

Utah Area 69 Committee Meeting February 23, 2008
Utah State University, Roosevelt 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. **Announcement made that the position of Area Agenda Chair needed to be filled.** Jim from Dist 10 stood to qualify himself.

PI Chair has resigned and that position will have to be filled also.

12 Traditions – Claudia District 10

Minutes of December 2007 Area Committee Meeting read by Sheri P., Recording Secretary. – Approved as read with one correction. Tony gave the Corrections Report for Renee in her absence..

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

Delegates Report Julie S., - Copies were available.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 Vicky A., DCMC – I'm Vicky and I am an alcoholic. I'm very happy to be here today with you all. God bless everyone who made the snowy drive. We had a wonderful meeting at the Alano Club here. District 1 is doing awesome. We have 2 chair positions filled & 2 DCM positions filled. We are currently operating in our prudent reserve. The reason I say awesome is my experience shows when things look darkest is when a wonderful growth is about to happen. We had awesome attendance at the Feb District Meeting. We are doing an ongoing inventory. Feb meeting had much loving discussion on what is the primary purpose and are we fulfilling that purpose. 2 DCM's & DCMC met after many of our DCM's rotated out in Dec. The 3 of us split up the meetings in the District. The district is busy preparing for the Post Conference. The Rocky Mtn Roundup (Ogden) is the same weekend as Pre Conference but we are excited that Janet is giving an Area Achieve presentation. The district is also having a table there & providing info on District Service. Another wonderful thing that's happened is a Women's Retreat home. I am happy to be back as I have been on a long dry one. You know what the means. Love & Service Vicky

District 2 Wade J., DCMC - The new year has been full, we have lost our Bridging the Gap Chair, The P>I> Chair and the Grape Vine, which saddens me. Dist 2 ha been working very hard preparing for the Pre-Conference Assembly. We are very excited to be part of the workshop that Dist 2, 10, and 11 are going to invite the Delegate to give us a full report on the voting issues. Dist 2 is very excited about the workshop. The District is doing very well financially and we are voting on what to do with money that is above the prudent reserve. Attendance has been really awesome at the District meetings and the trusted servants are great. It is such a blessing to be a part of such a great fellowship.

District 3 J.A. (Stormy) D., DCM – Feb meeting was held and we had someone to stand for DCMC but did not have enough people to vote. We will try again next month. A host committee is now in place, and working on the Area Pre-Assembly Workshop in August. The central office meeting was held Feb 20. Elections were held for Chair, Co- Chair, and 3 board of directors. I hope this new group of people can help central office. There is a problem with following the Traditions. Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 4 & 5 – No Report

District 6 Denzel A., DCM – We currently have more people attending meetings in Dist 6 thanks to the court system. We have an up coming event. Our Dist workshop will be March 1st in Ephraim at the Mental Health building. There are flyers if you are interested. We will have 2 speakers Mike O past delegate and Josh A our Treatment chair. Round table discussions on the 7th tradition. You are all welcome to come & join us.

District 7 Lauana H., DCMC – We had to cancel our Dec District meeting and workshop/Christmas party, due to storm conditions in Cedar City. The January District meeting was held in St George. Treesa J., our District treasurer chaired the meeting. None of our DCM's were there and I had just had back surgery. At this time, we seem to be in a time of flux. Some of our chairs have been filled and also gained a couple new GSR's. While we have lost GSR's from other groups. I would like to thank Janet H for going out of her way to get me to Kanab for this months District meeting and Treesa J and Janet H for driving and making sure that I am able to be here. Driving is still one of my yets from the Doctor. Pete G., our Area Literature Chair is a welcome addition to our District. Pete has graciously volunteered to be one of our speakers at our next District Workshop. We now have a Treatment Chair. Corrections is doing well. We are financially doing well. It fills good to be getting back in the saddle. I truly missed not being a part of.

