

August 2005

Meeting at the Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1625 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City

GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

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AGENDA FOR DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING AUGUST 25 7:00 PM

7:00 – 7:15 PM

Open – Moment of Silence

GSR Preamble

Responsibility Declaration (Back page)

Concept 8

Tradition 8

Introductions

Officer Reports

Treasurer’s Report – James H. (page 2 & 13)

Corresponding Secretary – Charlie T.

2006 Post-Conference Host Committee Report – Michaelene R.

7:15–7:35PM

Chair Reports

Corrections Chair – Jean B.

Literature - Michaelene R.

Newsletter – Doug R. (page 2)

Treatment Chair – Jay G.

7:35–8:00 PM

Old Business

Elections for ALT-DCM (sub-district A and E)

District Workshop Topics

1. Leadership

2. Traditions

New Business

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Announcement of available Service Positions

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Officer Report

District 2 Treasurer

First of all, I am sorry I was absent for the last GSR meeting. I recently started a new job and have been working late. In any event, as things have settled down, I have re-worked the spreadsheet, tracking, and display of the District Two Financial Report.

The principal change is in tracking Pink Can (Corrections) contributions. Last month they were shown only in aggregate. I have changed the spreadsheet so that it shows contributions by group as well as in aggregate. Also, the Corrections Budget now changes dynamically according to Pink Can contributions. This should give a more accurate picture of whether Corrections is within budget, and make it clear that Pink Can contributions are being accurately put into Contributions.

Finally, it's that time of year where we need to start organizing the Budget Committee.

Shockingly enough, I am required to be a part of this, as well as one GSR and one DCM. Of course, we would like to have more than that so we have a broader range of perspective and experience. If you would like to be involved in this, please get with me at the GSR meeting, or call me at 801.231.3707 or e-mail me at dist2_treasurer@utahaa.org.

Finally, the District is in good financial health. Please thank your groups for their contributions. I encourage anyone, if they or their group have any questions or concerns, to contact me by phone or e-mail. I would be happy to produce financial statements and visit your group for Q&A.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

James H.
District 2 Treasurer
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Standing Committee Report

Newsletter Committee

There have been severally responses to my request for report writers and article gatherers for the District's newsletter. Thank you! There are currently 207 people signed up to receive the District 2 News & Notes, if you need a sign-up sheet please let me know

I would like to point out some of the highlights of this issue.

Probably the most important information herein is the Area 69 proposed guideline changes, website guidelines addition and two motions that will be voted on at the Fall Assembly in Logan. (September 23 – 25, 2005) Please take this information back to your groups for their consideration.

There is as excellent article on page # reprinted from the Grapevine regarding the question of practicing the principles of the Concepts in your group.

Someone from one of our groups here in District 2 submitted an Ask-It-Basket question about non-alcoholics involvement in the AA General Service structure. Our Immediate Past Delegate's response can be found on page #.

District 2's Standing Committee reports begin on page #. The second DCM report was submitted by Sub-District B's DCM Stephanie F., it's on page #. The Group Sub-District DCM assignments are printed on page #. These tend to change fairly often so they will be published in each issue.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Doug R.
District 2 Newsletter Chair
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Standing Committee Report **PI/CPC Committee**

Hi, my name is Mark, and I am an alcoholic. I write this with regrets that I will be stepping down as District 2 PI/CPC chairman effective immediately. As I was told would happen in sobriety, things are changing. I have recently gained new employment that has me traveling quite a lot. I never know when I will be home and when I will be away, which makes general service difficult, as a strong commitment is needed for such. I have enjoyed these past almost three years of general service in District 2, and will return if and when my schedule allows.

Again, with regrets, and a hearty appreciation for the opportunity I had to serve, I thank you.

Mark P.
District 2 PI/CPC Chair
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August 21, 2005 Pre-Assembly **Bridging the Gap Workshop**

The workshop which took place on Sunday morning of the Pre-Assembly held in Bountiful was devoted to the ever-growing need for AA volunteers to participate in, and help develop, a Bridging the Gap program here in Utah.

