

**Minutes Utah Area 69 Pre-Assembly Workshop  
March 19-20, 2006 - District 3 - American Fork, UT**

**Welcome:** Julie S., Chairperson opened with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer and the Area Preamble. Welcomed newcomers to their first service assembly. Introduced Area Officers and Past Delegates.

**12 Traditions** were read by Vicky A., DCM, District 1.

**Minutes** of February Area Committee Meeting were read by JoAnn G., Recording Secretary. Approved as read.

**Recording Secretary Report - JoAnn G.** -Attended Bridging the Gap In Price June 17<sup>th</sup>, well done. Attended Regional Forum in Seattle. Have visited District 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10 and Spanish Linguistic Meeting. Also participated in District 1 Inter-Group in Logan. Thanks for letting me serve, I love service work and you.

**Financial Report** for August was presented by Sheri P., Treasurer. Approved as read.

**Presentation of Proposed 2007 Budget** presented by Sheri P., Treasurer, to be voted on in September.

**Delegate's Report** was presented by Mike O. Printed copies were available.

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**District 1 - Eddie D., DCMC** - District is doing fine. Always in need of District Officer and Standing Chairs. Had 4 new GSR's, from Logan, attend July meeting. Mike O. gave us the Delegate report from GSO. JoAnn and Ken also attended the July meeting. The Logan groups had an inter-group workshop/picnic in July. Happy that Logan service is growing. Thank you.

**District 2 - Thom B., DCMC** - District alive and thriving. Treasurer has banking aligned with current exemption standards. Standing Committees are doing well at all levels. Keeping DCM's and Alt's busy serving the growing number of groups. Hosting a District Workshop next Saturday afternoon focusing on service. Flyers available. Looking forward to having you at Pass the Gavel. We should have registration for the event at Bridge the Gap and Post Conference. The District allowed me the privilege of attending the Forum in Seattle. Andy B., DCMC, District 10 and I road tripped the journey. The information about AA General Service I learned will help me and I hope District as well. I also stumped Madeleine about new literature covers. Bridge the Gap position filled. Love in service.

**District 3 - John P., DCMC** - Having elections in September. Planning a fund raiser for our Central Office. District still going and experiencing growing pains. We are not a glum lot. We are enjoying good support from the groups in our District.

**District 4** - No report.

**District 5** - No report.

**District 6** - No report.

**District 7 - Steve S., DCMC read by Janet H.** - Steve was unable to attend as well as the DCM's. District doing okay, participation is down, financially down a little from normal. June workshop topic "Taking the District Inventory", learned from that in July at District meeting, discussion held on ways to improve participation. The District elections were held last Saturday in Parowan. Mike, Shirley Ken, JoAnn, Julie and Richard attended. Ken and Julie conducted the elections and made it fun. All positions, but one, were open, not able to fill positions, but are confident positions will be filled by end of the year. Mike gave a wonderful report sharing his experience at the Conference in New York. A big "thank you" to all of you for joining us and giving us your support. District is looking forward to hosting the Fall Assembly. See everyone in September.

**District 8 - Nadine N., DCMC** - District (Uintah Basin) is struggling right now, financially and at meeting attendance. Are currently into our prudent reserve. Meeting Place (held at Elks Lodge) has been shut down due to non self-supporting. Sunday Men's Meeting moved to the American Legion. District phone was in that building it has also been shut off temporarily. Working on a solution and hope to have phone back on mid-September. Roosevelt Group is discussing and voting to shut down the Monday and Saturday groups at August business meeting. Duchesne. Myton has re-opened a Tuesday night meeting. Duchesne County Jail has switched to an in-house program and asked us not to come. Uintah County Jail is still having members come in. Enjoyed having Mike O. visit and give his report. He is going to help with District elections in October. I trust that we are just transitioning according to our Higher Power and that all is in perfect divine order. Thank you.

**District 9 - No Report**

**District 10 - Andy B., DCMC** - Been busy past few months. Currently have a committee reviewing our guidelines and putting together a budget review committee. Hoped to have it in place at our last GSR Meeting but participation really poor, 1 person out of 10 that our guidelines suggest. It's an issue again at our next GSR Meeting in September. Recently filled H&I Treatment and CPC Standing Chair positions. Few vacancies in DCM & Alt DCM positions to fill. District election will be held in September, looking forward to see who will step up to fill 16 positions. Like to thank Area people who have attended and shared at our monthly meetings, hope to see more of you. Fall Workshop committee is busy putting together an afternoon presentation in November, should be FUN for all. Ya know I have been able to serve with a lot of GREAT people in our District and Area, I want to say THANKX to all of them for what I have been able to experience in doing so. Yes, I also had the GREAT experience of attending the Pacific Regional Forum in Seattle. All I can say is "WOW". Hope to see more Area 69 servants in Spokane in 2 years.

