

Minutes Area 69 Fall Workshop Nov 3-4, 2007
Rockville Community Center, Rockville, Utah

Welcome Andy B., Chair – with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcomed newcomers to their first General Service Meeting. Introduced Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Traditions – Steve R – District 10

Minutes of August Workshop read by Sheri P – Recording Secretary – Approved as read after 2 corrections to be made. Nadine J corrected to Nadine N., and Financial Report was read by Nadine N and withdrawn.

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

Delegate Report – Julie S – Copies were available.

Roll Call by Area Registrar – Charlie G. – In attendance were 7 Area Officers – 8 Standing Chairs – 2 Past Delegates – District 1 1 DCMC, 3 DCM, District 2 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 GSR, 1 ALT GSR, 1 STDG Chr – District 3 2 DCM, 7 GSR – District 6 1 DCM – District 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 9 GSR, 1 Alt GSR, 5 Stdg Chr – District 8 1 DCM – District 10 – 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 1 Alt DCM, 6 GSR, 1 Alt GSR- District 11 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 GSR – Dist 12 – 1 DCMC, 1 GSR – CO Reps 1- Interstd AA 9 Total in Attendance 80

Registrar – Charlie G., We got back 10 mailings this time. We are sending more mailings via email. Please ask your GSR's to consider receiving them this way to keep postage expenses low for our Area. We attended the District 12 convention in SLC on Oct 20th. Julie gave a great Delegates report as well as all Area Officers & Area Standing chairs. There was another District holding an event that same day so maybe we can help coordinate these District activities better in the future with Thom B. It was a history making event & having Hernan there was a huge spiritual addition to the convention. We delivered Spanish Group change & New Group forms. The FNV Database is coming along fine. If you are a GSR & don't know your group number please see me so you can use this for correspondence and receive credit for group contributions. I received an email from Karen Hale, my contact for Registration at GSO about the future of the FNV and annual group registration ritual that we have had in past years since we have been trying to update the GSO records non-electronically. I will be happy to answer any questions or if you would like me to give a Registration presentation in your district or just attend your meeting please feel free to call or send an email. In service I feel you are all sponsoring me & I hope my example may in some inspire you or show you how rewarding General Service can be & how we can pass it on.... Yours in Love & Service always. Charlie G

Secretary – Sheri P., My name is Sheri & I am an alcoholic. I attended the District 12 assembly in Oct. I was asked to participate and share some of the experiences pertaining to my service position. It was moving because I got to be a part of when the Spanish speaking community was voted in to have their own district. Service has been the main core of my recovery. The love and experiences I have shared are truly one of the biggest gifts I've ever received. Because of personal situations I have had to live this program. I have been rattled, but amazingly I have been able to stay calm for the most part due to the love and support of some of my friends from my AA family. Thanks to those. You know who you are. Thanks again for letting me serve. Sheri

Buenos Dias Senora and Senoras. Soy alcoholico mi number es Monte S. On Oct 20, 2007 Spanish Speaking AA members, together with Area 69 Standing chairs and Officers contributed to AA history in Utah when the area committee participated at the 2nd Spanish Speaking Convention hosted by District 12. "Unidos Creceremos" the theme for this year's convention, - generally means "Together we can grow." For many years AAs in our Area have been working with Spanish Speaking AAs to carry our message of recovery. "Unidos Creceremos", truly reflects the outcome of what has been achieved through AA unity in Utah. On Sat afternoon, our Delegate Julie S moderated a two hour General Service panel. Participants from the Area gave a brief presentation of what they do for Alcoholics Anonymous through their respective General Service positions. These presentations were translated by Lucy R. from District 10. The reports were meticulously prepared, concise and informative. Ur Area newsletter committee is compiling the reports to make them available as a resource for the Area in the future. District 12 is in the process of forming standing committees and recruiting volunteers to strengthen their 12 step outreach. To support this goal the Area's participation was to introduce and encourage Spanish Speaking AA members to get involved with General Service, particularly through the standing committees. From the literature committee, Pete G provided several standing committee workbook/kits that were translated into Spanish as additional help. The Area Archives, Literature and Grapevine-LaVina were displayed by Janet h., Pete G., and Sheryl T. Hernan M., LaVina Editor from GSO, also displayed items including the newly released: First Printing of the booklet, Lo Mejor de La Vina. 1996-2006. (Best of La Vina). Hernan signed a first printing and it will be donated to the Area Archives. During the Banquet Saturday