By extending the hand of AA into corrections and treatment facilities, AA members hope to reach the still suffering alcoholic with a message of hope. In spite of being locked up or otherwise confined, recipients of this type of outreach are able to participate in AA meetings, get access to the AA literature, work steps and correspond with other AA members. (On a personal note, I know I would not be sober today had it not been for these valuable tools, plus the loving guidance and support of a Higher Power, a home group and a sponsor.)

AA volunteers participate in Bridging the Gap, or BTG, for two reasons: 1) Because it keeps us sober, and 2) because it gives them hope. This 12th step work is essential in reaching our brothers and sisters who do not yet know that it is possible to live healthy, happy and useful lives without the use of alcohol. Volunteers simply aim to be helpful, and hope that this type of interaction will attract people with a desire to stop drinking to attend meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous on their own recognition once they are released. Perhaps these efforts will show them that they can get out from under the lash of alcoholism, but it is our responsibility to inform them that this option of Recovery exists.

Bridging the Gap dates back to the mid-1970s when an AA member named Leroy first approached state hospitals and treatment centers about offering temporary contacts to alcoholics in those Oklahoma facilities. From that, grew the Pre-Release Contact program that still exists today, where inmates are able to correspond with AA members, and have a "sponsor by mail."

Area 69 is looking to develop BTG here in Utah by creating an area-wide framework that will offer valuable resources to the district BTG Standing Chair Coordinator. Most of the work will, and does currently, take place at the district-level. A BTG Handbook is currently in the works, thanks to the Area committee headed by Keith and Richard. It was announced that the handbook should be available on the www.utahaa.org website in about 4 weeks.

Members described their personal experiences with this type of 12th-step work as being profoundly touching and worthwhile, with innumerable rewards.

While carrying the message into corrections and treatment centers has been taking place in Utah for a while, the initiatives of combining these efforts into one collective "Bridging the Gap" program in Utah is still in the early stages of development. Volunteers are needed to help build BTG in our area in order to come up with a framework that will utilize

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more of the members who have already signed up to volunteer. It was mentioned that the list of volunteers is currently at 100 people, and that you are likely to be called in the upcoming weeks, as coordinators have been going down the list on an as-needed basis. Opportunities for service include writing to or speaking with inmates/patients, bringing meetings into these facilities, taking recently released inmates/patients to meetings and teaching them about getting a home group, attending meetings, working the steps, read-

ing the Big Book and not taking that first drink. Other initiatives are underway so all who care to can participate in this valuable opportunity to be of service.

Thanks to all who continue to give of themselves, that others may receive the gift of freedom from addictive alcoholism.

Sara N.
Non-Smoking Sobriety Hour GSR

Editors Note: Our September News & Notes will not be published until after the Fall Assembly, 'Jucin' up with the 'vine' (September 23 – 25, 2005). The following Area 69 Guideline modifications, the addition of Appendix E: Guidelines for the Utah Area 69 Website and two tabled motions will be voted on at that Assembly. Please bring these issues to your group for their consideration. Email addresses have been provided if you need more information

Guidelines Review Committee

Area 69 Guideline Considerations

These items will be voted on at our Fall Assembly, along with the attached proposed website guidelines. Please take time to review them and get your group's input before Sept 24th. Feel free to contact me with questions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi E.
Guidelines Review Committee
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2.1 Area Assemblies:

All meetings of the GSR's and the Area Committee are called Area Assemblies described in the Service Manual as "the democratic voice of the area expressing itself". Through discussions and voting each trusted servant becomes better informed of how best to serve the fellowship. ~~Through~~ Area Standing Committee roundtables **are held so** members become better informed of ways to carry the message beyond the group level. The Utah Area will hold three Assemblies each year which are hosted by the Districts selected on a rotation basis two years in advance. Assemblies will begin at ~~6:00~~ **6:30** p.m. on Friday and end at noon on Sunday. (Our Area Standing Chairs have made multiple requests that roundtables be included at all Area Assemblies, which usually are, but not guaranteed.)

