

What's happening in Las Vegas A.A.?

Intergroup Meets on **Monday, February 8, 2010 - 6:00 P.M.**
 at Central Office. This is the meeting where ALL of the
 Las Vegas A.A. Committee Chairs' report on their purpose and
 activities. Be Informed !

Steering Committee Meets **Monday, February 8, 2010 - 5:00 P.M**



Step Two

Came to believe that
 a Power greater than
 ourselves could
 restore us to sanity.

Tradition Two

(Short Form)
 For our group
 purpose there is but
 one ultimate
 authority – a loving
 God as He may
 express Himself in
 our group
 conscience. Our
 leaders are but
 trusted servants;
 they do not govern.

Concept 1 (Short)

The General Service
 Conference of A.A.
 has become, for
 nearly every
 practical purpose,
 the active voice and
 the effective
 conscience of our
 whole Society in its
 world affairs.

Suggested
 reading,
 BB. Pg. 44-60,
 567-568, 572, 574

12x12: pg. 5,
 9-10, 25-33, 132-
 138, 189

HOPE

Tradition Two – Round Two

William W. 03/31/2000

Tradition two seems to be as much a goal as a tradition. Many AA folks are very forceful and inclined to take action in group activities. A dozen or so of those forceful characters in a 1,000 square foot AA room can be an awesome group of contenders for the title of "trusted servant." They are sometimes productive and sometimes destructive like tornados whirling through the Kansas countryside.

A "group conscience" is the process of explaining a situation or problem and then polling the assembled members of the fellowship to arrive at a consensus on how the group should handle that situation or problem. It is as democratic as any decision making process could hope to be. It is quite understandable why Bill W and Doctor Bob felt a need for Tradition 2.

Anyone who has attended a "closed" AA meeting where one of our fellows unwisely mentioned his or her problem with street drugs is well aware of the potential reactions and heated response by some of our "trusted servants." Diehards who believe that only problems with alcohol should be discussed in an AA meeting are not bashful. They will instantly take the reins and crack the whip on the offending person who strays into the often forbidden zone of substance abuse.

Other "leaders" will rise to defend drug discussions because, after all, alcohol is also a mind altering substance that is abused. There is no simple answer to this topical dilemma that faces all AA groups. In these instances a good secretary or meeting leader will quickly defuse the situation and send the sparing partners back to their corners. This is a challenge that has been faced by anyone who has regularly chaired AA meetings.

I have participated in a number of "group conscience" sessions about the drugs and alcohol debate. A strong AA group will quickly set boundaries for this topic so that meetings don't spin out of control. When heated disputes occur during a meeting it is destructive and often results in significant embarrassment for the parties involved.

AA is a spiritual program full of very high spirited members. Without the subtle or not so subtle controls provided by our Traditions, the program would not be nearly as effective as it has been for millions of sober folks who have walked the path of AA. ☺ Thanks William for your contribution.

New Meetings

A meeting must be registered with Central Office for ninety (90) days to qualify for listing in the Las Vegas Meeting Schedule. Listing of meetings in the Silver Streak or the Meeting Schedule does not in any way imply affiliation with clubs, churches or other facilities.

Slice of Life's Pizza *D-7, 02/10*

Held at Spring Valley Club
2400 S Jones, Suite 10
Thursday at 7:00 PM
Contact: Jennifer V. 227-1212

Recover Living Sober *D-7, 02/10*

Held at Spring Valley Club
2400 S Jones, Suite 10
Sunday at 7:00 PM
Contact: Doug 227-1212

Came to Believe *D-7, 02/10*

Held at Spring Valley Club
2400 S Jones, Suite 10
Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Contact: Denny 227-1212

Off the Hook *D-1, 01/10*

Held at Our Meeting Place
3330 E Tropicana, Suite H
Sunday at 6:30 PM
Thursday at 8:00 PM
CLOSED Book Study
Contact: Tom B. 650-3221

AA Meeting *D-7, 12/09*

Held at Montevista Hospital
5900 W Rochelle, Las Vegas 89104
Wednesday at 7:30 PM
Open Discussion
Contact: Kim 251-1247

The Old School *D-5B, 12/09*

Held at 1600 Saylor Way, **Las Vegas 89108**
Sunday at 6:15 PM
Contact: Jerry 540-3569

Change Everything *D-3, 12/09*

Held at Nellis AFB Chapel Basement
4300 Mountain Home, Las Vegas 89191
Tuesday at 6:00 PM
Contact: 412-9885

Happy Hour *D-7, 12/09*

Held at the KISS Club
3044 S Highland Dr., Las Vegas 89109
Monday – Friday at 6:00 PM
Contact: Marty D 327-2429 or Tom E. 426-9831

Happy Hour/Grapevine *D-3, 12/09*

Held at 3010 Crawford, N. **Las Vegas 89030**
1st & 3rd Monday at 6:30 PM
Contact: Judy 642-5594

THE DOCTOR'S OPINION

A two-hour workshop to help you understand the disease of alcoholism.