evening Cornelio, one of our hosts, discovered Janet was celebrating her 27th year of sobriety. He rushed over to the Mariachi Band and had them sing Happy Birthday. It was fantastico!! May we continue to Grow Together. Monte S.

Chairperson – Andy B., Hi all, I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve. Since September my work has gotten the idea that I want to be there all the time, that's far from the case. Anyhow I attended the Dist 12 hosted Spanish speaking Conference in Oct. Thanks for the opportunity to participate and thanks to all the Area people for stepping up, with a good turn out. Last weekend I went to the Dist 10 Workshop. The theme was "What does the GSR's do?" Good turn out there as well and great participation by all of the people there. Thanks again for this opportunity to serve you and the friendships you have given. I have truly found that Service is Sobriety and a Great Life. Love you all Andy B.

Upcoming Events

Dec Area Meeting – Anna B, District 1- We are ready for the Area meeting on December 1st. Flyers are available here. There is no registration fee. The meeting will be held at the Veterans War Memorial on Forest Street in Brigham City. The Committee has been formed and we look forward to seeing you on December 1st. thanks for letting me serve. By the way Vicky wanted me to let you know that Brigham City is a beautiful place to visit. Hopefully no snow yet.

Feb Area Committee Meeting – Nadine N., District 8 – Area Committee Mtg is 4th Sat in Feb 2008. We have secured the same building at the college that we used last year. Cost is \$50.00 for the day. I will have flyers at the December meeting. There is no registration.

Pre Conference Assembly – Wade J., District 2 – The event will be at the U of U Officers Club. We have formed a committee with a chairperson. We will have flyers with more information available at the upcoming event. Pre-Registrations will be very helpful to help with ordering dinners, being they will need to be paid upfront.

Bid for Fall Workshop 2008 – Thom B., Assembly Agenda Chair – Wade J Dist 2, and Vicki Dist 1 bid to host the Workshop. Dist 2 won the bid.

Standing Chair Reports

Communications – Doug R., My name is Doug and I am an alcoholic. 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 Committee meets on the second Monday of every month. All are welcome at Beans & Brew in SLC. The latest addition is a map service. When you click on a map link now it will take you to a redirect page that informs you that you are leaving the Area's website and that we neither endorse, approve or monitor in any way the site you are being redirected to. The page then goes to the Yahoo map service for the desired address. This allows you to get specific driving directions from wherever you are. I want to thank Sara L for making the suggestion to add this feature. She also suggested having all of the Alano and Fellowship Hall information on the website. The Communications Committee agreed and we have begun to gather that information. We decided that the most appropriate page to contain this information would be on the page that we already have the Central Office information. Please check the tuahaa.org/central_offices.htm page and see if your Alano Club or Fellowship Hall is listed. The fourth and final addition (at least for this year) of the Area's newsletter was published today. Please make sure you bring a copy back to your home group. I want to thank all of those that contributed to this issue and to LeAnn L for being the guest editor again. Great Job LeAnn. Translations and continued cooperation with District 12 is ongoing and continually improving. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve this incredible Fellowship. I am continually blown away at how this works! With gratitude, Doug R.