**District 11 - Gary J., DCMC** - Thank District 3 for hosting event. Past few months our District has Bridged-the Gap with 3 AA's released from Correctional Institutions and Treatment. All 3 are still sober and best to my knowledge are attending local meetings. 2 if not all 3 have sponsors. Have experienced excellent attendance at our AA meetings this summer and have a couple new meetings started in the north part of District, a ladies meeting on Tuesday afternoon in Clearfield and a Thursday night meeting in East Layton. District 11 ad-hoc host committee for 2007 Post-Conference Assembly has secured a facility and filled all chair positions. Committee will meet on September 13 to continued planning following GSR meeting where we plan to hold elections for the 2007/2008 District Officers and Chairpersons. Grateful to fellowship for opportunity for allowing me to serve as 2005/2006 DCMC for District 11.

**District 12 - Miquel A., DCM, translated by Adrian L.** - District doing well and hosting upcoming events.

**Bid for 2007 Pre-Assembly Workshop** - Thom B., DCMC District 2 was the only District bidding and was awarded the bid.

**Bid for 2007 Bridge the Gap Workshop** - Andy B., DCMC, District 10 was awarded the bid with the intention of District 10 hosting the event in District 4.

#### **AREA STANDING CHAIR REPORTS**

**Agenda/Assembly - Monte S.** - No report.

**Archives - Janet H.** - At Post Conference a 2 CD set was donated to Archives from the 12 Concepts Workshop held in Ogden 4/9/06. Also a CD of the memorial service for Mark. Had request for information in the archives and those requests were filled. Some of the committee has been working on new displays that will be at the Fall Assembly, more about those at that time. Big thanks to Shirley for photos she took of the Archive display at Post Conference. Plans are set for attending the National Archive Workshop in Baton Rouge, LA on September 14-17. Looking forward to event., Ken turned over the 2005 inventory reports. Gay thank you for the box of Grapevines, binders (empty), a scrapbook he started and can be added to, plus other items. The Hispanic poster for the 1<sup>st</sup> convention in October, like the one on the Literature table. The Archives have had a quiet summer. Thank you for letting me serve.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community - Mike A.** - The University of Utah School on Alcoholism went very well. Due to family matters needing my attention I was unable to attend as much as I would have liked. Want to give special thanks to those who participated. Plenty of volunteers to man the booth for entire event, and to chair the meetings and I think that AA was very well represented! Thanks to all who attended Wednesday night speaker meeting and support from Literature and PI. Truly grateful to you for stepping up and being part of this event. Believe we gave away a dozen Big Books and a ton of other literature. Annual Exhibit of Nurse Practitioners and Midwives also went well. Quite the event, there were many professionals who came to the booth and asked about AA. Many asked about AA for family or friends. A couple even came for themselves. We 12<sup>th</sup> stepped one of the staff of the hotel. We gave away a ton of literature and I had to call Pete to bring in another crate load. Was a wonderful experience and I told Irene at GSO that it would be well worth attending the next one in Chicago, IL. Thank you all for letting me be of service.

**Corrections - Richard B.** - Recently been seeking active inside volunteers for the Beaver Facility. Construction on the addition will double the size to housing 400 inmates. Should be ready in 2 months. The one volunteer going in with me had all but quit. Trying to get volunteers from groups outside of Beaver County. Couple of women will help out when the women's addition is completed. Hard to find qualified volunteers in this remote area with small groups, although the correction officers are very lenient. Much of time has been spent on Bridging the Gap. Seems a new link has been added to the website, which has opened a new dimension to Bridging the Gap purpose. A man in Evanston, WY wanted some AA members to unload his trailer. Wyoming lacks in its website and resources. I explained that we are not in the moving business but he insisted I find someone. Seems in some areas a temporary contact is anyone to contact for assistance. Did find a contact in Missoula, Montana. Someone from Arizona contacted me for a contact in Salt Lake, referred him to ReNae in District 10 and Perky in District 2, as he had no exact address available. Hope it worked out. Last 45 days have tried to make 14 bridges. A man contacted me to find an Area meeting, I misunderstood and referred him to District 7's elections. He is here with me today, welcome Kris. Would like to thank our webmaster Doug and James for their excellent work they

do with the website, deserve 5 star rating for quality of website. Appreciate your desire to serve. Want to thank all who attended the Bridge the Gap in Price, good workshop with good participation. National Bridge the Gap Workshop will be held in Salt Lake City September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn. Hope to see you all there. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