Sunday February 21, 2010
1:00 – 3:00 PM at the Serenity Club
3990 Schiff Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89103

An important part of Step 1 that is sometimes overlooked. This class is excellent for persons that are new to recovery, persons who are in and out, persons that are new sponsors, or anyone interested in staying sober.

Please bring your “Big Book”, a notebook, a pen and a highlighter.

Please RSVP so enough handouts can be prepared. David W. (702) 498-4458

4th Annual OLDTIMERS ROCK!

Saturday February 6, 2010

Doors Open at 4 pm

Meeting starts at 5-6

EAGLES LODGE (Washington & Bruce)

Coffee Provided, please bring sweets

Contact Kim or Donna R at 639-6597

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The Archives Corner

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

We had a great time at the first Area 42 Artifacts meeting on Sunday, January 17th at the TIE Club. Thank you to Dick T., Jack F., Mary Lou E., and Patty M. for serving on our longtimers panel and to everyone who volunteered or donated items to help make this first event a success. **Thank you.**

Our second meeting is Sunday, February 21st. This time the panel will consist of Ruth J., Teri F., Julian R., and one more (a mystery guest!) Please come join us. Lunch starts at 12:30 (\$5 per person) and the panel discussion runs from 1 – 2:30.

To fill future panels, we are looking for people who have been in & around AA for a long time in Southern Nevada & who are willing to speak about our valley's history in a panel format. You don't have to have been sober the whole time (though sober now!), just willing to share what you know about AA's history.

The Archives Committee NOW meets on Thursdays – from 9 – 11:30 a.m. @ Central Office – please come join us. All are welcome.

You can visit the Archives in February at the Oldtimers Rock meeting on the 6th or the Central Office Service Festival on the 14th.

We look forward to seeing you. If you would like to volunteer, contribute, or serve on a panel, please call me. Caroline 592-0890

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These questions were originally published in the AA grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

- 1 Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- 2 Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with any AA Twelfth Step job or other AA responsibility?
- 3 Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussions, or can I yield in good spirit to the group consensus and work cheerfully along with it?
- 5 Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
- 6 In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

**Happy Birthday & Congratulations
to anyone celebrating,
a day at a time.**

Ed Note: So many wonderful sober events and workshops in the Las Vegas Area. Get your event to me at least 15 days before the first of the month in which you want it published.

And

How's that isolating working for you? Why not get on line and write something about your experience, strength, and hope and share with Silver Streak readers. *You do not have to be a subscriber and someone may need to read what you have to write.*

Sober Events

A.A. International July 1-4 2010

San Antonio, TX

Go to www.aa.org for information and FAQ's

The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme "A Vision for You." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 75th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Alamodome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the San Antonio Convention Center and local hotels.

Ed note: Next month – a local's journey to San Antonio

PRAASA

March 5-7, 2010

**Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous
Service Assembly**

**Radisson Hotel, Los Angeles, CA
www.PRAASA.org**

33rd San Diego Round Up

April 1-4, 2010

"Sobriety Rocks"

www.SanDiegoSpringRoundUp.com

Gratitude Ball

April 10, 2010

23rd Men's International Conference

April 23-25, 2010

"Continue, Practice, Improve"

www.IAAMCCLEVELAND.com

Founders Day

June 12, 2010

1st Annual Fellowship of the Spirit Nevada Conference

June 17-20, 2010

www.fotsnv.com

Casablanca Resort, Mesquite NV.

Contacts: April, 702- 767-1790

VALENTINES DAY "LOVE" SERVICE FESTIVAL

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2010

T.I.E. CLUB 1:00--4:00 p.m.

TWELVE CONCEPTS PRESENTATION
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENTATIONS:

Learn what each committee service position does and how to be a volunteer for a service position.

FREE LUNCH INCLUDED

(Be a sweetheart and volunteer for service)

7th Tradition Proceeds go to Central Office

Contact: Carolyn C. 290-1566



Las Vegas Intergroup's

36th Annual

Gratitude Ball

Held at the

SUNCOAST

Ballroom

(Rampart and Alta)

April 10th, 2010

Speaker

April R.

From - Las Vegas, Nv.