District 8 John G., DCM – District 8 is doing great. Our chairs are full. We got our 2008 Budget in and accepted. We're making inroads into the schools and youth detention and youth services thanks to Jolene F our CPC/PI chair. There has been interest in starting some Alateen Groups in Vernal and Roosevelt. We've passed this information onto the local Alanon Group, and have offered our support. Our District meetings are having good attendance, usually with several interested AA's. A reflection on how undivided our Service Core is in the Basin. We're grateful to get to Host the Feb Area Committee Mtg. Thanks to the Committee. We're grateful to be of Service. Thank you all for your service. PS Little Skyline Conference May 2,3,4 Western Park Vernal.

District 9 – No Report

District 10 Karen C., DCMC – We're getting ready for the joint Districts 2, 10, 11 workshop. Julie, our Delegate will be discussing the GSO Conference Agenda items. We did a GSR inventory at the beginning of the year and discovered that they had not received a welcome packet from GSO. I called GSO and they informed me that only registered GSR's will receive a packet. Charlie, our registrar was at our last GSR meeting to try to straighten out this mess. We're also looking for a new place to host the GSR meetings, because we're hearing that the Alano Club has been sold. (maybe). Thank you for letting me serve. Your trusted servant, Karen.

District 11 Bruce I., DCMD – For a couple of weeks in Jan all our District positions were filled. The new position is a BTG Standing Chair. We want to welcome Susan M., our new BRG Chair to our District Committee. She reports 3 inmates recently asked to participate. Also several people have volunteered for BTG. Also welcome Dwayne F. He joined as our CPC Chairperson. He has been working closely with the Job Corps and is getting ready to launch an outreach to professionals. Our Grapevine Chair, Michael O has visited the Northern Groups in the District and reports about 75% have GVR's. Alan H., our Corrections Chair is working hard to coordinate the efforts at the Davis County Jail. He reports we need female volunteers to hold women's meetings. Pete M our PI Chair has been developing a plan to approach businesses and schools. We haven't received a current report from Literature, but Gary J. our Treatment Chair reports his newest project is a Treatment Center that has never had AA meeting before. They've agreed to allow us to host a meeting every other week. The first meeting was scheduled for last Sunday. We'd like to give Gary special thanks for

encouraging so many people to get involved in service, especially in our District. We want to welcome both Matt D., and Don B., as 2 new GSR's. We are a small District but currently enjoying nearly full participation. Our guideline committee met last week. After just one meeting it's clear they are all very dedicated and sincere in wanting what's best for District 11. We want to thank the District who have shared their guidelines with us. We are borrowing heavily from their ideas. A workshop was held in January. Mike and Shirley O along with Monte S joined us and presented Round Table discussions about the different levels of service. It wasn't a large group, but very successful in terms of participation, enlightenment, and enjoyment. Interested AA's represented about 1/3 of those in attendance. I just reported our Committee was fully staffed, but sadly we have one new position. Sue S., our Secretary has chosen to step down as she feels she is unable to fulfill all of her obligations. Adrian and Coop continue to serve their groups as GSR's. Thank you to aautah.org (Doug) web site administrator. 6 members of the fellowship found the way to our group meetings. 1 from California, 2 from Texas, 1 from Ohio, 1 from Washington, and 1 from New York. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be of service.

District 12 – MUY BUENOS DIAS A TODOS, MI NOMBRE ES CARLOS Y SOY EL M.C.D. ALTERNO DE EL DISTRITO 12 TENGO ALGUNOS REPORTES QUE DECIR, DE LAS ACTIVIDADES QUE ESTAMOS REALISANDO EN NUESTRA COMUNIDAD HISPANA, TALES COMO:

1. SE ELIGIERON LOS SERVIDORES DE EL PROXIMO COMITE ORGANIZADOR DE LA TERCERA CONVENCION HISPANA DE EL ESTADO DE UTAH, Y QUEDARON ELEGIDOS LOS SIGUIENTES COMANEROS:

COMPANERO ALVAROM	COORDINADOR
COMPANERO ALBERYO E	COORDINATOR ALTERNO
COMPANERO ALFONSO	SECRETARIO
COMPANERO ANTONIO C	SECRETARO ALTERNO
COMPANERO RAFAEL A	TESORERO
COMPANERO CARLOS R	TESORERO ALTERNO

