

Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop

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Tooele, Utah 84074

Area Officers

Delegate's Report

WARNING: At some point (or points) during this report, it is highly likely that tears and snot will flow ... please be prepared!!

Since I last saw you at Post-Conference Assembly, it has been a busy time. Unfortunately, very little of that busyness for me has involved my position as your Delegate!!

On June 14th, I had the opportunity to attend District 1's District meeting in order to give my Delegate's report. Now, I have to tell you, I have driven to District 1 many times in the past several years since my son and his family moved to Logan, so I am well aware how long it takes to drive there! I added an hour onto known driving time so I could maybe clean up and relax a bit before the meeting, but with a combination of road construction and traffic, I arrived just before the meeting was due to end!! Fortunately, I was on the phone a few times with Charlie, so they were aware of my status. Also, they didn't have to be out of the room anytime soon and I got to spend about a half hour or so with them despite my tardiness. Instead of just giving a report, I asked what people wanted to know about the Conference, and I had a really great time there addressing their questions.

On the 16th, I was able to attend the very well put together and attended Bridge the Gap meeting in Fillmore which I am sure you will hear more about later this morning!

On Monday, June 18th, I got the call I have been waiting for and dreading for so long telling me that my father's death was imminent. Considering the number of calls I received from hospice on my drive over to Ephraim, I wasn't sure I'd get there in time to see him again alive, but as it turned out, I did get to spend his last few days and nights with him until he slipped away on June 21st. I want to thank everyone for their love and support during this challenging time, and especially my alternate, Monte, for taking up the slack and traveling all the way down from Ogden for my father's funeral.

Because of this timing, I was unable to participate at the U of U School on Alcoholism, but Monte was more than willing and able to stand in for me. I also had to cancel the report I was scheduled to give at District 2 and a combination speaker meeting delegate's report at District 6. Monte, along with Gay and Patti, filled in at the meeting in District 6 and I hope that Districts 2 and 6 will give me another opportunity to report at their Districts.

My next scheduled report was in District 3, and I was really looking forward to getting my Delegate feet wet again, so to speak. I was not much good to anybody for anything the first month or so after my dad's death, but at the same time, I really wanted to get back to my service commitment to you! Well, I am used to checking the freeway conditions during the winter when there are storms about. I have never considered checking the freeway conditions on a bright, sunny summer day. Unfortunately, that was the day of the freeway closure due to the Milford fire. When I found out about the fire, I was sure I could get to highway 20, cut over to 89 and still make it to Provo on time. I never did make it to highway 20; it took me an hour to travel the last mile I was traveling north, and all traffic was being diverted via that route. Considering my lack of progress, there was no way I could get there before everyone had long since gone home, so there's another District I hope will give me a second chance!!

I did make it to District 7 for their elections on the 11th of this month. It's my understanding that all groups, districts, even areas, have an ebb and flow when it comes to participation in General Service, but I felt very sad seeing the very low participation in my home district. Thank goodness that there is a hearty core band of trusted

servants who are staying around, but we still have a lot of empty positions. I again asked for questions about the Conference; once we got going, I had great questions and hope I gave satisfactory answers.

This weekend we will be learning about the new conference theme and topics. Next year, of course, there will be a new theme and presentation and workshop topics. And where do these come from? From you!! Suggestions are sent to the Conference and then decided on by the Agenda Conference Committee. I have with me today and will have posted on my blog, English and Spanish versions of the form used to submit your suggestions, along with the themes of the past General Service Conferences from 1966 to the present. If you, your group, or your District would like to participate and submit a suggestion or suggestions, by all means, do so!! I think it would be pretty great to have our Area submit the theme and topics for the next year!!

Among other learning experiences, I found out that the Report and Charter committee work doesn't end when the Conference does. We are charged with perusing the Final Conference Report for errors prior to its printing, in addition to doing the same with the Service Manual updates. There were few corrections needed regarding the Final Report, but the Service Manual was rather a different matter and there were a couple of weeks of e-mails flying amongst the Committee, and with GSO, in getting this finalized. Among other things, we were supplied with the wrong By-Laws and it took some effort to get correct, up-to-date By-Laws in our hands. Members of the committee interpreted the By-Laws somewhat differently, there was an item included that our committee had sent back for re-working to be addressed next year, and there were some significant changes that had not been brought to our committee or the conference. I will be curious to see what comes out in the latest edition of the Service Manual!

I received the English Final Conference Reports last week and have them here today – I am hoping by the time I give this report I will also have the Spanish edition as it was being sent separately and a little later.

In June, the General Manager stated that the Directors and G.S.O. employees looked forward to Howard L.'s leadership as the new Chairperson of A.A. World Services, and the Board welcomed new Trustee-at-Large/U.S. Dorothy W..and General Service Trustee, John S.