2.1 (a) and Appendix A

"Pre-Conference Assembly held the **4th** weekend in March..."

(This would give us additional time to get Conference agenda information to the groups.)

2.2 Area Workshops

Two Area workshops will be held each year which are rotated among Districts selected to host the event one year in advance. The purpose of Area Workshops is to provide a forum to discuss the General Service Conference theme and workshop/presentation topics for the current year. The format may include panel presentations, round table discussions, AA speaker meetings, ask-it-basket panels, and open mike discussions. **Time should be given for Area Standing Committees to meet.** The Area Committee may also hold a brief Area Committee meeting in conjunction with the workshop in order to better serve the need for communication

within the Area. If an Area Committee Meeting is scheduled, it will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Workshops will begin at noon on Saturday and end at noon on Sunday.

2.3 (a & b) Area Committee Meetings

"February Area Committee Meeting held the 3rd weekend **Saturday** in February.

"December Area Committee Meeting held the 1st weekend **Saturday** in December."

(Reflects what we actually practice and adds clarification that Area Committee Meetings are 1 day events. Some host committees have been confused about this in the past.)

3.2 (d) Alternate Delegate

"Serves as a ~~member~~ **Co-Chair** of the Area Guidelines Review Committee."

(Reflects what was discussed when the committee was originally created and what we have actually been doing .)

3.3 (d) Chairperson

May appoint someone to fill a vacancy in the office of treasurer, secretary, registrar, or chairperson of a standing committee, **after considering input from the current area officers.** All such appointments will be subject to confirmation by a 2/3 majority votes cast by the Area Assembly at its next meeting.

(This takes the pressure and responsibility off the shoulders of 1 individual.)

3.3 (f)

Appoints and coordinates ad hoc committees to study and report back on specific issues as directed by the Area Assembly. Ad hoc committees should include one of more Area Officers and/or Chairpersons of Standing Committees appropriate to the issues being addressed, and DCM's **and GSR's** representing as many Districts as possible.

(Reflects what we actually practice and assures including group representation.)

3.5 (b) Treasurer

Establishes and maintains a checking account for the deposit and disbursement of Area funds with a signature card signed by ~~each of the Area Officers,~~ **the Treasurer, Chair and Recording Secretary, with all check requiring two signatures.** (This would be in line with what we have actually practiced for the past 10+ years.)

3.7 (d) Immediate Past Delegate

Serves as a ~~member~~ **Co-Chair** of the Area Guidelines Review Committee. (Same as item 3.2 d.)

4.7 (b) Newsletter

Prepares and copies a newsletter for distribution 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, by choice of the Newsletter Chair.**

4.8 (h) Public Information (add as an additional section)

Serves as Chair of the Area Web Committee - a sub-committee of the PI Committee. Updates the Area Assembly as to the status of the website on a regular basis, as part of the PI report, including information on new pages. (See Appendix E for Website Guidelines.)

6.4 (a) Election Procedures - Who conducts the election

~~Area elections shall be conducted by the Area Chairperson or, if the Chairperson is a candidate for another office, another qualified person designated by the Area Committee and approved by the Area Assembly.~~

Replace entire paragraph with - **"Whenever possible, Area elections shall be conducted by the Regional Trustee, or a past delegate or the current delegate, if the Trustee is not available."**

(This would be in line with what we have actually practiced for the past 10+ years, since the Area Chair is generally eligible to stand for another office.)

7.3 (c) Income

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In keeping with AA Traditions, no contributions may be accepted from any source outside of AA, **or in excess of the current amount accepted by GSO."**

8.2 (a) Revisions

A Guidelines Review Committee will be formed at each Pre-Conference Assembly in odd numbered years to serve a two year term. The Committee will make a report of ~~recommendations~~ recommended revisions to Area Guidelines, except pending motions, at **the Fall Assembly in odd years, and the Post Conference Assembly in even years.** The committee should consist of 5 DCM's, 6 GSR's, the Immediate Past Delegate and the Alternate Delegate. (This would keep their report from interfering with time needed for area elections.)