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2. CON EL PROPOCITO DE FORTALECER LA MOTIVACION EN NUESTRA COMUNIDAD PARA FORMAR LOS COMITES DE COOPERACION CON LA COMUNIDAD PROFECIONAL, INSTITUCIONES CARCELARIAS Y HOSPITALES YL CENTROS DE TRATAMIENTO EL DISTRITO 12 A PROGRAMADO UN FORO LOCAL DE SERVICIOS GENERALES PAPA EL DIA 15 DE JUNIO Y SETRATARAN ASUNTOS MERAMENTE RELACIONADOS CON NUESTRAS NESECIDADES DE SERVICIO. TAMBIEN SE LES MANTENDRA INFORMADOS.
3. COMPANERO JOSE LUIS RSG DE EL GROUP HISPANO VOLUNTARIO PAPA SER INTERPRETE (INGLES-ESPANOL)
4. COMPANERO RENE GRUP[FEY ESPERANZA CONTECTO POR INTERNET(COMUNICACION) COUNITE
5. NUESTRO COMITE DE INFORMACION PUBLICA YA ESTA TRABAJANDO EL NOMBRE DE EL COORDINATOR ES JUAN CARLOS DE EL GROUP[HISPANO SUTELEFOUDES 801-833-7313

STANDING CHAIR REPORTS

Archives, Janet H., - All donations to the archives have value and share a part of our history, but some are exceptional because of their rarity. We have received a donation of another Gold Cover Big Book. These were made as a gift for the first Utah State AA Service Committee 1951 from Clyde G the first delegate. This one belonged to Bill S from district 5 (districts were called area's then) so now we have one from Bill S and Bill B. These are first edition-fourteenth printings. There were six books presented, I don't know if Clyde also had one, if so then there would have been seven books. I feel for the archives to have 2 is awesome. The information of how these 2 books survived and came to the archives are their own little piece of history. We also received a donation of a cassette recorder with headphones, which will be great if someone wants to listen to one of the cassettes when there is a display up. Thanks District 1 for the donation of four display boards. Last week I received the flyer for the National Archive Workshop to be hosted at Niagara Falls New York. I hope to attend. Thank you for letting me be of service to you.

Communications Doug R. – The next Area newsletter will be published at the Pre Conference Assembly in April. Please get your articles in to the Newsletter Editor. I have asked some of you for specific articles I have repeatedly asked you all to submit an article on your experience, strength, and hope especially regarding your involvement in service. Remember there will be a lot of new Gas's at the Pre Conference Assembly that could benefit a great deal from what you have to share. Please submit them at least one week prior to the event to. We are looking at doing a redesign of the website. A final decision will be made by the Communications Committee when we meet again in March, which will be held on the third Monday. At that time we will be discussing the need to elect a new Alternate Web servant and to get a volunteer to coordinate the updating of the meeting list. It is all getting a bit overwhelming to do it all myself. So if you're interested or now someone that is please invite them to the meeting in March,. I will announce this again at the Pre-Conference Assembly. District 12 has formed their own Communications Committee. Congratulations and thank you. Thank you for allowing me to serve this incredible Fellowship. Doug R

CPC Jared B. – Attended District 10 GSR meeting. Provided literature for District 10 CPC to be placed in a treatment center. Began coordination to provide literature for the Central Utah Substance Abuse Conference April 18-19 in Richfield, Utah. Looking for people to man the booth.