Fellowship New Vision (FNV) was activated in G.S.O. on May 9th, and I'm sure you will be hearing more about that from our Registrar.

The microfiche preservation project is progressing as planned. Following the A.A.W.S. Board's direction expressed during the January 25 meeting, the Project Management Office (PMO) addressed preservation of A.A. Group histories and records by establishing a computer system for that purpose. Group histories are currently stored on paper, microfiche and electronically within the Minolta DocXnet system that is failing and cannot be upgraded. Progress to date includes:

- Server hardware purchased/installed at Invision, the datacenter that serves G.S.O.
- Laserfiche electronic document management software installed and initial document repository created.
- Laserfiche desktop software was expected to be installed on the Archives Department's computers in late June, and available to selected Files Department users.
- A respected vendor, Conversion Technologies International (CTI), was selected to begin migration of the Group records in the Minolta DocXNet system. Once Minolta platters are delivered to CTI, completion will be achieved in about four weeks.
- When CTI forwards images and index information to the Project Management Office, they will upload it onto Laserfiche; and begin the process of determining specifically which of the remaining Group records on microfiche will require conversion.

Corrections reported that an activity update was mailed in June to corrections committee chairs of area, district, intergroup/central offices, Hospital and Institutions (H&I) and Bridging the Gap (BTG) committees and others. Among other items included was a plea by the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) for additional A.A. male letter writers on the "outside" (there are 43 male inmates on a waiting list); and the July 2007 A.A. Grapevine staple-free "Prison" issue. Please consider signing up for Corrections Correspondence. This is a great way to do 12 Step work, and I've personally seen what a difference this program makes for inmates. If you are interested, please talk to Ranae or myself this weekend.

In May, Greg M. and Doug R. attended the 3rd Sub-Saharan Africa Service Meeting in Windhoek, Namibia. There were 22 delegates from 11 countries in attendance, as well as three observers from Great Britain's service structure – the co-sponsor of this event along with the U.S./Canada structure. Topics discussed included translations and copyrights, the need for literature, self-support, carrying the message to professionals, anonymity and country-to-country communication.

Greg and Doug also visited with members of the Intergroup Office in Nairobi, Kenya. They visited the Ministry of Health and met with the Deputy Minister and two treatment professionals. Doug had the distinct pleasure of attending an A.A. meeting in a Kenyan prison and met with correctional officers there.

The A.A.W.S. Services Committee reviewed G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site activity data for April and May 2007, minutes of the Intra-Office Web Site Committee (IOWC) meetings held on April 17 and May 10, 2007, and the May Web site activity logs. The committee recommended that the IOWC be authorized to add to the Web site any Conference-approved pamphlet designated as "Service" or "Unity" pamphlets without the need for further approval by the A.A.W.S. Services Committee or Board. At each Services Committee meeting, the IOWC will provide a list of pamphlets not currently posted on the Web site and the status of its review with respect thereto. The motion to approve this recommendation was passed by the Board.

The committee also recommended that the First Quarter 2007 Web Site Activity Report be approved and forwarded to the trustees' Committee on Public Information and that feedback be requested on the additions to the current format. This was approved by the Board.

The A.A.W.S. Publishing Committee discussed ways to encourage existing "qualified" customers to open online ordering accounts. Suggestions included providing information about online ordering in presentations at Regional Forums and the annual Central Office/Intergroup Seminars, and on a business reply card to be inserted into all orders processed by A.A.W.S.

Now, on to the report from the July board meeting.

AA Grapevine: There is incredible news about the AA Grapevine. It is doing fabulous! The average circulation of the AA Grapevine went from 103,788 in 2006 to 106,272 in 2007 and La Vina went from 10,096 in 2006 to 11,205 in 2007. Wow!! The Audio Grapevine now has 1,072 subscribers and the Digital Archives has 3,199.

Year-to-date, the blockbuster, *Emotional Sobriety* has sold 11,708 copies, *El Grupo Base* 3,278 and the new book, *In Our Words: Stories by Young A.A.s* has sold 2,318 copies. Grapevine has sold a total of 46,437 books and 6,285 CDs so far this year.

Financial results reflect these great sales. For the six months ended June 30, 2007, the Grapevine Corporation realized a profit of \$6,537 in comparison to a budgeted loss of \$151,335. Total Grapevine income was \$866,196 or \$103,457 ahead of budget and total expenses were \$859,659 or \$54,418 lower than budget.

As a note here to anyone who questions the financial foundation of the AA Grapevine, you should be aware that the AA Grapevine has placed more funds into the Reserve Fund than it has ever had to take out. Some people understandably become concerned when they see that the Grapevine shows a loss on its bottom line. However, from 1951 to 2004, the AA Grapevine has been profitable to the tune of \$681,556. So let's continue to support our international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous and make it a great recovery tool.

