele email system about area budgets. And, as you might imagine, there is a lot of variability. Most are sound financial documents, created by an informed budget committee and approved by substantial unanimity of the voting members of the area. Some are more like ours, being more spiritual than realistic financial documents. I strongly believe our budget here in Area 69 Utah is no longer useful. Over the last decade or so we have increased our monetary needs in numerous categories, while our revenue stream has decreased. Our budget is out of balance by over \$10,000, thus it is way more spiritual than practical. Spirituality is good and we all depended on it. However, I would like our Area Finance Committee to create a real, balanced budget, a budget which clearly shows our three sources of revenue: 1) Group donations; 2) Profits from Area Assemblies and Workshops; and 3) Individual A.A. member donations. We have no other sources of revenue. We sell our A.A. literature and Grapevine products at cost. There are a few confusing aspects of our budget. For example, some of the past treasurers have tracked Area Standing Chair travel expenses under “Standing Chair Expenses” and others under their individual “Standing Chair” account. Consistency is the best practice in accounting. Another confusing category of the budget is the “Assembly and Workshop” category, which is actually a revenue source and not an expense. We could change this to “Committee Meeting” which occurs in December and February and is an expense. Money is not important, however carrying our message of recovery is critical to the still suffering. Let’s take our spiritual dollars and create a real budget. Otherwise, our Area 69 Guidelines will force the following Funding Priorities: *“All funds in excess of the prudent reserve shall be used first to meet operating expenses of the Area Committee and second to defray the travel expenses of the Area Officers and Chairpersons of Area Standing Committees with the following prioritization: (1) Delegate; (2) Other elected Area Officers, (3) Chairpersons of Area Standing Committees, (4) Immediate Past Delegate. All travel to Utah Area Service functions shall take priority over out-of-state travel with the exception of the Delegate’s defrayment to attend PRAASA and the Pacific Region Forum, and the funds forwarded to GSO to defray the Delegate’s expenses to attend the General Service Conference.”* (Utah Delegate Area 69 Alcoholics Anonymous Service Structure Guidelines, Revised September 23, 2010, pages 21 and 22) Before closing, I would like to remind everyone that we are looking for suggestions for a theme, presentation, and workshop topic of 2013 General Service Conference. Also, we need a theme for the 2015 International Convention. I ask for your thoughts and prayers for loving guidance as I trudge along our spiritual path into the 4th dimension. May we all walk in beauty as we pursue our happy, joyous, and free lives in the fellowship of the spirit.

Registrar's Report – Sheri P., Area Registrar – It's good to be here. I was on vacation and missed the last assembly so it has been ages since I have seen you. I have been working with Cheryl H., District 10 Secretary, getting their information updated. I have spent many hours on the phone with Janet H. getting groups, GSRs and DCMs in District 7 updated. Matt from District 11 is going through the Directory to update their changes. Now that the updated Directory is being emailed, maybe you could please take a peek at your district and meeting schedules to see if the information is correct. There were only three envelopes returned this time. I have received a couple of checks that I have forwarded to Doug, our Area Treasurer. You can get the address from the website.

Roll Call– Sheri P., Area Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers – Area Standing Chairs 9 – Past Delegates 2 – District one: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM – District two: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM – District three: 1 DCM, 1 Alt. DCM, 3 GSRs, 1 Alt. GSR, 1 Standing Chair - District four: None in attendance – District five: None in attendance – District six: 1 Standing Chair – District seven: 1 DCM – District eight: 1 GSR – District nine: None in attendance – District ten: 3 DCMs, 1 Alt. DCM, 6 GSRs – District eleven: 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 Alt. GSR, 1 Standing Chair – District twelve: 1 DCM, 2 Standing Chairs – CO Reps: None in attendance – Interested AAs 2 – **Total = 50**

Remaining Area Officers Reports –Walter C., Alternate Delegate – Verbal report given.

Renae H., Area Chair – Since our last gathering, I've had the opportunity to visit District 12 to support them in planning for the 2011 Fall Workshop. It is always such a pleasure to work with our Spanish-speaking friends. I am always so impressed with the commitment and dedication – the tireless hours – that go into trying to nurture their growing district – eight years old now! The challenges are so great, especially during these economic times, in all of our 7th Tradition contributions. They have done such an awesome job with this event.