Cordial Hour 4pm

Banquet
5-6:30pm

Speaker
7pm

Raffle 8:30
pm

26^h Annual Golf
Tournament

Saturday, April 3rd

Boulder City's Golf Course

For Tee Time and additional
Info Call Tim H. 768-9116

Music by "The Spirit of the King" Steve Connolly

Tickets available at Central Office or Numbers Below

Tickets: Banquet, Speaker, and Dance
Speaker and Dance
Golf Tournament

\$55/\$60 at door
\$15/\$20 at door
April 3rd, 2010.

Gratitude Fund-Help those less fortunate to attend

Tickets available at Central Office 598-1888

Debi P 927-3221, Tim R 375-7465

All proceeds donated to Central Office.

Using the Slogans

The third in a series of "Beginners' Meetings"--to run from time to time--for newcomers to AA sobriety. Grapevine, November, 1958

I WAS wondering what you thought when you came to your first AA meeting and saw the slogans displayed, as we have them here and at other AA meeting places in the area. Our little signs are--*Easy Does It, First Things First, Live and Let Live, and But For The Grace Of God*. I know groups elsewhere have other thought provoking slogans and I'm sure they all are helpful. I don't recall my original impression, but I'm quite sure I could not figure what these sayings could possibly have to do with me or my newfound desire to stay sober.

The slogans are simple things, we have heard these phrases many times before. Probably their wisdom has served many generations. Even though they may be ages old, it seems as though they were designed especially for us. They can help when we fit them to our everyday needs.

Often I think of the slogans as reminders and, in our present day language, consider them as "tranquilizers"--which are mighty handy to have around. Because we hear and see them frequently, they have become very familiar and can remind us, in moments of stress or indecision, just what is best for us. Since I, personally, do not believe in the use of the medical tranquilizers, I have found these AA tranquilizers to be mighty efficient when facing self pity, resentment or any of the other woes which are dangerous to the alcoholic.

Maybe you, too, can get some assistance from them, as have so many others. *Easy Does It* is the one that probably first attracts our attention. Though this reminder suggests something absolutely contrary to our past performance, still these words have their appeal and maybe even a touch of humor when we learn to smile at ourselves as we slow down.

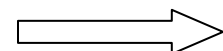
All of us have our many problems and troubles. We would like to believe we could sober up quickly and take care of all of them immediately, but it doesn't often work that way. However, if we can reach out for this thought--*Easy Does It*--when we seem to panic at an avalanche of troubles, fears and doubts, we might get to know, habitually, that the best way to handle all things is "Easy." It can also be a cautious check on the over-zealousness of the newcomer, who might rush to do too much in too short a period of time.

This, of course, does not suggest that we put everything off until tomorrow, for there are many worthwhile things we can do today. The reminder is, do it but *Easy Does It*. You'll find yourself enjoying the use of this tranquilizer, taken in moderation and at the proper time.

Then there is another--*First Things First*. That's a real gem. If only it were possible, in our confusion, to keep this foremost in our thoughts we would have gone a long way toward successfully coping with most of our troubles. Quite naturally we in AA contend that the first thing to avoid is the first drink; then there is a good chance that everything else can be cared for later. Unless the first drink is avoided, not much else matters. We emphasize that as being of first importance always. However, we will encounter other situations where a mental flash of this reminder can enable us to set our thinking in order, so that we can decide what should be our first consideration and what is less important. Truly, these AA tranquilizers do not solve our problems, but they can calm us down, remind us of a better way to proceed, and perhaps even put us in a mood to make better decisions.

The reminder of *Live And Let Live* can come in very handy many times. Some may consider it as a plea for tolerance--letting the other fellow live his life with his faults so that he won't criticize our imperfections. Others have found this a good suggestion to preserve harmony within the family or group. It can remind us to pause and reflect a moment whenever we feel inclined to gossip, criticize or envy others with whom we must live.

Others like to think of it in a more positive fashion. When disturbed by the actions or opinions of others, they are reminded that they were put on this earth to live their own lives. The emphasis is on living, based on truths, as they understand them--living with as much honesty as they can command. Perhaps this suggests that when we live our own lives we will have little inclination to find fault with the efforts of others. Live and let live.



But For The Grace Of God is another appropriate reminder. This, too, is subject to different interpretations and a variety of uses. At one time this phrase came to mind whenever I heard of someone whose history of alcoholism involved greater hardships and seemingly more misery than mine. I was happy that I was more fortunate than they.

I no longer make such comparisons. Rather I use this reminder as a prayer of thankfulness for the many favors and bountiful help I receive each day. I remember that whatever sobriety and little capability I may have today is the result of the mercy and kindness of an ever-loving God. His help, sometimes channeled through AA, is entirely responsible for anything I may accomplish each day. You, too, may welcome this reminder that help, freely offered and entirely undeserved, is available. Without it we were powerless and our lives can again become unmanageable. It is truly a "tranquilizer" that keeps an inflated ego under control.