AAWS: Contributions received for the first six months of 2007 were \$3,001,600 which was \$114,100 more than budgeted and \$175,500 greater than the first six months of 2006. Unaudited net profit for the first six months of \$253,300 compared with \$196,250 budgeted and was \$39,000 more than the same period in 2006.

GSO welcomed 592 visitors to our offices during the first six months of 2007.

Total distribution of all books was up 9% at \$1,064,058. Total AA purchases amounted to 847,181 units or 82% compared to non-AAs of 189,877 units or 18% of the total.

Translations completed in the first six months included "44 Questions," "This is AA," "A Newcomer Asks," "Information on AA," "A Brief Guide to AA" and "Is AA for You?," all in Tahitian.

Trustees' Committee on Corrections: The Informational Media Presentation was reviewed by the committee and the changes the Conference requested were completed. (The female is not shown in the male correctional facility meeting and more emphasis is on men in outside meetings, as well.) The committee will be working on a distribution plan to get this video into the hands of relevant professionals, i.e. correctional training facilities.

There will be a new draft of the publication, *AA in Prison: Inmate to Inmate*, brought to the October Board meeting. It was brought to the attention of the Publications Department that the new edition did not meet the suggested criteria from previous correctional publications to have an "easy to read" format attractive to the target population. Also, to those who may not be aware, the old editions are being sold for \$1.00/each while quantities last. This is a great opportunity for correctional committees and others to purchase some less expensive copies. I was unaware of this until I received this report, and hope to be getting some myself!!

Trustees' Committee on Literature: The new pamphlet, "AA for the Native North American" may have a draft available at the October, 2007 meeting and a final draft available for the February, 2008 meeting.

Trustees' Committee on Public Information: With regard to the project for video submissions for a PI video, a mailing to all area delegates, ICYPAA contacts and central and intergroup offices will be sent no later than August 30, 2007 with request and submission instructions. The idea is to have young people submit their Experience, Strength and Hope in an anonymity protected format that could have current appeal and not be outdated before it comes to press.

Conference Nominating Committee: The last issues that came before the board were regarding the General Manager tenure issue. The General Service Board had two considerations from the Conference Nominating Committee. The first request was for the Board to give a full hearing to the minority appeal that was sent to the Conference Nominating Committee. That was done in Executive Session on Sunday afternoon. The Executive Session is a confidential session closed to anyone except trustees because of the nature of what is discussed in this session. Suffice it to say, this minority appeal was discussed, and there now exists a plurality rather than a majority and minority. I find it very disheartening to hear that included in this "discussion" was name calling and verbal abuse, which has caused divides among the Board members, at least some of which will likely never be healed. Please remember always that words said can never be unsaid and a simple "let's let the healing begin now" does not erase their damage.

Among other things, our own regional trustee has received hate mail from persons in the fellowship telling her she is an idiot and doesn't know what she's doing. Our current General Manager has been the target of verbal and written abuse both at the General Service Office and at home. I don't care where you stand on an issue, this is 190% (at least!) **NOT** the way to get things done in any situation and I am saddened that members of our own fellowship would conduct themselves in this manner! I hope that all of us will always remember that the process in making a decision is more important than any action we may ultimately decide on and people need to be treated with respect and consideration no matter whether or not we agree with them!!

The second issue was a request from the Conference Trustees' Committee that the Trustees' Committee on Nominating review the language in procedure No. 9 of the Nominating Committee's Composition, Scope and Procedures addressing "Guidelines for Hiring the General Manager, G.S.O." and clarify the language which refers to the length of service for that position. The committee requested that the trustees' Committee on Nominating forward a final report to the 2008 Conference Committee on Trustees. This process was started via conference call on Monday, August 13th.

After full discussion, the Board appointed a subcommittee to meet with our General Manager, Greg M., and, on behalf of the Board, to apologize for any harm done to him and his family stemming from discussions by members related to his employment. The subcommittee met with the General Manager on Monday, July 30, 2007, and extended sincere apologies expressed by the General Service Board. Members of the subcommittee and Greg M. discussed his employment, including eventual plans for retirement. All agreed that the General Manager and General Service Board will continue to work together on matters vital to the Fellowship. The Board and General Manager will work closely on retirement planning to assure a smooth and effective transition.

WHEW!!! Well, I think that is quite enough for today's report!! Does anybody have any questions regarding anything in my report today? If you think of something later, please feel free to snag me during the weekend, or you can e-mail or call me afterwards.

Thank you so much for your support and for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve you!! You are my rock and my lifeline, and I am most grateful to be here!!