Area Standing Chairperson Reports

Archives, Lauana H., Chairperson – I'm sorry, that I cannot be with you today. Would like to let you know that the Archivist at GSO is requesting new material and stories for the "Shared Experiences" section of the Archives Workbook. A subcommittee was formed to undertake a review of the Archives Photocopying Policy. GSO's Archivist will be preparing a detailed report outlining any outdated portions in the Archives DVD, Markings on the Journey. Since the Fall Assembly the following items have been donated to our Archives: Pacific "Additional" Regional Forum, 2011 Woodland Hills, CA, poster in English and Spanish; Picture of the Big Book's from around the world, from the Special Forum 2011; Program from the Special Forum in California, in English and Spanish; Utah Rainbow Roundup Conference, 13th annual 2011 in SLC, Spanish flier; Spanish agenda 4th Local Forum, in Midvale, UT; Box 459 Fall, 2011, Vol. 57; Program from the Park City, 2010, Memorias del tercer foro de service generals de AA (report of the third forum general service of AA); 2011 Final Report, in English, Spanish and French; 2011 AA directories for Canadian and the Western United States; AA Quarterly Report from GSO; A.A. Quarterly Report from GSO, August 2011.

Assembly/Agenda, Charlie G., Chairperson – First off let's all thank Dist.# 12 for their hard work in getting this fine event put together & I know how much of a struggle it has been for them, let's give them all a hand for a job well done! Please keep them all in your prayers as they go through the growth & challenges that lie before them. Thanks to each of you again for this wonderful opportunity to serve your groups districts and Area as your Assembly Agenda chair. This is the best position for growth I have ever had in General Service so far. To meet all of you, visit your Districts & travel all over the Area is a real privilege. Since we last met have visited Districts 1, 3, 7, 11 & 12, just this last week was invited to attend District #9 & 7 to attend their planning meetings for our upcoming events. In addition I was asked to serve the Region as the Archivist for PRAASA 2015, the event we will be hosting & look forward to working with all committees & attending all the PRAASA wrap-up meetings as well. I also received an email from a concerned member who pointed out we have not been following our guidelines as to who is allowed to bid these events that the districts bid & host. This matter will be discussed by your guidelines review committee & brought forward for your consideration. In the mean time we will follow the format in our guidelines and DCMC's will be recognized to bid for events & with your permission, DCM's in districts that do not have that position. All the planning is going well for the Area Inventory, Eric & his team have prepared well for our next meeting in Heber, December 3rd and Dist. 7 & 11 have good starts too as well as active & enthusiastic committees formed. A special thanks goes to Eva S. on the International desk @ GSO who translated the Topics for this event today in Spanish. We have used our equipment very well over the years but now it is time for some TLC & repairs so I will be taking our sound board & recorder into the shop for some minor repairs. We should have this back in service for our event in February & have made arrangements to use the equipment in Heber @ the facility. Look forward to a wonderful & Informative Workshop today & Sunday & to hear the speakers from District 12 as well as all the presenters.

Bid for 2012 Fall Workshop – Charlie G., Assembly/Agenda Chair – District 11 won the bid.

Communications, Kurt J., Chairperson – The web site has been kind of quiet since the Fall Assembly. For some reason, visits to our web site have fallen off in the last year. For example, in October 2010, we had 3,603 visits and 50,126 web page accesses. In October 2011, we had only 195 visits and 1,230 web page accesses. This trend is of concern to the Communications Committee. We are working towards a survey in order to understand how we can best be of service to Area 69 and to the alcoholic who still suffers. We are also working on a flyer to spread the word about our web site to everyone in Area 69. And, finally, I am working to collect more detailed information about visitors to the Area 69 web site in order to gain a better understanding of how we can be of service. I spent quite a bit of time since the Fall Assembly tweaking and getting caught up on the web site. I have added a column for our Delegate Report and the Business Documents web page. You can find this page by clicking on the “Other” menu and then clicking on the Business Documents item. I have been updating District pages as files are sent to me. I also got caught up on updating documents on various pages on the web site. And, of course, there always seems to be a couple problems that need to be addressed. There have been some recent problems communicating with Area 69 Officers and Standing Chairs. In most cases the problem was due to using a bad email address. The area email address for every Area 69 Officer and Standing Chair can be found on our web site. Click on “Contact Us” from the home page or go directly to <http://www.utahaa.org/contacts.html>.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Wade J., Chairperson – The C.P.C. Committee has been very busy and I am so grateful for all the hard work all the members are doing. I am pleased to announce that we now have literature racks in a West Valley Counseling Center and one in a Sandy Center. District 2 has been very busy and we now have racks in four different Valley Mental Health locations. District 10 has been busy as well meeting with a halfway house to racks in and possibly starting a new meeting. They have also contacted a Senior Living Center and we are in the process of starting a new meeting there as well. I had the great pleasure of attending a chili cook-off held by District 1 and shared a wonderful evening with my A.A. family up north. It is always a pleasure to see all of them and hear all of the great things done in their district. I had the pleasure of sharing my story at Westminster College to a group of nurses and answered questions about A.A. I am so blessed to be given the chance to serve with each and every one of you.