Guidelines Review Committee

Proposed Guidelines for the Utah Area 69 Website

Amend original motion to read:

The Area 69 General Service Committee approve and incorporate the attached proposed web guidelines into the Utah Area 69 Guidelines as Appendix E.

Add to Area Guidelines section 4.8 (h) "Serves as chair of the Area Web Committee, a sub-committee of the PI Committee. Updates the Area Assembly as to the status of the website on a regular basis, as part of the PI report, including information on new pages. (See Appendix E for Website Guidelines.)"

Appendix E

1.0 Website

- 1.1 www.UtahAA.org is the official website of the Utah Area 69 General Service Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 1.2 This web site is not endorsed nor approved by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. or any given Internet provider; it is an AA service provided solely by the Utah Area 69 General Service Committee.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 The web site is an Area 69 Public Information vehicle, which is used as a method of providing information pursuant to AA's primary purpose.
- 2.2 To provide information to existing AA members.
- 2.3 To provide a means of communication within the Utah Area 69 General Service structure.

3.0 Web Committee

- 3.1 The Web committee is a sub-committee of the PI Committee, with the Area 69 PI Chairperson serving as chair. The voting membership shall consist of the Area PI Chair, Web Servant, and the Alternate Web Servant.
- 3.2 Duties of the Web Servant and Alternate Web Servant.
 - a. Registers domain name, UtahAA.org for the current operating year and the following two years. This ensures the name is registered at least one term of office out and will minimize the loss of the domain name through oversights such as failure to re-register on time.
 - b. Monitors and records all expenses incurred in the maintenance and provision of the Website and ensures that the web hosting charges are paid on time.

- c. Submits an annual budget request to the Utah Area 69 Public Information Chair, prior to the annual review of the Area 69 budget.
 - d. Maintains meeting list information contained within a database that is proved by the web hosting company. Maintenance of this list will be in conjunction principally with the area registrar, but also including the DCM's and DCMC's in each district.
 - e. Checks e-mail accounts no less than every other day, replies to inquiries and, if needed, forwards them to the appropriate officer or standing chair.
 - f. Maintains two separate, regular backups of all material at least quarterly.
 - g. Changes the password to the web account every 3 months, or when any of the password holders step down from their service position. Passwords should be known only to the Area Web Servant, the Alternate Web Servant, and the P.I. Chair.

4.0 Public Access

- 4.1. It is recommended that the web site be constructed in such a manner that it be available for viewing by anyone who accesses the Internet through any means and with any system. Care should be taken not to show preference to specific systems, browsers, etc. that would make accessing the site through other means difficult.
- 4.2. An email address which copies to the Area Web Servant or the Area Alternate Web Servant would be included, to which any questions or comments may be forwarded.

5.0 General Content Guidelines

- 5.1. In keeping with our primary purpose, to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety, the website should primarily be a public information tool for interested individuals. It should contain some general (conference approved) information about AA, list AA meeting schedules within the area, including an explanation about open and closed meetings, and other approved links.
- 5.2. In keeping with the principle of anonymity, full names or phone numbers will not be published on the website, including newsletters that are made available through the email list manager. E-mail addresses will be general contact addresses, such as Web-Servant@UtahAA.org. Each area officer and standing chair has an @UtahAA.org address. These will be used on the web site. The area officers / chairs will have access to their own email account on the site, or these will be anonymously forwarded to the appropriate personal e-mail address if so requested. The maintenance of forwarding addresses will be the Web Servant's responsibility.
- 5.3. Additional content which falls within guidelines may be added at the discretion of the Web committee, though significant changes should be reviewed by the Area 69 PI committee to ensure it falls within the scope of Public Information work and adheres to AA's 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts.