Corrections Ranae H. – Mailed correction district standing chairs a memo & info regarding Feb Committee meeting & Pre-Conference Assembly. Updated "Letter to the inmate w/minor change/clarification of six months or more left before release to participate in correspondence program. Pre release contact program master copies for both inside AA & outside AA members. Actual correspondence form from GSO. Received 1 mailing back addressed to Dist 5. I want to encourage all districts to have a big coordinator if possible. Looking forward to this upcoming year of fellowship and service. Love Ranae

Grapevine Sheryl T. Grapevine is alive and well. Since the Area Committee Meeting in Brigham City, contacts have been made with Districts 1,2,3,5,8,10,and 11. The word had spread throughout the state that there were Grapevine materials available and the response from the districts was

amazing. I had the opportunity to attend a workshop hosted by District 3 on December 8th. It was impressive to see such a large number of young people so involved and enthusiastic. Several Grapevine books and CDs were purchased as Christmas gifts. Grapevine books were requested and mailed to Districts 8 and 11 to assist in Grapevine PI and CPC committee work. I had a call from a member in Kenilworth, which is in the District 5/Price area. He travels throughout the Four Corners area, hunting, fishing and trapping. He takes old Grapevines with him on his treks and gives them to the folks he meets along the way. Some of the mountain people rarely get to meetings and the old Grapevines really mean a lot to them. If anyone would like to donate old copies of the magazine, I'll see that Tony receives them. Two new CDs have become available since our last gathering: "Powers of Example" has numerous stories about practicing AA principles in our everyday lives; and "a Lifetime of AA" is a wonderful collection of old-timer's stories. Thanks to all of you, there is no longer an excess of Grapevine inventory. Over \$1000 was returned to Area 69 before the end of 2007. There are still several Spanish-language books available. Language of the Heart and The Best of Bill. I will contact our friends in District 12 to make them aware of the availability of these items. Jorge C is the new editor of LaVina and special projects at the Grapevine office in New York. Thank you for this service opportunity.

Literature Pete – Closed 2007 budget much closer to zero. New Service Manuals are being shipped. I ordered ½ case, but District 7 purchased 9 of these in their Feb Dist meeting. 2007 Final reports are available and are especially useful for our task at hand preparing our Delegate with our best conscience from our groups. Dist 10 meetings are distributing more pamphlets. District 11 really put on an excellent workshop in January. Service was discussed & a whole group of people new to service.

Treatment John M. – Snow, ice, sickness and the holidays with a large dollop procrastination has left me with no report. I will do better. John

OFFICERS REPORTS

Alt Delegate Monte S. – On Dec 8 2007 we were invited to a Workshop in District 3 and chaired a roundtable discussion about Tradition 3. On January 26, 2008 District 11 conducted a workshop on the general service structure and we were asked to moderate a roundtable about the Home Group. Jan 28, 2008 District 12 had their regular Monday night meeting and Doug R had asked that Area Flyers and information be distributed to them. While there we discussed the terrific problem we are having finding b I-lingual AA's to help us translate both written and spoken words. Just so happens there was a fellow there who has had some professional training in translation and interpretation and another who was fluent in both languages who was willing to do some written translation for Doug and the communication committee. Their district is now in the preliminary stages of forming their own communications committee to work on translation needs in cooperation with the Area. On Feb 13, Ed D., Jodi E. and I met as the AD-hoc committee to discuss ideas for improving the way we conduct our Area meetings. We have also been talking with some of the host committees for upcoming events. Julie has asked that those preparing for events work with other planning committees regarding supplies. Seems we are getting an abundance of expensive duplicated hospitality supplies that are not considered necessary, It is always interesting and personally rewarding to attend District workshops and meetings and to learn about how each District conducts their business and solves their problems.

January 1st 2008 Bob P. past general manager of the General Service Office died at this home in Bellevue, Idaho. Bob and his wife Betsy made many trips to our Area to share with us their many years of AA Experience Strength and Hope. Most recently they participated in our Area 69 Birthday party as Bob was a speaker for AA and Betsy shared with Alanon. Bob's AA story is the last story in the 3rd and 4th edition of the Big Book, How to Handle Sobriety. Gay and Patti with my wife and I traveled to Idaho to attend services for Bob. Friday night's service was an AA memorial celebration attended by about 500 people. The program was titled "A Life Well Spent." On Saturday another 500 or so friends and family gathered at the Church of The Big Wood, in Ketchum Idaho for a public memorial.