Corrections – Thank you to District 12 for hosting this event. I was unable to attend the last workshop you hosted and am grateful to be here today serving as your Area 69 Corrections Chairperson. I am looking forward to attending District One’s district meeting this coming Thursday in Logan. Thanks so much for inviting me. I’m excited and nervous as it is my first visit to a district meeting representing our area as the chairperson. I look forward to attending a district meeting in district 7 on December 10th. I am still looking forward to attending a meeting in Vernal when the deputy in charge of scheduling returns from leave in Dec. A gentleman involved with meetings at the Summit County Jail has contacted me regarding Bridging the Gap for the inmates leaving that facility. We will be getting together to share information with the jailers as well as the inmates and interested AA’s who are currently taking meetings to that jail. I hope to be able to engage with many other districts and correctional facilities this year.

Grapevine, Treasa J., Chairperson – Two for One: Grapevine’s Gift subscription is back for a limited time. Two gift subscriptions for only \$42.00. **FREE Standard Shipping** will be available from 11/28 to 12/12 at aagrapevine.org Store just enter GRAPE upon checkout. **Grapevine Online continues to grow.** Since May, there have been 1,400 subscriptions. Thank You!! Please tell your friends. **Grapevine Complete.** In response to an expressed need we are offering Grapevine Complete. Grapevine Complete combines the Grapevine Print Magazine and online subscriptions into one for the price of \$49.97, a \$13.97 savings when purchased separately. I hope each member is able to purchase a Grapevine subscription to support our Magazine in Print/Online. When we were drinking, we always found the money to buy a drink. **New Grapevine Titles: Emotional Sobriety II:** Bill W. identified emotional sobriety as “our next frontier;” a means to “real maturity and balance”. Several dozen AA’s relate their experience in reaching their own “quiet place in bright sunlight”. (GV-26; \$9.95). And **Step By Step:** Shared experience on working the steps from AA’s of all ages, and from various countries, lifestyles, and religions stories-from both newcomers and old-timers. (GV-25; \$10.95). **SERVICE:** The GrapeNet forum is up and running. Get a conversation started today! You are invited to add your AA event to the aagrapevine.org Calendar in the Share section. The October issue is the last issue with the Calendar of Events. It will no longer be printed in the Print Magazine but will be available on the website. You can purchase subscriptions, back issues, books, CD’s and more for yourself or others online at aagrapevine.org and clicking on store. PayPal is now available as a payment option on the Grapevine online store. **HAVE YOU TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW GRAPEVINE ONLINE with a 7-day Free Trial yet? Annual Photo Contest:** Each year, Grapevine holds a competition for photographs to be featured in our Wall Calendar. We’d love to see your most striking photos that reflect the joy of living, serenity and other sobriety themes. Contributors will receive complimentary copies of the 2013 Calendar and Pocket Planner. Entries must be received by March 1, 2012. They cannot be returned, and may be considered for magazine illustrations. Submit digital images on CDs, along with printouts, or email to gveditorial@aagrapevine.net. Include contact information. Please note: Digital files must be high-resolution-300 dpi minimum. Mail entries to: Art Editor, Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. The idea for the November issue was sent in from a reader. If you have an idea or suggestion for a issue, the Grapevine Staff would love to hear from you at me@aagrapevine.org. **“Many of us still take the basic unity of AA for granted. We seem to forget that the whole of modern society is on a dangerous....”dry binder”.** Bill W., 1949. The theme for the November issue is Gratitude. Grapevine has published the classic issue again this month, pulling historical articles from the digital Story Archive including Bill W.’s “A Suggestion For Thanksgiving”. The balance of the November issue delivers more stories of experience, strength and hope such as the tale of a young person relating how hard it was to leave the wild adventures of drinking – until she realized how out of control she was. **Grapevine Request:** Requesting articles from the fellowship. You do not have to be a professional writer to submit articles. Please think of a topic you would like to share and then write a 3-5 minute article just like if you were sharing in a meeting. You do not have to send a title or use your name; you can send it as anonymous. The article needs to be in word format (not a PDF) and email to gveditorial@aagrapevine.org or you can send snail mail to Editorial Dept., AA Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. **ALSO, requesting stories relating to Bridge The Gap. Grapevine is working to print A Bridge The Gap Grapevine Issue. Next Issues:** **Grapevine:** December – Lovin’ in the Holidays. January – Young Peoples issue. February – Sex & Sobriety. **La Vina:** January/February – Recovery is in the Steps. **GRAPEVINE is here to help with complimentary information and materials to support your local conventions and events: Please click on the www.aagrapevine.org Service/GVR tab and click again on Tools and Resources for downloadable handouts. New Items available here today:** AA Preamble –Spanish (\$2.00), The Serenity Prayer – Spanish (\$2.00), Five Slogans – Spanish (\$4.50), Victor E. Poster in English & Spanish (\$4.50), 2012 Wall Calendar (\$9.00), 2012 Pocket Planner (\$4.75), Spanish Traditions Checklist (.50), Facsimile of the First Issues of the Grapevine (\$3.00), Convention Special Edition: 75 years of AA (\$4.00), and five new CD’s (\$9.50 each). **In the 61st Annual General Conference 2011 Final Report:** It was suggested that a single issue of a Grapevine, La Vina, and/or LaVigne magazine be included with an introductory letter that offers AAGrapevine.org information, in each GSR packet for all new G.S.R.’s. Format and costs are to be determined jointly by AA Grapevine and AAWS. Also, encourage each home group to purchase a minimum of