**Grapevine - John Mc** - no report; deferred to Adrian L., reporting on LaVina'. - Past year as first LaVina' representative In Utah has been a pleasure and great learning experience. Great part of my work dealt with District 12 and their representatives. Attended District meetings where I got to meet many group GSR's and Alt. GSR's of our Spanish speaking AA from throughout the state. Because of the Districts immense size compared to other Districts in our Area, contact with all groups was not possible. Suggested I visit several of the groups in immediate Salt Lake Area, but due to tight schedule, active duty serviceman, student and new husband, was unable to continue this practice long. My attempts to extend a hand of good faith were short. Did however manage to make a District meeting once a month to continue to arouse interest in LaVina' and hopefully prompt District 12 to elect a Standing Chair position. Position has not yet been filled. Recommendations - District 12 elect a District LaVina' rep to liaison with Area All information exchanged between District and Area should be evenly disseminated, ensuring there is a representative who is wholly committed to District 12 with no conflicting engagements. Area rep on the Grapevine Standing Committee will continue to represent at Area level, reporting any concerns, activities or events concerning LaVina' in District 12. Thus there is more representation of LaVina' in our Area and a presence of District 12 participation. I would like to see support from area for position of LaVina' Area rep to continue under the wing of the Grapevine until growing pains have passed. I would also like to suggest that eventually, if a need, that LaVina' be given its own Area Chair position - separate from the Grapevine. Would encourage anyone willing from District 12 to carry on the work of Area rep for LaVina' as their familiarity with Spanish speaking community is already concrete. Thank you for letting me serve.

**Literature - Pete G.** - Activities past two months were centered assisting CPC Standing Chair carry the message at awesome events. Memorial Day weekend received a call from Mike, CPC Chair with request for more Big Books. The Nurse Midwife Convention, held in Salt Lake, was a huge success from number of attendees interested in the AA booth. Day before Memorial Day is not the time to acquire Big Books. Knew 2 groups that kept a larger number of Big Books and we able to augment this with the stock on hand. My stash of Big Books included many foreign language and big print books. Amazed that our booth at Grand America Hotel was not in some corner but right on the main event floor next to medical giants showing their wares. Dropped off all the Big Books, hung around, and spoke with interested convention-attendees. Was amazed that so many of our fellows were attendees at the convention and wanted to attend meetings prior to returning home. Hat's off to Mike and CPC for going to any length to carry the AA message to many people. CPC was responsible for manning the booth at the School on Alcoholism held at the University of Utah. Was able to replenish stock of Big Books, including foreign language and some pamphlets for distribution. Always a thrill to be at the AA booth for this event and I greeted people as they came by the booth. What a great way to carry the message. My home group, and groups in Tooele Valley, are using a 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition can to help add to their literature fund. The 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition gives us the phrase "Carry the Message to other alcoholics". The additional contributions allows the groups, that use this, to give newcomers AA literature, Big Books if they cannot afford to buy them. For information stop by the Literature display at this event, or call me at 435-496-0278 or e-mail me at [literature@utahaa.org](mailto:literature@utahaa.org) for suggestions how to get a 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition can started in your group. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**Newsletter - Sara L.** - Since being elected to the Newsletter Chair position at the 2006 Post-Conference Assembly, I have been busy putting one foot in front of the other as life has been coming at me fast. Have asked members of the Fellowship, Area Officers and Standing Chairs to contribute to the upcoming Newsletter, which I will have ready for fall elections next month. Thank you for letting me be of service. Please see me if you have an interest in contributing to the Area Newsletter. Our web servant has created a link on the website to have the newsletter e-mailed to interested parties. E-mail newsletter articles to [newsletter@utahaa.org](mailto:newsletter@utahaa.org).