Alt-Delegate's Report

In June our 2nd annual Bridge-the Gap workshop in Fillmore was attended by 60 plus people. The speakers and panel presentations were excellent. Our hats are off to the host committee who worked very hard providing hospitality and a wonderful meeting space for all of us.

Jodi E. one of our past delegates' was the speaker at the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies during the annual AA speaker meeting. Jodi gave an excellent talk and the only thing that could have made the evening better was if more local AA's had been there. Some of us wonder what it would take to get better attendance by local AA's at this one-of-a-kind Cooperation with the Professional Community event.

Gay W., Patti W. and I had the opportunity to travel to District 6 for their speaker meeting. Again the locals provided a warm welcome and excellent hospitality. They had a great turnout to hear Gay and Patti speak and they listened to a brief Area report from me. An example of Love & Tolerance in action!

The Guidelines Review committee met in Fillmore and continues to correspond through e-mail. Also the ad-hoc continues to meet and discuss ideas and ways to make better use of our time during Area meetings.

District 12 continues planning for their Convention in October and they have extended a request for the Area to participate on their program. There will be registration and program information on the web site as soon as it is made available.

On a sad note;

Julie S. and Ruth R. our collective thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families for the loss of your fathers this summer. We love you and are here for you when you need us. May God continue to bless you and your family during your time of grief.

Respectfully submitted by;

Monte S.

Chairperson's Report (not received)

Secretary's Report

Hello Everyone.

My name is Sheri and I am an alcoholic. I would like to apologize to the Area for the mix up with the minutes that were mailed out this time. Docu Mart has been great working with Jo Anne and myself for the last few years, and has given us great prices, but there has been some new employees recently, and the printing was missed up.

The minutes didn't get copied double sided so there were twice as many pages, which meant postage was a lot more also. I didn't realize this until it was too late to correct the error. I guess I have taken the service that has been great for granted, but mistakes do happen. I will in the future check everything before it is too late.

In June I attended District 2's meeting, and attended District 11's meeting in July. I met with JoAnne and she turned over all the treasurer reports, and check book to me. She sends her love and says she is not going anywhere, and she will be around. I will turn over all the treasurer's stuff to the new treasurer. Jo Anne has been a good friend and has done Area 69 a great service. It was hard for her to let her position go but the best for her health right now.

Thank you for letting me serve.
Sheri

Treasurer's Report (not received)

Registrar's Report

We have had a lot going on since the last report, many changes to the Area directory database as well as the FNV (Fellowship New Vision) Web based program from GSO. Please see the update on the Area website that explains this system & the progress we have made in phase 1. Phase 2 will be starting shortly & I will keep you informed as to the progress and details when they become available.

Would also like to mention at this time that if you have an email address please consider letting the Area send out the mailing of the minutes, agendas & event information to you electronically. This would save the Area a lot of time and money so we can better help carry the message to the alcoholics that don't know about A.A. You can check with me at the registration table & we can update your records to reflect this change.

So far I have visited 4 of our 12 district or GSR meetings, please get your updated mailing address information of the GSR's, DCM's & District Chairs to your Secretaries so they can pass it along & we can get our records up to date. So far I have registered 3 new groups with GSO via the FNV. The new group numbers are given immediately after the new group information is entered. But it takes approx. 30 days + 1 week to get any new Group GSR information out. The New group literature & workbook will be sent out before the GSR's get their packet information. If you have any questions on this please see me & I will do all I can to assist you.

Right now there are approx. 326 active Groups in the database but there are a lot with bad addresses. (an active group is a group that has a valid group number & has not been listed at GSO as inactive or closed). We received back 31 (approx. 10%) returned mailings for bad addresses & 2 were from the Area committee members. So please try to let me know if you change your mailing address. This will also assist those members of our Area trying to contact you as well. I would like to thank all of the district secretaries & DCM's that have sent me your updates as this has made my work in this position less stressful

There are a few directories here from May if you have not received one or if you know any DCM's or GSR's in your districts that might need them.

There is some other material about the new FNV sent from GSO. I would also like to mention that GSO is open to suggestions about what to have & what we can change on this new system. However they only decide to implement that which will benefit all A.A. groups nationwide.

On occasion an Area adds a new district and it does not show on the district list provided on the FNV, or your Area may want to redistrict some groups. Adding new districts can be done by the Area Record Keeper through FNV.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you & your groups! Charlie G. Area 69 Registrar

Area Standing Committees

Archives Report

Good morning everyone, The summer has gone by quickly.

I have been working on finishing 7 more display boards. Thanks to the generosity of District 7 and a group in Fairview (District 6). One of the boards will be displayed at the National Archive Workshop the first week of Sept. in Phoenix. This board will stay with the area archive display. There are still 6 more boards needed to complete the project.