two subscriptions. **ROUNDTABLE:** Suggestion that AA Grapevine, Inc. print the Grapevine the same as the LaVina with a color cover and then black and white pages to help save printing costs and hopefully eliminate the need to a price increase for a long time.

Literature, Rachael, Chairperson – Thanks to District 12 for hosting this event. Literature has been busy since our last gathering. I placed a large order which included the pamphlets for the Newcomer packets we discussed at our last round table get together. For those of you who missed the Fall Assembly the following packets will be included in the Newcomer packets; AA at a Glance, Questions and Answers on Sponsorship, Do You Think Your Different?, FAQ About AA, A Newcomer Asks, This is AA and Is AA for You?. The cost of this packet is \$1. Thanks to those who participated in helping with what should be included in the Newcomer packets. I have 15 for each district to take to the district meetings.. Anyone can send me an e-mail if they would like to order additional packets for their groups. I have the packets for anyone who ordered them at the Fall Assembly. I also have 20 packets in Spanish for district 12. We currently have a good supply of Big Books for anyone who needs them. The 2011-2012 Service Manual will be available the second week of November, I will have them for the December Meeting. GSO send me 20 2011 directories which contains all addresses and phone numbers of the Central offices in the US and Canada. Please see me if you would like a copy of this.

Public Information (P.I.), Bruce I, Chairperson – The Public Information committee is currently working to collect and develop information concerning P.I. that we would like to have posted on the Area 69 web site. We are hoping to include such things as a calendar of events, conference guidelines for P.I., supporting documents from the Area, Districts and GSO, information about hosting health fairs, etc. We are anxious to have that information readily accessible. District Three hosted an information booth at the Mental Health Awareness night held at BYU on Thursday, October 13th. Sterling L. and Bruce I. were there to represent A.A. It was a very well attended event. There were many 12th step, religious, and professional organizations on hand to present their programs which addressed a wide variety of human disorders. It was good for us to be there to share with the community our program of recovery from alcoholism. We need to continue making ourselves available so that a person who identifies with us will know how and where to find us, otherwise they may seek help from another source less suited to their needs and disposition. Perhaps someone will find our fellowship through the information we distributed that night. Many people stopped by to pick up pamphlets and other materials. The most common question that night was how to find A.A. locally. We were pleased to hand out several of the new information cards that list a local Central Office or Intergroup along with the Area and GSO web sites. These cards in addition to local meeting schedules give a person plenty of information to help them find A.A., our meetings and literature. Besides District Three, District Ten was the only District to report last month. They are as busy as ever with the projects they started last summer. It sounds like they are getting ready to approach schools in the near future. Wendy W. and the committee are paving the way for the rest of us to follow. They have shown us that all we need to do is begin by following through on one project and then move from that one to the next. A.A. members seem to be naturally drawn toward activity. Keep up the good work!