6.0 Included Links

- 6.1. In keeping with the AA tradition of non-endorsement, and recognizing the fact that any AA site can and will be accessed by the general public, links to any commercial sources should be avoided, as A.A. endorsement of such groups and organizations may mistakenly be implied through such links.
- 6.2. The only links that the Area will maintain are to the AAWS, the AA Grapevine website, Utah Central Office and other approved sites.

Area 69 MOTION: Grahame L., Treatment Facilities Chair, November 6, 2004: That the Area 69 Standing Committee for Literature be responsible for the printing and distribution of the Area pamphlet "So you've been told to go to A.A. . . ." **Financial impact:** None. Unless the need for the pamphlets grossly exceeds anticipation, the cost would come out of the regular literature committee budget.

For more information on this motion please contact Grahame L at literature@utahaa.org

Area 69 MOTION: Michael A., DCMC District 10: That the Area form a new District for the Spanish speaking members of Area 69. **Financial impact:** None.

For more information on this motion please contact Mike at cpc@utahaa.org

From the A.A. Grapevine

Does Your Group Use the Concepts?

Perhaps the number one thing that appeals to me so much about AA's Twelve Concepts for World Service is their sheer practicality. In none of our literature is there theory or dogma--only firsthand experience. Two good examples of such practicality can be found in Concepts III and IV. They contain two of the principles that Bill felt ought to be given the widest latitude in practice, the "Right of Decision" and the "Right of Participation."

The short form of Concept III reads: "To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA--the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives--with a traditional 'Right of Decision.'" The "Right of Decision" has proved to be a most practical way for groups to empower delegates to the General Service Conference to act in accordance with their conscience.

But the principles stated in the Concepts, like all our AA principles, are just as applicable in my home group. Our secretary, for example, is empowered through Concept III with the "Right of Decision." We trust in his thoughtful preparation to make announcements appropri-

ate to our meetings--that is, announcements that are AA-related. We trust him not to announce, for instance, that Tom H. will be having a garage sale next weekend and hopes to see everyone there for great bargains--come early! We trust our program chair whose principal job is to book meetings. We don't tell her what groups or individuals to book but trust her to decide, based, for instance, on how recently a group has sent speakers to us and whether the group is within reasonable commute. Our hospitality team makes regular use of the spirit of the "Right of Decision." They determine what kind of refreshments the group will enjoy and do the buying.

I remember an incident some years ago at my then home group where the "Right of Decision" was a bit manhandled. The chair opened the meeting one night by announcing that the scheduled speaker had not shown up and instead of the usual discussion she had decided, on her own, to put together a three-speaker meeting. Afterward, several people let her know that they had been expecting their regular discussion meeting and were upset. She defended her decision by reminding them that, as chair,

it was up to her to make decisions for the good of the group. She felt that the group needed "perking up." So she changed the meeting format.

Concept III states that "we ought to trust our responsible leaders *to decide*, within the understood framework of their duties, *how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises.*" True enough, our chair had the final authority within the framework of her duties but by changing the meeting format she had overstepped her authority. Since a group, in its autonomy, decides on the format of its meetings through a legitimate voting process, she had unwittingly challenged the group's autonomy. I am happy to say that this trusted servant rethought the incident and became a wiser and consequently more valued member of the group.

As for Concept IV, the short form reads: "At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional 'Right of Participation,' allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."

I recently witnessed a splendid example of the "Right of Participation" in action at a group in my area of which I was not a member. Opening a group inventory meeting, the chair requested that only members of the group participate; non-members could identify themselves but ought to refrain from commentary. If the chair had asked nonmembers to leave, I would have taken a granddaddy of a resentment out into the night air. Instead, he invoked a very important part of the "Right of Participation" by recognizing my need to belong. I have also attended business meetings where the presiding officer announced that nonmembers were welcome to stay but must refrain from voting. Thus, thanks to the "Right of Participation," those of us who were not members were made to feel that we belonged, if not to that group, certainly to AA as a whole.