Just a few weeks ago, Julie received a request for permission to reprint a pamphlet from, Salt Lake City Group #1 "Who Me" from an author in Florida.

Julie forward it on to me, I sent it on to Amy at GSO archives asking for input and information.

Trysh Travis is a Asst. Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator, Center for Woman's Studies and Gender Research, University of FL.

Any knows Trysh well as she had been a researcher at the GSO archives for her book. Since the pamphlet was not copyrighted, it is now part of public domain and not subject to copyright restrictions. If that is the case she can publish it without gaining permission from a copyright holder. If it were copyrighted, it would be nearly impossible to find the copyright owner. Area 69, and the Archives of Area 69, wouldn't be the copyright owners, so would not be able to grant legal permission. But we certainly could give Trysh our blessing to use it.

Trysh did send a formal letter requesting permission to reprint. (I have a copy of it here with me for anyone who would like to look at it.

The ad hoc committee has met twice this summer; we will be holding our last meeting next Sunday. We are on schedule and will present our findings and conclusions at the Fall Assembly.

I am looking forward to attending the National Archive Workshop and hope that some of the other archivists in the Area will also be able to attend. I have been asked to be a presenter, my subject is repositories.

Thank you for letting be of service to you. Janet H.

Assembly/Agenda Report

Hello Family. It may seem I have been distant or unavailable since we last met in Fillmore. My sincerest apologies to anyone I might have missed or slighted in any way. Those incredible things in life we call "promises" are continuing to be fulfilled in my life, unfortunately some with negative aspects involved.

We are continuing to put the events together through Sept. Fall Assembly. Other host committees are working on the Nov. and Dec. events.

I greatly appreciate the opportunities to serve you have bestowed on me, and look forward to helping the Host Committees and Area 69 continue to help carry our message wherever we might be needed.

Love in Service,
Thom B. Agenda/Assembly Chair

Communications Committee Report

Hello Family,

My name is Doug and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve you as the Area's Communications Committee Chair. For those new to service or otherwise may not be familiar with what the Communication Committee does; it was established at the Kanab Fall Elections Assembly in September 2006.

The Communications Chairperson serves as both the Area Web Servant and Newsletter Editor, and directs three sub-committees; the Website committee, the Newsletter committee, and the Translation committee. The Communications Committee meets monthly on the second Monday of every month. All are welcome to attend; we meet at Beans & Brew in Salt Lake City.

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 A.A. meetings list. These are kept up to date and accurate by cooperating with the various Central Offices as well as the cooperation of the various districts. Some districts have created service positions whose sole responsibility it is to make sure their districts' meetings are accurately represented on the Areas' website. Other districts have given this responsibility to their PI chair and/or their DCMs. I would like to thank all of those that are so diligent in keeping the Area informed of meeting changes, deletions and additions.

The Area's newsletter is prepared and copies are distributed at the Pre-Conference Assembly, Post-Conference Assembly, Fall Assembly, and Fall Workshop. In even years, the newsletter may be distributed at either the Fall Workshop or the December Area Committee Meeting / Pass the Gavel. 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 Spanish versions of the newsletters can be found at utahaa.org/sp/sp_publications.html.

We printed all of the Area reports, they are available here today. I would like to encourage the GSRs to make these available to their groups, it is another way that we can let the members of Alcoholics Anonymous know what the Area is doing for them, and what they can do for the Area. I would also like to encourage the DCMCs to bring these back to distribute them at their GSR meetings.

Area Standing Committee Chair reports and the Delegate's reports can also be found on the Area's website, utahaa.org, in their individual blogs. These are accessible from the home page.

I would like to mention some website statistics. As of August 11, 2007 there have been 49,365 hits (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 1.3 cents per visit. And that per visit amount will only get less because we will have no more Internet related expenses until March 16, 2008 when the annual ISP amount of \$107.00 will be due.

We have had a poll on the website asking the question, "How important is it that you have mobile access to Utah Area 69 A.A. meeting lists?" It has been on the website for 120 days. 64.2% feel that it is 'Very important', 13.8% feel it is 'Some what important', and 22.0% feel that it is 'Not at all important'.

For those that are not aware the area's meeting list can be accessed using your mobile phone's internet access at utahaa.mobi. This feature has been available now for a little over three months.

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 Internet at utahaa.org/sp/sp_area69.php. Spanish translations of the Area reports are available at utahaa.org/sp/sp_publications.html.

The Communications committee looked into the idea of streaming the Area's business meetings to the Internet; "pod casting". It was determined that, "at this time, even though it is technically possible, there is not a demonstrable need for this service."