Treatment, Pete G., Chairperson – I am happy to be back in Murray and want to thank District 12 for hosting this Fall Workshop. In the short time since the Fall Assembly, I have had the opportunity to attend a District meeting in District 7 that was held in Cedar City. As always, I talked it up about the great new literature that just came out and had the opportunity to talk with the BTG Coordinator from District 7. There always seems to be a lot of activity in District 7 and I was excited that a treatment center in LaVerkin was interested in speaking with some A.A. members. I also took an opportunity to make a couple of trips “Up North” and attended meetings in Salt Lake, Tooele and in Beaver. Each visit afforded me the opportunity to mention the new and revised literature that has become available. It was well received. The trip to the District 1 meeting that had been scheduled for October had to be re-scheduled. I regret to say that work interfered with the October plans but I hope to catch one in District 1 within the next two or three months. Some really exciting stuff is available to share with our districts and groups. In addition to the A.A. Special Needs pamphlet and the Special Needs workbook, a Special Needs Kit is available from GSO that includes pamphlets and the A.A. Grapevine (M-481). The pamphlet (P-83) is awesome enough as it reveals to us the need to be aware of others who need our help in order to achieve and grow in sobriety. I have ordered a number of these pamphlets and a few copies of the workbook – not the kit – for anyone to take back to their district or group. You don’t need to be a member of the Treatment Committee to be able to take this information back to your groups. It can be helpful to everyone. I remembered to bring the entire volley of information that I received from the Bridging the Gap National Workshop in September. How embarrassed I was to realize that it was only 300 miles away when I needed it. Please feel free to grab me and make arrangements to get copies of the CDs or the BTG pamphlets for your use.

District Reports

District 1 –Frank B., DCMC: Thank you District 12 and those who were involved in putting on this workshop. A special thank you to the Area 69 Chairwoman for her involvement as well. As of November 4, 2011, District 1 finances are at \$739 above the prudent reserve. Thank you to all the groups that practice your 7th Tradition by sending splits to District 1. There are 43 registered groups in District 1 and, year-to-date, 24 groups have contributed. That’s just over half of the groups or 52%. District 1 has formed a committee and will meet November 10th to review and put together a budget for 2012. All Standing Chair positions that are filled are utilizing their budgeted funds for 2011 as well. Our Corrections Chair has implemented a pink can in 6 groups that has benefited the Cache/ Weber County jails with Big Books and literature. It was brought to the District’s attention that the Cache and Weber County jails were in need of Daily Reflections. At the next District meeting, members brought a total of 14 books, some new and some used. Ask and you shall receive. There are still a lot of positions open at District 1 – 3 DCMs, 6 Alt. DCMs, CPC and Literature Chair positions. We are a skeleton crew, although the four DCMs, including myself, and the District Officers are making sure that all 43 registered group are being attended at least once per month. District 1 has had great support from Area 69. The November agenda will have the

Area Corrections Chair as well as the Area Treatment Chair. After those two visit, the Area Literature Chair is the only Standing Chair left this year. So, plan on December. We are seeing a few new GSRs each month and a few interested AAs. I think because we feed the District Body each month, the word is getting out and we see a few new faces. Food provided is not taken out of District funds. Funds are donated. Finally, a 2012 Post-Conference Assembly update. So far, three out of three venues we have visited, we have struck out due to cost, scheduling or just not the right place. The co-chair and I had planned on having a venue by the November District Meeting and a flyer in December. More will be revealed and when we have a venue, the Area Assembly/Agenda Chair will be involved as well as the Area Chair.