Participation, like the human body, comes in different shapes and sizes. I once heard a woman share at a meeting that

she was having a hard time staying sober and couldn't understand why. She said she had a home group and was "very active." What came to light was that most of her activity consisted of participation in outside endeavors, such as the PTA, Red Cross, a home for the elderly, and her neighborhood hospital. As for her AA membership, she attended meetings but did no more. What she didn't understand or had forgotten is that, while all those community activities are admirable, what we are talking about is participation in AA activities. Of course, none of us is forced to do anything in AA. As Concept IV says, my participation in AA activities is a *right*. I may participate as a member of my group's steering committee or an ad hoc committee, or as an elected officer, or just as a member of the group. Or I may choose not to actively participate at all. But from the moment I declare myself a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, the right to participate in AA activities becomes and remains inalienably mine until the mo-

ment I remove myself from the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thanks be to Dr. Bob and Bill for their vision.

Are you aware of the Concepts at work in your home group? Why not hold a meeting to talk about them and their value to your group? If you do, it might be a good idea to announce it in advance. You might ask your GSR to lead it, or your area delegate. You might consider making available a supply of the Conference-approved pamphlet *The Twelve Concepts Illustrated*, as I have done for workshops. It is informative and what's more, people get a genuine kick out of the drawings. I love pictures, don't you?

J. W.

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Past Delegate 53 Ask-It-Basket

One of our group's members was concerned that we were giving out chips and celebrating birthdays to those that introduce themselves as "addicts only". The discussion went on to bring up the idea that "none members of A.A." should not hold service positions in our A.A. Group. They shouldn't chair the meeting or hold any other position at the group level. And should not be allowed to vote in our business meetings.

The issue was tabled because we were running out of time. But one of the things that one of our members said was basically who is going to be "the A.A. police" and tell them they can't celebrate

their recovery with us?

Thanks for the great question. This issue came up during my second year at the conference in New York at our regional luncheon. Eva S., the staff member assigned to the Pacific Region reported that she was receiving a large amount of phone calls and letters regarding non AA members holding AA service positions, and what a concern this is becoming. Non-alcoholics absolutely should not be chairing meetings. Not being members of AA, means they are not members of a home group, and therefore would have no vote at business meetings. It's not at all an issue of there being AA police. It's just a fact that if a person

is not an alcoholic, they simply can not be a member of AA, so they have no place chairing meetings, etc. I think it would be a lot like letting a Catholic conduct a Mormon Church worship meeting. No one would think that was appropriate, would they?

In terms of non alcoholics getting chips, I know a lot of groups allow it. It really would be more appropriate for addicts to celebrate at an NA meeting, instead of ignoring our singleness of purpose, but that's a hard battle to win sometimes. In my personal opinion, I can live with the chips, but I can't live with them chairing meetings and voting and not say something. We had some Al-Anon people com-

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ing to our business meetings for awhile. One of them even made a motion one night about what should be allowed in our AA meeting. I wonder if they have ever thought how they might feel if a bunch of AA's showed up at an Al-Anon assembly and started telling them what we thought they should do? That would be something!

In my experience, particularly with my home group, too many people do not really understand the concept of "open" and "closed" meetings. They mistakenly believe an

open meeting not only means anyone can come, but they can talk about anything they want. The truth is, while anyone can attend an open meeting, it's still an AA meeting and discussion should be limited to alcoholism and the recovery there from. I used to regularly attend a meeting at Fellowship Hall years ago. We had a lot of folks from OA who attended and shared (and even chaired) at that meeting. There was more and more sharing that had less and less to do with alcoholism. It was a very gradual change, so

much so you hardly noticed it was happening, but one day while walking out at the end of a meeting, I realized it wasn't even an AA meeting anymore. My fear has always been - what if that had been a newcomer's first meeting? Would they hear enough to know we had a solution for their drinking problem, or would they leave and die in their disease?