Corrections – Renae H., Area 69 Corrections activities are always busy and exciting. District 110 has added another 12X12 men's meeting in the Lone peak Facility at the Draper Prison. There is still a huge need for men and women volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the correctional facilities here in Utah, contact your District Corrections Chair or DCMC. On Sept 26 an AA presentation was delivered to the Utah Jail Commanders Association at the Purgatory Correctional Facility in Hurricane, Utah. We put together 27 AA corrections informational packets and they were all passed out. I am grateful for Julie's support and willingness to attend this meeting with me. It was comforting to have a warm and smiling familiar face to look at when nervousness started to creep up. Many of the county facilities do have AA volunteers and meetings being conducted. There were maybe 4 or 5 jails that did not have AA inside. The main focus and purpose of the presentation was to inform these professionals of how AA can help, AA's willingness to cooperate within the correctional environment, and what AA does and does not do. We also talked about the BTG/Pre-release and the Inmate Correspondence programs reviewing related forms that our volunteers may be presenting to them for approval/clearance to bring into their facilities. We viewed the newly released GSO DVD, "AA in Correctional Facilities" featuring several well-known correctional professionals. I had the opportunity to visit

district nine and attend a meeting in Moab. I gave the group treasurer a small directory of Area 69 Officers, Standing chairs, and Delegates' contact information. I also attend a portion of District 2's convention. It was very exciting to see how many people were there and the buzz of energy that surrounded the entire event. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Area 69. Renae H.

Grapevine – Sheryl T., Greetings friends & fellow servants. The Fall Assembly at Park City was my first opportunity to chair a roundtable for the Grapevine and it went very well. We had great participation and exchanged ideas about how to use the Grapevine as a tool to carry AA's message of hope and recovery. In Oct the Area officers and Standing Chairs were asked to participate and present at the 2nd Annual Spanish speaking Convention. The enthusiasm of the Spanish members was contagious. The language of the heart was spoken there. I was finally able to finish compiling a through inventory of the Grapevine materials. The bottom line is – We have STUFF. Please see me if you want to purchase any books, CD's or Gift items. There is a new Spanish book, which is a collection of LaVina stories. I have 4 copies left of the 1st printing available. In the October Grapevine, there was a call for articles and in November 4 there was a call for photographs for the magazine. I am confident that Area 69 has many brilliant & creative members who are just chomping at the bit to contribute either articles or photos. Information on how to contribute can be found in the Grapevine & LaVina magazines. I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve Area 69. In Love & Service. Sheryl T.

Literature – Pete G., My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve as your Area 69 Literature Standing Chair. Since the Fall Assembly more and more of the pamphlets are arriving with the new cover design. Practically every item except Books have gone down in price. Districts 7 & 2 have taken advantage of the decrease in price of the literature racks and distributed them in places like treatment centers and shelters. District 7 also purchased books for the corrections and other uses recently. I have only had the opportunity to visit Districts two and twelve. District 12 provided some excellent insight for Spanish-language literature. They have received a translated copy of "So You've Been Told to go to AA and You Hate the Idea". District 12 has the unique privilege of carrying the message to those who we could not reach in the past, and any way the Area can help out is exciting. Area 69 trusted servants were asked to attend the second annual Spanish speaking AA convention and provide service presentation. The opportunity to attend provided an insight as to how important the program is to those whom I do not verbally communicate with well. At this convention a fellowship which went beyond words and a mutual gratitude between members separated by language, but bound by a common disease. It seems that through the purchases of our members at these events the literature budget is bulging. The remainder of the year will be focused in acquiring the material that will help your group and District carry the message. Please let me know any needs that you have so that I can be of maximum service in my service commitment. Thank you Pete G