District 2 – Keira N., DCMC: PI/CPC has been busy getting racks into facilities. Odyssey House has opened a new facility and we are now in with them, which is a big victory. We have been working on getting in with them for years now. We held our Guidelines Review Committee last month and we have split PI/CPC into two positions so we will have the new PI position open starting Jan. 1. We have formed a Budget Committee and will be meeting this month to review and vote on changes. Our Literature Standing Chair position is now open. We have had a DCM stop down so we have two DCM and 3 Alt. DCM positions open. Our Grapevine Chair has stepped down and the position was filled at the same meeting. The Fall Assembly was a great success. We brought in a total of \$2,305.13 with expenses totaling \$1,685.34 with a total donation to the Area of \$769.79.

District 3 – Trina B., DCM: I would like to thank the Area for helping our district in so many ways. District 3 is having some growing pains and has had a lot of support from the Area - thanks Renae, Walter, Charlie and Keith. Last District Meeting we had 23 out of 25 registered meetings were in attendance. Our district approved the budget for 2012. We are making 10% cuts in all areas because our contributions are down and we would like to do our part so we can still carry the message. We would like to invite everyone to the Area Committee Meeting being held in Heber in December. Flyers are available. All district positions are filled with individuals doing their jobs. We look forward to working with the Area on the current issues of our district and coming up with solutions. Plans for the Area Inventory are on track and the Living Sober and Pleasant Grove groups are hosting. All subcommittees are active and our CPC is working on new meetings and re-opening some meetings that have been closed. The large diversity of personalities really aids us with keeping Traditions and Guidelines intact and creates opportunities and growth for us all.

District 4 – No report given.

District 5 – No report given.

District 6 – Charla B., CPC Chair: Verbal report given.

District 7, Northwest Sub-District (Cedar, Parowan, Beaver, Milford) – Allen B., DCM: District 7 is doing well. Our finances are good. The new KKCB meeting hall in Cedar City is really hopping. We have 3 and sometimes 4 meetings a day there. The noon meeting has attendance of 30 plus at times and other meetings have really grown. Jim M is hosting a fourth step workshop, Nov 12th I have flyers, if you care to attend. The Halloween party finally met my expectations as far as people attending a function. I have been in charge of entertainment and fundraising and rarely are my expectations met. Gee whiz - do you think it could be me and not them? As for the pre-conference assembly we are plugging away at it. Unfortunately I cannot make this month meeting as it is going on today and I have not mastered the ability to be in 2 places at one time YET!! So as I was going to work the other night, I glanced down a side street and noticed the Paiute tribal building and the thought dawned on me. They have a meeting there on Monday nights which I had never attended, and I didn't remember seeing that meeting on the district directory. When I got to work I arranged for a coworker to cover for me and I went off to the meeting at 6. I called Janet to confirm it wasn't on the schedule. I felt bad I was late, because I was trying to get in the wrong building - but I did find it. There were just 3 members there and the chair said they really lacked support. The chairperson was burning cedar and he sang 4 short songs in the native tongue to invite in the spirits for healing in our journeys (That is what I heard and might not be what he actually said). And then another really crazy thought entered my mind! I noticed there was not a literature rack in that room. And that I had been packing around a brand new one Keith had given me for 3 months in my ride. Complete with literature. And I thought to myself wouldn't this be a perfect place for this Rack? Long story short I donated the rack and the literature. I guess that's why God let me drive around for 3 months with the rack in back. He knew I would finally realize where I was going with it! I have emailed the directory person to get them back on the directory.

District 8 – No report given.

District 9 – No report given.

District 10 – Mel M., Temporary DCMC: Our District 10 GSR meetings continue to have good attendance. The most pressing need for District 10 is to find someone willing to step up and fill the empty DCMC position which has been vacant since July 2011. We have two standing chair positions open – Grapevine and Treatment. We also have Alternate DCMC open and some DCM positions open. We will put available positions in the district newsletter. Our P.I. Chair has been on fire, getting out flyers and literature to the community. Last month, the district voted in favor of a one-time increase of \$100 so P.I. could finish off the year with a bang. There has been ongoing discussion about the literature racks getting filled at the Alano Club. The district is looking at amending the District Guidelines once a Guidelines Committee is formed. The district budget will go to vote on Monday, November 7th, and we are excited to welcome a few new GSRs at each meeting. District 10 is looking forward to hosting the 2013 Pre-Conference Assembly and Mark B. has stepped up to chair that event. We will be hosting a District Workshop in March and Gary E. has taken the responsibility to chair that workshop.