**Public Information - LeAnn L.** - Unable to be with you today, am busy enjoying blessing that this program has given me, the ability to show up for my family. Summer is a active time for business and other groups to provide health fairs. This keeps the District PI Chair and their committees busy. District 10 and 2 are both active in providing booths at such events. Enjoyed opportunity to share at some of District GSR meetings in past couple of months. Love to see this deal in action. Thank you 2, 6 and 10 for having me. As you know District 10 Corrections and Area PI have put together a power point presentation that will be shown to all female inmates on their day of release. Been working closely with GSO in regards to copy-write issues as well as getting it approved by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services. Have been given sign to move forward. In next couple of weeks we are to receive a letter letting us know where AAWS would like us to note that it is AAWS approved. It has been requested by the General Service Office Public Information desk that we make this presentation available to them as they would like to make it available to other communities in the Fellowship. What an honor and a privilege to have something like this come out of our Area. I would like to thank the committee that helped to put this presentation together. The website is evolving and changing. If you haven't been on the website lately you have missed the new banners. Hopefully you know of the banner contest, have received really fantastic entries. Due to the success, the web committee has chosen to keep the contest going. Here is your chance for fame and glory, your banner on the Utah Area website. Currently rotating winning entries one per month. Questions please see Doug, web servant or e-mail him at [webservant@utahaa.org](mailto:webservant@utahaa.org) Information on the rotating link on home page just under the banner. Another addition to the home page. Doug has put together a daily quote, they're fabulous. When checking in this morning with Leslie, she may have asked if you are getting your mail, also if you

would like to receive your minutes snail mail or e-mail. If you would like your mail sent via the web please give Leslie the information. I would like to thank you that are receiving you mail via website. Area is saving approximately \$80.00 per mailing, with 7 mailings a year this amount of savings will grow as more of you request mail via web. Thank you for allowing me to serve you and Area 69. It is a great privilege and gives my life added purpose.

**Treatment - Keith M.** - Things are going great, the committee is very busy with Bridging the Gap. The recent Area workshop in Price was extremely helpful and full of information. The Annual Bridging the Gap weekend is September 8-10, it is going to be a wonderful extension and opportunity to expand and share our experience, strength and hope. The new Treatment Inventory form is available on the Area web page. Use name, facilities, password, inventory. This inventory will be filled out by District Treatment Chairs, works and others.

**Registrar - Leslie H.** - No Report

**Roll Call was conducted by Leslie H. - Registrar** - In attendance were: Area Officers - 6; Area Standing Chairs - 6; Past Delegates - 5; District 1 - DCMC -1; DCM's - 2; GSR - 1; District 2 - DCMC - 1; DCM - 1; GSR - 1; Standing Chair - 1; District 3 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 2; Alt. DCM - 1; GSR's - 3; Alt GSR - 1; District 4 - none in attendance; District 5 - none in attendance - District 6 - none in attendance; District 7 - GSR's - 2; District 8 - DCM - 1; District 9 - none in attendance; District 10 - DCMC - 1; DCM - 1; GSR's - 2; District 11 - DCMC - 1; DCM's 2; GSR's 2; District 12 - DCM - 1; Interested AA's 2. Total in attendance 50.

**Alt Delegate - Ken C.** - Summer weekends should be filled with road trips that include; meeting with friends that you have not seen for a while, making new friends, eating wonderful homemade foods (especially deserts) and best of all; enjoying District Meetings, participating in workshops and listening to AA panel presentations. During the month of July and August had the opportunity to attend Regional Forum in Seattle, WA., District 1 meeting in Brigham City, District 1 inter-group in Logan, (volleyball - replaced by a woman), District 2 District meeting, District 3 District meeting, Bridging the Gap Workshop in Price, District 6 Workshop, Torrey, District 8 District meeting, Vernal, District 10 District meeting, District 11 District meeting and District 12 Linguistics District meeting. Thank Lucy for interpreting for us. Thanks for making my summer weekends special. Have also gone through a big change in my life, it officially took place July 25<sup>th</sup>. About 2 years ago I decided to have a DNA Sibling test to try to find my biological father. After testing I did some personal investigation to find out what took place many years ago. After looking at all the facts I decided to change my middle initial and last name in honor of my father. My name is Ken Cole, I am a very grateful alcoholic, thank you for letting me serve.

**Chairperson - Julie S.** - no report.

## REPORTS FROM PAST EVENTS

**2006 Post-Conference Assembly - District 2 - Thom B., DCMC - Sara and Dawn** - event was a huge success. Al-Anon was self supporting and very supportive at the event. The District was able to return to the Area \$1,180.00. Thank you for letting us host this event.