Achieves – Janet H., Good morning my name is Janet Hafen, Alcoholic Archive Standing Chair. I was informed that the area committee had been invited to attend the Hispanic Convention and give a presentation about service in our position. It was suggested that I bring a display focused on Dist 12. I was able to make a small display and display board. I want to thank Doug for giving me the web address for translating and walking me through the steps over the phone. As a result I was able to have all the information in the display in Spanish. I felt the presentations given by the area committee were some of the best I have heard, even though the meeting was not well attended we were where we were supposed to be and we fulfilled the request. I want to thank District 12 for the invitation. I only speak a little Spanish, but through out the weekend the language of the heart and fellowship was felt. I visited the Al-Anon Literature display. Sat was my sobriety birthday and the Mariachi group sang me a Mexican birthday song. I am adding this event as one to attend each year. One of the GSR attending the archive round table at the Fall Assembly returned to her group and shared what she had learned. I received the history of the "Friday Night Recovery Group" because of her efforts. There have been several donations to the archives in the past few weeks. One photo of Bill (1954 – Akron) and the other of Lois (1975-CA). Thank you for letting me serve and giving me such growing experiences. Janet H

CPC – Terri M., Gave her resignation. Received a promotion and did not have the time. Needed to step down and let someone else have the opportunity to serve.

Districts Reports

Dist 12 – Carlos., ALT DCMC Very good day to all, my name is Carlos G. I am an alcoholic and the alternating DCMC of Hispanic District 12. Greetings from the GSR's of this district. We want to thank you all for your support and participation in our Convention we celebrated on 19-21 of October. We are especially thankful to our delegate's message, which personnel helped me. I want to thank God for allowing me to serve as the organizing coordinator of this committee and the AA friends who have supported me in the difficult moments of this service. Thanks and God bless you all.

District 11 – Bruce I., DCMC Dist 11 had another great turnout at Oct GSR meeting. Two thirds of our groups were represented again. We want to welcome and introduce another new Standing Chair, Alan H. He was unanimously accepted for Corrections Chair. Our only facility in District 11 is the Davis Do Jail, but it has been expanded and we've been asked to host more meetings. On Sat Nov 17th 23 will be hosting a District Workshop. Flyers are available. The topic for the workshop is "The AA Group" We plan to follow the contents of the pamphlet of the same name. We've invited two special guests, Jim and Mickey H. to join us on a panel presentation. The workshop will be from 12:00 – 3:30 at the Backstreet Club in Bountiful. Lunch is available at the club for \$6.00. On behalf of District 11 and myself I would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to our friend Thom B. for the loss of his wife. We are all very saddened by this. We know they had just begun a life together and now it's been cut short. We are so sorry Thom. Yours in Service. Bruce I.

District 10 – Karen C., DCMC – Hi my name is Karen and I'm an alcoholic. I am currently serving as DCMC. Cheryl resigned last month and we wish her well. District 10 just had a workshop "What does a GSR do?". It was a great success and well attended. We are still looking for 2 DCM's & 4 Alt DCM's. along with a treatment chair. The pink can is doing well taking in over \$7000 for literature for the prison. We're still hearing that the Alano club is being sold, but the information is changing daily. The last word is that there never was a bid, but it is on the market for about \$900,000. Stay tuned. Thank you for the opportunity to let me serve.

District 9 – No Report

Dist 8 – John G., DCM – Hi my name is John, and I'm the Dist 8 DCM. Gratitude to Dist 7 for putting this function on. Dist 8 is grateful to report that we're doing well and growing. Our District meetings are well attended. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month, alternating between Roosevelt and Vernal every other month at 4:30. We follow our Business Mtg with a study Mtg. We're currently studying "The AA Group" pamphlet. Dist 8 is excited to be able to host the Feb Area Committee Mtg in Roosevelt. The 16th of Feb. We're looking forward to hosting the 08 Bridging the Gap Workshop in June 08. All our meetings times and locations with maps are available on our Area 69 Website. Utah 11.org – Link to Dist 8. District 8 is grateful to all of you for your service to Area 69. John G.