District 11 – Matt D., DCMC: District 11 is doing well. At our last meeting a member stepped up to fill our open DCM position. I would like to introduce Jerome W. to the Area and district service. He has been on fire as of late. I have heard he has attended all of the meetings in his area and is getting ideas for a workshop in the south end of our district in early spring. We only have on chair position that has not been active, our PI Chair. I will be in contact with him to see if I can motivate him back into service. Our BTG workshop committee has had the first member step down but we are lucky to have a large committee so I'm sure someone will step up to fill that spot. I would also like to thank Charlie G. for meeting with the committee. He was able to answer a lot of our questions and it was nice to shoot the A.A. breeze with him. The Davis group has found a place to hold its meetings now. They are meeting at the Layton Baptist Church on Fridays at 8pm. It's good to see them back as this is one of the oldest meetings in our district.

District 12 – Julio D., District 12 Secretary: District 12 is holding a workshop of the Big Book every Sunday at 12pm at the Fey Esperanza group. Our district is actually supported by four groups: Fey Esperanza, GSR is Leo; Il de Noviembre, GSR is Alfredo; Hispano Utah, GSR is Jose B.; and Despertar Feliz, GSR is Eulalio. Thank you for letting us host this Fall Workshop event.

Past Events

Fall Assembly – Keira N., District 2: Verbal report given.

Upcoming Events

December Area Committee Meeting – Eric M., District 3 – Verbal report given. Location: Senior Center; 465 E. 1200 So., Heber.

February 2012 Area Committee Meeting – Keith M., Delegate, District 9 – Verbal report given.

PRAASA 2012 – Monte S., Immediate Past Delegate – Verbal report given. Event will be held in Bellevue, Washington. Monte encouraged everyone to attend PRAASA 2012 and asked those attending to please stay after the event for the Sunday afternoon wrap-up meeting, if possible. Information gathered there will be helpful for Area 69 as we prepare to host PRAASA 2015.

PRAASA 2015 – Monte S. – Verbal report given. Monte S. will serve as Chair of this event. Mickey H. will serve as Treasurer for this event and will also serve as temporary Secretary. Keith M. will serve as Program Chair of this event. Charlie G. will serve as Archivist for PRAASA 2015.

Pre-Conference Assembly – Janet H., District 7 – The committee is working. Most chair positions are filled. The committee is meeting today and will confirm the Chair and Co-Chair positions. Flyer should be ready for the December Area Committee Meeting.

Ad hoc Committee- Report – Eric M., Chair - The Ad hoc Committee that was created for the purpose of clarifying the motion on PRAASA/Forum defrayment made its recommendation at the Fall Assembly in September. That recommendation was: "This ad hoc committee feels it is important to stand by the goal and intention of the original committee who wrote the motion at the Area's request. That goal was to use our money more prudently for the purpose of getting the Area Standing Chairs to PRAASA so they could share in the experiences and information of other Areas and GSO, thus enhancing our Area's ability to better carry the message. Therefore, the committee recommends that trading be allowed." After making our recommendation, the sense of the meeting was that the Area still desired more clarification from the ad hoc committee, but no specific direction was given. Therefore, this committee feels any questions regarding budgetary issues should be directed to the Finance Committee. In as much as this committee was not charged with creating an additional motion, we feel that should the Area desire an additional motion, it should come from the body.

Presentation of New Motion – LeAnn L., District 10 – LeAnn made a motion to amend the Area Guidelines to allow GSRs to bid for Area events, in the event that a DCMC or DCM could not be in attendance or in the event that a district did not have a DCMC or DCM. Renae H., Area Chair, accepted the motion and the motion was seconded. There was some discussion about the motion. LeAnn later rescinded this motion. LeAnn's suggestion will be forwarded to the Area Guidelines Committee for their consideration.

What's on Your Mind?

Adjourned for Lunch and closed Business Meeting 12:00pm.