Jodi E.
Past Delegate Panel 53
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DCM Report

Sub-District B

My name is Stephanie F. and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is Nov 17, 2002 and I currently serve as your DCM for Sub-District B. To be very honest this is my first big service position and even after eight months it is still overwhelming. Although my sobriety is still short and sweet I have been through a lot and my life has changed because of this program. I have always come to a stand point in this program that I realize I need to do something more if I'm going to stick around. I heard of a service position in the district. I came to the meeting and after a small debate because of experience I was voted to be of service for District 2.

I am so grateful to be the other part of Alcoholics Anonymous. I'm sure I will get the

hang of it about the time that my position is up. I am the only female DCM member which means I have all the women's meetings in my Sub-District. Work in sobriety has helped me know how important women are to me. I am trying so hard to be of service for other women. I know how hard it was for me to grab on and get a sponsor and do the work. I know that my responsibility here is to reach out, grab on, and give my experience, in hope that it will bring another alcoholic to achieve sobriety.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Stephanie F.
DCM District 2 Sub-District B
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Sub-District B Alt-DCM Resignation

After much thought about my inability to keep this commitment due to my travel schedule (I am writing this while on a plane), I think it is best that I officially step down in order to allow someone who is able to take the commitment. My thanks to you all for allowing me the privilege of trying to serve and my deepest apologies for not recognizing how my travel schedule would change so quickly.

Best, Mary Ann V.

DCM Group Assignments

Sub-Districts A-F

Sub-District A: (George R., DCM) Big Book Thumpers, Bog Irish Big Book Study, Chapter 5, Friday Night Speakers, It's in the Book, Live & Let Live, Primary Purpose, No Rules, Starting the Day, Way Out

Sub-District B: (Stephanie F., DCM) 5:15 Happy Hour, New Hope Group (Women's), Saturday Night Alive, Speak Easy Ladies, The Right Stuff, We Care Group

Sub-District C: (Pete G., DCM) 17th & 17th 12 X 12, 6:40 New Yorkers, Brown Bag Big Book Study, City at Seven Group, DNS Group, Friendship Group, Grantsville Good News, Survive and Serve, New Way Group, Sizzling Sobriety Group

Sub-District D: (Walter C., DCM) 974 Group, Acceptance Group, Basic Young Peoples Group, Group 2, Foothill Group, Magna Friendly Bunch, Stonewall Group, Tooele Group, Castaways, Dealer's Choice

Sub-District E: (Eddie B., DCM) Honey's Breakfast Group, Downtown Bunch, Altrum Group, Windsor St. Beginners, Trying Again, Northwest Sobriety, Old Fashioned A.A., New Avenues & Promises, Richard Street Lunch Bunch, Unity Lunch Bunch

Sub-District F: (Wade J., DCM) An AA Group, Boot Straps, Early Friendship, Midnight Miracles, Non-Smoking Sobriety Hour, Saturday Night Speaker, Sobriety Hour, Weekend Get AA

If your group is not listed above please contact the District Committee Member Chairperson. See the 'Currently Serving' section at the end on this newsletter for the contact information.

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendar

Fall Assembly <i>Jucin' up with the 'vine</i> District 1 – Logan Registration form on the web: www.utahaa.org	September 23-25
Fall Workshop District 8 - Roosevelt	November 5-6
Area Committee Meeting (AREA INVENTORY) District 3- American Fork	December 3

Please see the Area 69 website for more information about upcoming events.
(and a whole lot more!)

UtahAA.org

Group History

The Castaways Group

The Castaways group was started because we had members in the program that have serious respiratory problems. The problems ranged from allergies to people being dependent on oxygen. We needed a smoke-free environment to have meetings in.

In November 2004, we sent a letter to Father Stan at the St. Barnabas Center asking if we could have meetings there. We waited all winter wondering if he was going to allow us to start an AA group there. Toward the end of February Father Stan called and said we could come tour the building and pick out our room. We were finally able to start meetings on Monday, February 28, 2005.