District 7 – Lauana H., DCMC – Our district is coming along: we now have a new DCM NW, Maggie B. More groups are starting to elect GSR's. This last month we had three new GSR's. It is truly gratifying to see groups wanting to become part of the Third Legacy. Mindy D., the district Literature Chair, has been busy placing literature racks and restocking literature where needed. The meeting at the juvenile facility is up and going. As always we can use more help with taking meeting within the walls. The planning committee for the Fall Area Workshop has been busy getting ready. Hope you all enjoy the program that we have planned. There is a different kind of Saturday night speakers meeting, enjoy. I have attended 4 different groups in an effort to let them know what is going on and to let them know about service work. I would at this time like to thank my district, the best district, for allowing me to serve. Your In Service. Lauana H. DCMC

District 6 – Denzel – DCM – My name is Denzel and I'm an alcoholic. Dist 6 is still the same. Nothing new to report. Central Sanpete seems to be the area of growth in our District. They currently have meetings every night of the week. The Bicknell group & Salina group are struggling. The Sevier Group is holding its own. We will be holding our next District meeting in Bicknell at 4:30 on the 11th at the library.

District 5 – No Report

District 4 – No Report

District 3 – Ramsey for J.A. Stormy D – An update from the hamburger fry, and the Whoopee party. \$500.00 from the hamburger fry, and \$1361.28 from the Whoopee party. All going to Central Office. The central office committee meeting was held on Oct 17th. With 17 out of 26 reps. Showing up. We now have new Newsletter chair and a chair for the Homebound and Hospitalized. District #3 GSR meeting was held on Oct 34th. We have a chair for the Area Pre-Assembly Workshop in Aug 2008 and a committee was formed. We will keep the Area informed about how things are going. The District has a new Archivist. Christmas party this year will be held in Spanish Fork at the Fairgrounds, on Dec 15th. (You are all invited) Yours in Service JA(Stormy) D

District 2 – Wade J – DCMC – District 2 has been very busy. On Oct 20th we had a district workshop and it was great to share and hear about all of the great things being done in District 2. Since we last met with the area we have formed proposed and passed the 2008 budget, thanks to Walter and his committee. We have formed a guidelines committee and Sara and her committee proposed the new guidelines to the District and we will be voting on them this month. Through all of this we have formed a Pre-Conference committee, a chair, and lots of volunteers. It is such a pleasure to be surrounded by so many dedicated people who are willing to do whatever it takes to see that District 2 is being well served. Love in Service Wade J

District 1 – Vicky – DCMC – Hello friends. My name is Vicky and I'm an alcoholic. I currently serve as DCMC for District 1 – Northern Utah – Ogden through Logan. My sobriety birthday is Dec 22, 1996. My home group is the Bear River Group and we meet 4 days of the weeks in Brigham City. It's great to be here and see all of you again. I love general service and I've received so many gifts being a part of you. District 1 has been bush talking care of business. We had several new GSR's at the October meeting and several interested AAs. We still are having trouble filling District positions. We had 1 DCM resign due to health problems – Connie. Please keep her in your prayers. We also had 1 Alternate DCM, Sarah, resign due to having a baby. We formed our Budget Committee and developed our proposed Budget for 2008. It will be voted on in the November meeting. We formed the Guidelines Committee and we'll be reviewing and updating the guidelines for presentation in the December meeting. We still need several chair positions filled. We decided to see how we could all chip in to carry the message for PI, CPC, Literature, and Treatment. Everyone is going to bring ideas and information back to the November meeting. We are going to inventory the literature and pamphlets that the District currently has and order whatever we need before the end of the year. Everyone was enthusiastic and volunteering to take the literature and pamphlets to the different meetings and facilities. We will try to gather until we can fill the positions. We are getting ready for the December committee and Post Conference and are looking forward to having you all up in our neck of the woods. Our next GSR meeting is November 11th at 6:30 at the Brigham Alano Club. We would love for you to stop in. thank you for the opportunity to serve. Vicky.

Motions presented by Janet H – Some discussion.

Adjourned at 12:00 – Closed with the Serenity.

Reconvene at 1:30 – **Special Report Julie S., Delegate** – Some discussion. Report will be mailed with next minutes.

Workshop began at 1:50