I want to thank my committee members for there continued dedication and willingness to serve. I would also like to thank the Area for allowing me to serve.

With gratitude, Doug R. Area 69 Communications Committee Chair

E-mail adulate

Subject: website
From: "GypsyGenGopher"
Date: Mon, 6 Aug 2007 12:22:22 -0700
To: area69webservant@utahaa.org

Absolutely love your website. As a full-time RVer, I have found it challenging at times to find meetings. Part of the challenge is that the area websites are not always easy to Google out. Your site was easy to find and easy to use.

THANK YOU

C.P.C Report

Good Morning,

First let me tell you that the U of U School on Alcoholism was a big success. That was only possible due to your hard work and service. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make the week a success. We made contacts with several people that asked for more information about AA. I sent G.S.O contact information for 14 people, whom requested more information about AA and G.S.O. will send them the information. We made contact with a treatment facility in SLC that has had some concerns with having AA members bring a meeting into their facility. A meeting has been set up for Sunday afternoon (Aug 19th) with people from the facility and some of us from the CPC and Treatment committees. The goal of the meeting is to resolve some possible issues so we can begin carrying the message inside the facility. I will keep you posted as to how this goes. Another contact made during the week, was to see if AA could set up a display for a substance abuse conference hosted in St. George in September. I called that contact person and learned that they wanted AA to purchase space at the conference for the low price of \$250.00. In accordance with our traditions, I offered to assist in any way needed but declined to purchase any space. The contact person was to let me know if they felt they needed any AA literature to distribute at the event, but as of yet, I have not heard from them. We have some literature left from the school so if you know of any districts that could utilize some free literature, please let me know. Again I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make the event a success.

At Post Conference, during our round table discussion it was decided to make a list of recommended pamphlets for varying professional groups. We all have the assignment to read pamphlets, so we could better group them to certain professions. We want to distribute theses lists to the districts so they can bundle the literature specific to a given profession. The next step would be to then go to the varying professional group with a group of 3-4 pamphlets. It is our hope that simplifying the process would be of benefit to the professionals that may be too busy to read our literature. I will keep you posted on the committee's progress.

Thank-you for allowing me to serve,
Terri M. Area 69 CPC Chair

Corrections Report

Hello Friends,

Area corrections activity has had a busy summer so far. District 4 & 10 did an outstanding job on hosting the Area69 BTG workshop held in Fillmore June 16th. There were approximately 90-100 participants. We had the pleasure of the Millard County Jail Commander's participation on the discussion panel during the A.M. portion of the workshop, and the afternoon began with the debut of the Men's Corrections Power point presentation followed by sharing from two former inmate's experiences with A.A. both inside the walls and what it's like now on the outside. Tom I. wrapped up the rest of the afternoon sharing his personal story as a former inmate, correctional professional, and retired Warden with 50 years of sobriety. He also shared his views and vast knowledge on how to work with jail and prison administrators in reaching a common goal we share with them; that being the successful transition of former offenders, who want to change their lives through the 12 Steps of recovery, back into their communities. I felt it was a very informative, moving, and successful workshop.

I attended District 10 and 2's GSR meetings since May and look forward to visiting other districts by years' end. I have made reservations to attend this year's National BTG Workshop Weekend being hosted in White River Junction, Vermont September 14-16th. I'm also looking forward to attending the Utah Association of Jail Commanders meeting Sept. 23rd in St. George, where we (A.A.) have been scheduled for a 30 minute presentation on their meeting agenda. Our purpose is to inform and offer workable programs and volunteers to meet their particular needs in each individual facility. Some may already have established A.A. meetings and some may not (for what ever reason), and hopefully we can open new dialog and create more cooperative, working relationships with these professional in order to carry out our Fifth Tradition (primary purpose) and the life changing results from Twelve Step work in locked-down facilities.

It has been an absolute honor to serve Area 69 as Corrections Chair.

Sincerely, Rena H.

P. S. Thank you again to all who helped with the development of the Men's version of the power point. We have taken the suggestions asked for at the BTG in Fillmore and are currently editing and incorporating the ideas suggested and we'll keep you advised in its progress.

Grapevine Report

I have had many requests for past issues of the Grapevine, and they have finally arrived. I now have available 300 copies of past Grapevines that are on sale today for \$20.00 for a packet of 25 issues.

Many of recovery tools that have been available to the fellowship sold out right after receiving them, but now have been re-restocked. You favorites can be found at the Grapevine display. This includes:

IN OUR OWN WORDS - Stories of Young AA.s in Recovery ... A collection of personal stories from the Grapevine that focuses on the difficulties faced by alcoholics who are young in years and the sober joys that await them.