Chair Andy B. – I want to thank everybody for allowing me to serve as Area 69 Chairman. Since Dec I have had the opportunity to attend District meetings in 2, 3, 8, 10,11. Thank you for making me feel welcome and thanks to everybody who helps keep this program going thought General Service. 2007 was a great experience in my service journey. Last year gave me a whole new appreciation for the people who served as the Area Chairperson before me. This is a position that looks easier than it is. I would like to thank all of those who stood up to fill the vacancies that have come about. And thanks to those who held those positions to begin this rotation. Filling those spots are not always easy. I have been fortunate so far for the people whom I have met along my journey through service. Thanks for filling those positions. "You know who you are. Thanks District 8 for this event. If I can be of help to anybody in recovery or service please let me know. My phone # 801-891-5388. Thank you all so very much for allowing me to serve. Love and Service Andy B

Registrar Charles G. - I am an Alcoholic & my name is Charlie. Please keep sending in your group information to keep the Area Directory current, thanks again to all of you for your continued efforts. Attended District 10 in Feb and they had a great GSR meeting. I will be working on making sure that all new elected trusted servants get registered & receive their new packets as soon as possible. If any DCM's have any questions about this please see me this weekend & I will be happy to discuss any questions that you may have. At the Pre-conference Assembly in April, I will have the new Area 69 Directories printed & ready to distribute. Make sure I have all your district changes in before March 28th. I have today the "New Group Information" sheets from GSO for all DCMC's or DCM's for the districts without DCMC's Please review and distribute the specific group information to your GSR's within your district at your next meeting. If you would like me to attend & explain registration process it is extremely important as the4 deadline is April 30th 2008 to have this information to GSO so this can be printed in the Western Regional Dire4ctories that will be Distributed throughout the world. Please let me know, as I am willing to serve your district & groups with whatever is needed to facilitate group registration or information from GSO, the Pacific Region or our Area. I just posted the updates for District 7 & 10. they have been added to our database. So far there have been 9 new groups added & group numbers received. If you are a GSR & don't know your group number please see me this weekend so you can use this for correspondence & to receive credit for your group contributions. PRAASSA 2008 is almost here & we will be enjoying another 12 step call in Anchorage Area next month. We as an Area should start to seriously consider putting in our bid to host this event as it takes several bids before the Area is chosen as this is rotated under the substantial unanimity of the group conscience that is take in NY by our delegates. Thank you again for allowing me to hold & embrace this third legacy of Service & to grow in unconditional love within the fellowship.

Secretary Sheri P. – I am excited & grateful to be here today & extremely blessed to serve as your Area Secretary. One thing I have learned from this wonderful program is not everyone gets the deal. The same is true with General Service. Some share the feeling that once you get into General Service you stop carrying the message into the groups and disappear. I heard it stated that when you served more than 10 years you are not serving AA anymore, but you are serving yourself. (Interesting because I get so much from all areas of this program that I feel AA is serving me.) I have felt so much love and received many gifts from interacting with you people who feel as blessed as I to be a part of General Service in Area 69. I love you all and Thanks again for giving me the honor of serving.

Treasurer Nadine N. – I'm Nadine & I'm an alcoholic. Welcome to Roosevelt. Thanks for braving the weather to attend. It was very nice to get the 2007 books closed & get a fresh start on the 2008 books. Thanks for allowing me to serve. My service position is still keeping me sober and enriching my life.

Past Delegate Report Mike O. – I'm an alcoholic and my name is Mike Ohlson. I currently serve Area 69 as your Immediate Past Delegate, Panel 55. My report is brief. I want to thank District 11 for the opportunity to participate in their District workshop on January 26th. And, I am looking forward to the privilege of participating in a workshop this coming weekend in District 6. Thank you for allowing me to play my small role in carrying our message of hope to so many.