In the beginning our meetings were quite small. Some days it was just the chairperson sitting there alone. But eventually we started to grow. We elected a G.S.R.. We still have

some service positions open, and in time they will be filled.

We were meeting Monday through Saturday at Noon. We are now starting to have evening meetings Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 P.M..

Since Castaways started their meetings at St. Barnabas, recovery meetings have grown from having five meetings at noon each week to 13 recovery meetings a week. Our meetings are at:

ST. Barnabas Center
1784 North Arron Drive
Tooele, Utah

We are the southwestern looking church south of the Tooele Hospital.

Budget Committee Madness!

How many GSR's, DCM's and Treasurers does it take to form a budget committee? At least one of each, apparently.

Of course, the more folks we have participate, the better reflection of the group conscience we will have. If you are interested, please contact me (See the Currently Serving section of this newsletter)

Interested? Good! I'd hate to have to tell your sponsor how unwilling you are to contribute to the well-being of the district. No, I wouldn't do that . . . Or would I? Don't risk it. But seriously, all threats aside, every perspective helps us to better plan for the future. I would be grateful for your help.

Also, though we will be using the 2005 budget as a template, we need comments from each of the Standing Chairs. Comments, plans for the future, and what money is spent on will help the committee craft a better budget. Please write, e-mail or call me so we can get your input. Thanks!

*James H.
District 2 Treasurer*

District 2 Financial

2005 Treasurer's Report	July	Year to Date	Contributions		Pink Can	
	\$2,845.26	\$3,508.77	July	Year to Date	July	Year to Date
OPENING BALANCE			\$50.00	\$175.00		\$0.00
INCOME						
Contributions	\$713.43	\$3,166.99	\$15.00	\$130.00	13.27	\$13.27
DCM Meeting Basket	\$15.55	\$102.55	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$0.00
GSR Meeting Basket	\$0.00	\$209.65	\$20.25	\$39.55		\$0.00
Workshops	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
Corrections (PINK CAN)	\$13.27	\$53.65		\$11.10		\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$728.98	\$3,479.19		\$0.00		\$0.00
EXPENSES						
PI/CPC		\$0.00	\$50.00	\$35.00		\$0.00
Corrections		\$345.00	\$20.00	\$40.00		\$0.00
Literature		\$150.00		\$30.00		\$0.00
Treatment		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Accessibilities		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Committee subtotal	\$0.00	\$495.00	\$58.61	\$102.81		\$0.00
Workshops/Assemblies						
Hotels		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Registration		\$400.00		\$600.00		\$0.00
Mileage		\$102.00	\$50.00	\$29.00		\$0.00
PRAASA/FORUM		\$372.00		\$74.50		\$0.00
DCM Expenses subtotal	\$0.00	\$1,529.00		\$85.00		\$0.00
GSR Expenses						
Office Supplies		\$0.00	\$120.00	\$189.00		\$0.00
Photo Copies		\$0.00	\$125.00	\$221.00		\$0.00
Postage		\$116.12	\$8.50	\$350.00		\$0.00
GSR Coffee		\$0.00		\$8.50		\$0.00
GSR Rent		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
DCM Rent		\$250.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Post Office Box		\$38.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Corresponding Secretary		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Treasurer		\$0.00		\$50.33		\$0.00
Recording Secretary		\$0.00		\$425.64		\$0.00
Other Expenses subtotal	\$25.00	\$404.12	\$21.07	\$60.50		\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25.00	\$2,428.12		\$75.00		\$40.38
CLOSING BALANCE	\$3,549.24		\$713.43	\$3,166.99	13.27	\$53.65

Notes:

Differences in monthly closing balance and YTD opening balance reflect payments credited to current month but not shown in this report

\$89.06 balance discrepancy from last year--added to opening balance

Made Quarterly Rent Payment (\$75)