\$7.50

EMOTION SOBRIETY: - THE NEXT FRONTIER - In this collection of Grapevine stories, sober women and men describe the transformations sobriety can bring as the practice the principles of AA in all aspects of their lives.

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THE HOME GROUP: - HEARTBEAT OF AA - A collection of Grapevine articles illuminating the varied experi-

ences of belong to an AA group today.
\$2.25

THE BEST OF BILL - A handsome new edition of five of Bill W's most powerful Grapevine articles sharing his thoughts on faith, fears honesty, humility, and love. This edition "Why Alcoholics Anonymous is Anonymous," Bill's Grapevine article from January 1955.
\$6.50

The above list only includes a small selection of offerings available to the Area 69 Fellowship. Stop by and see me at the Grapevine Display.... PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT PAYING SHIPPING CHARGES.

Love in Service, Ken C.

Literature Report

My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve as your Area 69 Literature Standing Chair. What a blessing it is to have an extra newsletter thanks to the hard work of our Communication Standing Chair – Doug. In addition to doing my regular activities concerning Literature, I have had the privilege to serve on the host committee for this event. Welcome to Tooele and our humble little group.

The Literature activities at the Post Conference Assembly were not as heavy as have been the case at other events. I noticed that new GSR packets have slowed down somewhat, perhaps in part to the Districts actively holding workshops and orientations of their own for their GSRs. I have noticed that new Service Manual acquisitions have risen steadily throughout the summer.

I had the privilege to attend the BTG Workshop held in Fillmore this past June. I am thankful to have been asked to bring a Literature Display to this event and there were many who acquired AA Literature while in Fillmore – once again with Service Manuals and Service material leading the way. District 7 has been particularly active in acquiring literature for their trusted servants. The BTG event was especially exciting because we had the chance to meet the members of the Fillmore and surrounding groups and let them know they are an important part of Area 69 and AA as a whole.

During June in Utah, the School on Alcoholism always fills the calendar with exciting activities such as manning the AA booth and attending the meetings at the School. This year, I had the privilege to work with Teri – our PI chair, to add to the already large amount of literature that accompanies the booth that we set up and tend to. It was especially gratifying to chair a meeting at the School and listen to the stories of members from around the country, many of whom attend this important school every year. The Wednesday night meeting had an especially good speaker and was very well attended. I am grateful for the opportunity to assist in this event and to help carry the message through sitting at the booth and aiding other members in finding meetings throughout the valley.

Throughout the summer months since the Post Conference Assembly, I have been trying to get beyond the confines of the Salt Lake Valley and attend District meetings other than District 2 and 10. Although there is plenty of work to be had in helping these two Districts, I hope to be able to attend other Districts meetings soon. Please let me know how to help your District and when your meetings are. Work permitting, I will be happy to make the drive to the other Districts. Thank you District 2 and 10 for making me feel at home in your meetings and for the great work that you do. I know that both of these Districts are actively making the new GSR feel at ease with New GSR packets and other helpful literature that Area 69 has to offer. In addition to these Districts, this information is available on the Utahaa web site and I encourage you to download this information for yourself and other members who may need this helpful literature.

The remainder of my summer has been spent in two areas which really peak my interest. First, I am so grateful to District 2 to have bid on this event just a short year ago. To have members of my other fellowship visit my home group and hometown is a too-rare treat. To serve on the host committee allows me the opportunity to enlist other

members in these types of events and introduce them to an important part of sobriety – Service. Thank you for visiting Tooele and bringing your awesome experience, strength and hope to this area.

I have also had the privilege to sit in on the ad hoc committee for Archives over the past two years. I want to express my gratitude to my fellow members of this committee for showing me that dedication to the fellowship and the committee system really makes this whole thing work. That committee is coming to a completion now and I am not the same person who raised their hand two years ago. The events that have taken place in my life during this same period have truly tried to disrupt the serenity that this program has given me. Had I not had the fine examples of AA humility and service from my fellow ad hoc committee members to learn from, this period would have been just that much more difficult. As it is, you fine folks continue to make my life richer and more fulfilling with each and every day.

Thank you, Pete G. Area 69 Literature Standing Chair

Public Information Report (not received)

Treatment Facilities Report

Ah! “Those summer time blues”. I attended the Bridging the Gap in Filmore on June 16th. It was interesting and we got to hear some professionals for the Correction side. I actually got to work the system when Mike O asked me to track down someone. Other than that I have had no action or even heard of any activity on the Treatment side.