**Pacific Regional Forum - Seattle, WA - Sheri P.** - Honored to report on Forum. This was my first Forum. I was right about feelings of love and gratitude I shared while participating with fellow members experiencing the program of A.A. I believe God speaks through other people, if awake, present and aware, we might receive gifts and messages we are suppose to. Not only to help us through our journey, but for us to help others through theirs. One of the inspiring presentations was the Finance Presentation by Greg Muth, GSO General Manager, titled "A Spiritual Connection. Your Service Dollar at Work. Covered GSO Operating Results, Contribution History, Percentage of Group Contributing, Big Book Unit Sales from 1987-2005, units of Literature Distributed, from 1989-2005, 2006 Operating Budget, Prudent Reserve 1987-2006. Interesting realization that only 40% of groups contribute to GSO and in our Area it is only 31%. Based on 58,000 groups listed with an estimated 1,300,000 members in US and Canada, it would cost \$139.00 per group and \$6.23 per member of contributions to support services. I attended the "Chanting" Roundtable. We realize that as alcoholics there are lots of opinions, but the meeting was calm and respectful, with definitely great concern in some areas in the Pacific Region. Our Area "Keep coming back it works if you work it" is quite mild compared to other Areas., some vulgar. Comments about chanting were it was behaviors of a cult - newcomers feel uncomfortable. The dictionary says to utter or repeat in a ritual tone. Different opinions and suggestions, but general sense of meeting was concern. I shared with my home group (who I truly love), they allow me my own opinions and thoughts, but laughed at me. So there. As a member of this wonderful gift, and have not experienced feeling of hanging out with hundreds-thousands of "Us" from the Pacific Region and world you should try it, wonderful experience. Whether you are attending a meeting, a session, eating at a restaurant, walking down a street, riding in an elevator or on an airplane, we're everywhere. Collect friends and even new ones from everywhere. I would like to leave you with some powerful quotes, I pray some might be effective for you also. **AA Works and Works Well, Is your Group & District doing all they can do to carry the message?, Responsibility to insure, Connection is so important, Responsibilities met brings gifts of recovery, Challenge ourselves of unchanging principals, Be good to the newcomer - someday he or she might be your sponsor, AA's future is in our hands, Help Discover, Don't play doctor, No matter what are we being inclusive?, People discover after we get**

**here, Service “love” with it’s clothes on, Tell me - I’ll forget show me - I’ll remember include me - I’ll understand.** No matter where you are in your recovery, or what you know and understand, or what you think you know and understand, trust the process, believe in the journey, trust each other, trust AA, trust God.

**Bridge the Gap Workshop - Price, UT -** Keith M., Treatment Chair, assisted by Sheryl T., District 10 Secretary - First annual Area 69 Bridge the Gap was well attended with 38 people registered. Monte S. was the moderator for the day long event and several members gave brief presentations on various aspects of Bridging the Gap service work. Peter M., from No. California Coastal Area shared his experience, strength and hope with Area. He has been doing BTG related work for approximately 10 years and was extremely impressed with progress Area 69 had made in a very short time. Group was enthusiastic and eager to share ideas with each other. After Peter’s presentation there was a lively questions and answer session and much loving discussion. Suggestions made for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual BTG Workshop. Great event and all attended were happy to have been part of Area 69 BTG history.

### **REPORTS FROM UPCOMING EVENTS**

**National Bridge the Gap - September 8-10, 2006 -** Jodi E. - If you have not already registered you can register with me this weekend. The committee could use some help with the hospitality. Thank you.

**Fall Assembly - September 22-24, 2006 - Voting - Kanab UT -** Janet H. - Committee met last Sunday and feels good about preparations. Few minor details to take care of, the last minute items. There have not been very many pre-registrations. We are hoping there will be a good attendance for the elections. The Trustee, Madeleine will be conducting the elections. As of last Tuesday rooms were available at the Treasure Trail Motel, 435-644-2687, be sure to mention the Fall Assembly. Al-Anon has extended an invitation, for those would like to attend, for a Saturday evening Mexican dinner in the park. Information will be on the registration table. Al-Anon will be joining us for the ice cream social and fellowship. We are looking forward to having you all attend. Registrations can be given to me this weekend.

**Fall Workshop -November 4-5, 2006 - District 10 -** Andy B., DCMC - Had monthly meetings since April, still working on afternoon activities. The event will be at the Holiday Inn in Salt Lake. There are registration forms on the back table. See you all there.

**Area Committee Meeting (Pass the Gavel) December 2, 2006 - District 2 -** Thom B., DCMC - Information will be available at Bridge the Gap and Post Conference. District servants here today will meet at lunch to discuss how to get event to happen. Almost dropped the ball on this, but will happen in God’s plan.

**Motion discussion -** Grahame L. not available for discussion on his motion. Further discussion on LeAnn L.’s motion in Kanab in September.

**Lunch - Workshop began.**