Roll Call by Area Registrar Charlie G. – In attendance were 6 Area Officers, 8 Area Standing Chairs, 2 Past Delegates, District 1 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 3 GSR – District 2 1 DCMC 3 DCM @ GSR ! Alt GSR 1 STDG Chair – District 3 2 DCM, 1 ALT DCM, 6 GSR, 1 STDG Chair – District 4 None in attendance – District 5 None in Attendance – District 6 1 DCM, District 7 1 DCMC – District 8 1 DCM, 3 GSR, 3 STDG Chair – District 9 None in attendance District 10 1 DCMC 2 DCM 2 GSR – District 11 1 DCMC 2 DCM – District 12 1 DCM, 2 GSR – CO Reps None in attendance – Interested AA 5 – Total in attendance 61

PAST EVENTS

No Reports

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAASA Monte S. – The 2008 I did a PRAASA is March 7th – March 9th. PRAASA is the acronym for Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. There will be AA Service Musher's throughout the Pacific Region. This year's event in Anchorage Alaska will be held literally within barking distance of the starting line of the 2008 IDITAROD. There are still rooms at the Howard Johnsons for \$79.00 (rate code LKPR). The hotels have extended their rates for us from March 1st through the 12th. The host facility is the Egan Center. Lodging, Mukluk, snowshoe rental and other PRAASA 2008 information is available on the PRAASA website at PRAASA.ORG or area02alaska.org. Rental cars from Budget, Enterprise, and Avis are best and be sure to request a 4 wheel drive vehicle to keep from being put in a ford focus of the likes without snow tires. This advice is from the locals. The PRAASA Guidelines state – The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the

exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA. PRAASA began in 1968 and rotated locations throughout the Pacific Region. It was 1994 when Alaska Area 02 last hosted PRASSA in Juneau. At the time Alaska had not had an Assembly for a long time. During that PRAASA weekend their Assembly met three times and continues to meet regularly to this day. The effect that 300 or 400 out-of-town AA's can have on an Area is powerful. PRAASA program consists of Panel discussions with questions and answer sessions. A PRAASA business meeting is conducted on Saturday afternoon where future PRAASA's are bid on and evening are used for roundtable discussions. The past few years Sunday morning has included a Panel of Past Trustees. It is a full weekend and an event that we hope all AA's get to experience. Thank you for allowing me to serve this God given fellowship and for allowing me to participate in this years PRAASA. Your group contributions help defray the Area Officers to attend this event and we are forever grateful.

Pre-Conference Walter C. – The District 2 “Pre-Conference Assembly” committee has met 4 times. The key positions have been filled. The event flyers have been created and are located on the table by the registrar. The event will be held at “University of Utah Heritage Center.” All contracts for the facility have been signed. The Dinner will be catered by “Chartwells” as required by the University contract. The AA speakers have been chosen. Charlie T will be our Saturday night speaker and Michelle G will be our Sunday morning spiritual speaker. The committee will meet again after District 2 DCM meeting on March 20, Thursday.

Post Conference Teddie – I'm an Alcoholic named Teddie. District 1 is hosting the Post Conference Assembly. It will be held at the Ogden Marriott Hotel, May 16 – 18th. There are flyers on the table. It's a Pre flyer so the banquet costs have not been finalized. We have formed a committee and we meet monthly right now. A world of caution. They are working on the Freeway near Ogden and there is also a marathon being ran through Ogden. We will have more information about these issues so they you may plan ahead for any inconvenience. We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Bridge The Gap Nadine N. – BTG – Utah event is in June 2008. District 8 is going to host the Workshop Assembly. We haven't chosen a chairperson yet but will do so & have a flyer ready at the Pre-Conference Assembly.

Bid for Area Committee Meeting Feb 2009 – District 8 – John, District 1 Vicky, District 11 Bruce, District 6 Denzel. District 6 won the won.

Closed for lunch at 12:00 with the Responsibility Statement
Adjourned at 1:35 – 12 Concepts Sara
Conference Agenda Items presented by Area Delegate Julie S.
Broke into Round Table Discussion 3:45.
Closed at 5:00 with the Responsibility Statement.