Some sad news Dave B and very active Treatment chair for District Ten had to resign. We will miss him. Keep him in your prayers. I visited district Ten last Monday and shared with them the great need we have for District chairs and what is expected of them. We owe a debt of gratitude to Big Ed C. GSR in District ten for stepping up on a problem at Highland Ridge and handling it in a very professional manner. We have a meeting Sunday with the CEO.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

John Mc
Area 69 Treatment Chair

Area 69 Districts

District 1 Report (not received)

District 2 Report (not received)

District 3 Report

Dist.3..... Is doing very well.
The last GSR meeting had a good turnout.
Our newsletter, The No Booze News still needs people to write articles for it.
Coming up is the Hamburger Fry, Aug.24th and the Whoopee party, to support central office. In Sept.
There are plans for a workshop for GSR's covering (Non Alcoholics sharing at a closed meeting)
This has been a problem of late!

Yours in service..... J.A.(Stormy) D

District 4 Report (not received)

District 5 Report (not received)

District 6 Report (not received)

District 7 Report

Our District is busy getting ready for the Fall Workshop. As you will see on the fliers for the Fall Workshop we are trying something new.

On August 11th we held District elections; we have a new Treatment Chair, DCM East and they are going to put up with me for another year. We still need to fill PI/CPC, Grapevine, Central Office Liaison and Directory Chairs. Julie S., Area Delegate attended our District Meeting and graciously shared with us her experiences at AA Conference and answered questions about the issues from the conference.

Purgatory Correctional Facility has requested that we bring a meeting into the juvenile facility. We are able to take tapes and CDs in to the prison for the prisoners to listen to at their meetings.

We are ordering two cases of Big Books and literature for District Corrections. I had the honor of attending the BTG Workshop in Fillmore, I learned a lot.

Sincerely, yours in service, thank you. Lauana H.

District 8 Report (not received)

District 9 Report (not received)

District 10 Report (not received)

District 11 Report

It seems like such a long time since Post-Conference. On behalf of District 11 I'd like to thank those who attended and especially those who helped make the Assembly as successful as it was. The Committee was great and I want them to know how much we appreciate all their hard work. They made it look easy but that was because they were each well prepared for their assignment when the time came. We need to give a special thanks to our Chairperson, Janet R., for keeping us all on track.

As I thought about what to report, nothing came to mind. I had one of those truly mindless moments. Like a moment of clarity, only blank. It was really quite refreshing. Anyway.....

We are still having trouble filling the Standing Chair positions. Currently we need CPC, Corrections, and Grapevine Chairs. We do have a couple of likely yet unsuspecting candidates in mind. Gary J., our Treatment Chair, is still as busy as ever. His committee has established two meetings, one for men at the Job Corps and one at the WRC (Women`s Recovery Center) in Clearfield. Both are doing well. Currently they are working to start a Women`s meeting at the Job Corps. He is also helping cover the duties of Corrections and beginning to have some success with the BTG Program. Our Literature and P.I. Chairs are both active again. We are looking forward to their participation.

Financially, the District is doing well. Perhaps too well. We have just selected another committee to consider our financial position and make recommendations. Last year we established a budget higher than our expected contributions in order to spend down some of our surplus. However, year to date we have only spent about \$80.00 more than contributions. We need to decide what to do with what is now more than a prudent reserve.

Our last District meeting was surprisingly well attended. Over half of our GSR's were present along with some interested and interesting AA's. We also had a representative from the SLC Central Office, Ron R. Most of the groups are reporting better than expected attendance considering the usual summer time drop off. All meetings seem to be doing well and extend their invitation to visitors. There are no new groups or meetings but some have changed location. We have submitted the changes to Doug R. our Area Communications Chair and will update other lists (Central Offices, etc.) as soon as possible. So, if you are planning to visit in the near future, and we'd love to see you, it would be well to check for new listings. The Serenity Happy Hour Group and the 702 Group have both moved from classroom #2 into classroom #1 at the Davis Hospital. The Wed. Night Serenity Happy Hour Group and the Sons of Sisyphus Group have both moved to 1579 S. State, Clearfield, Utah. The times and days of the week for these meetings are still the same.

At our last meeting one of our DCM's, Coop C., shared some wisdom that could be helpful to all of us. He suggested that before we criticize another we walk a mile in their shoes. That way we will be a mile away and we will have their shoes.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Bruce I.

District 12 Report (not received)

Area Motion

Presented by Teri M., Area CPC Standing Chair: That the Area defray new incoming Area Standing Chairs and Area Officers to the Pass the Gavel meeting. By new I mean those that are not currently serving at the Area level. Pass the Gavel meetings only occur every other year and serves to welcome these people to their new positions. The maximum cost to the Area would be \$600.00 plus mileage, which would vary. This cost would cover 15 people at \$40.00 per night for hotel. Although I gave you the maximum cost, I believe the real cost would be much less. I say this based on the history of "new" incoming officers and standing chairs to have been 2 to 3 every other year.