These are a few of the practical working tools AA offers to bolster your desire to stay sober. Oft-times the mere repetition of these phrases will tranquilize unstable emotions and suggest better thinking. Later on, they may suggest more serious meditation.

These reminders are suggestions for you. They can be useful. Time and time again you will hear from AAs that they were able to recall these thoughts in moments of crisis, with truly wonderful results. When in need of a "tranquilizer" take one of these. When disturbed by the thought of a drink, these reminders can give you a good thought to replace a harmful one. They are simple but powerful remedies. ☺

Live
and Let
Live..

Easy
Does
..It...

But for
the
Grace
of God.

Think
Think
.... Think

..First
Things
First.

Between the Lines

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There I was, locked up safe and sound, thumbing through an issue of the Grapevine dedicated to AA in prison, when I came across a notice about the AA Corrections Correspondence Service. I considered it for a minute, then moved on. By the way, my name is Marty and I'm an alcoholic. I'm also a prisoner doing six consecutive sentences totaling 135 years in Colorado's Department of Corrections. That's not a typo; it is 135 years.

AA in prison is nothing new to me. I was seventeen years old and doing time in a California prison when I was first introduced to AA. Even at that early age, I could relate to those who came in to sponsor our meetings. And deep in my heart, I knew that I was afflicted with the disease of alcoholism. It ran in my family, and I had an established history of alcohol and drug abuse. However, I was nowhere near having the desire to quit drinking.

By the age of twenty-four, I was a divorced father of two, a serious drug abuser, and full-fledged drunk. I was also on my way back to prison as a consequence of my behavior. When I reached the facility where I was to be housed, I spent several weeks locked in a cell with nothing to do. I was allowed two books per week and two or three hours of recreation in the gym. I spent many hours in isolation, bored and angry. One day, completely unannounced, I was called out of my cell by the alcoholism counselor, Pete.

Pete took me into his office and had a heart-to-heart chat with me. The most interesting thing about Pete was his approach. He wasn't threatened by me nor was he threatening toward me. He didn't talk down to me as prison officials invariably do to inmates. Instead, he sat his heavy frame down at his desk in a small cramped office. He put his feet up and asked how I was doing. It seemed ironic that he had a genuine concern for my welfare and rather than want something from me, wanted to be helpful. I told him I was bored from being locked up while waiting to be assigned to a job and a permanent housing unit. When he asked how long I would be in the facility, I told him that I thought I'd be out in about six months. When he asked what I was going to do when I got out, I was quick to tell him that I planned to go back to the town where I came from and sit in the Sportsman's Inn, drinking shots of Jack Daniels and ice-cold, long-neck Buds, getting drunk, and pinching Tillie, my favorite bartender, every time she walked by.

Pete said, "Well, you're being honest." And I told him that I'd had plenty of time to think it over. The truth is, I'd spent hours and hours pacing my cell thinking about it, planning my next drunk, and counting the days. I just couldn't wait to get out and wrap my fingers around a cold, frosty beer. Pete told me that I was "dry, thinking about drinking." Then I was sent back to my cell, where I spent the next few days thinking about being dry and thinking about drinking. I couldn't argue with that; it was true.

As it turned out, Pete was new to the facility just like me, and I was his first client. He was in the process of setting up treatment and education programs. So when he introduced AA meetings into the facility, he invited me to go. And you can bet that I was all too happy to get out of that cell to set up the room, make coffee, and attend all the meetings I could. And to clean up afterward. I also volunteered to do typing, cleaning, and anything else that would get me out of that cell. Before long we had five meetings per week. We had speakers from the street and two Big Book studies every week. Many inmates couldn't read, so I got to read and reread a lot of it. It was Pete who gave me my first Big Book--and my first "Twelve and Twelve" and more. I listened to Pete's lectures so many times I could teach them myself.

My plan for leaving in six months was abruptly changed when my sentence was extended another year. This was a depressing event that took some of the wind out of my sails, and made me a little less cocky. Though I didn't know it at the time, it also made me teachable. I came back and told Pete what had happened and how depressed and angry I was. Pete said that maybe God knew that I wasn't ready to get out. Rather than concentrate on getting out, he said I should concentrate more on recovery and getting ready to get out. After spending a few more days locked in the cell, thinking about it, I knew he was right. I wanted to argue the point, but there just wasn't anyone to argue it with. I could no more will my way out of prison than I could will away my alcoholism. My instinct to fight finally gave way to surrender. Soon afterward, I was assigned to work as Pete's inmate clerk. I was paid seven cents an hour, just enough to support my tobacco habit.

I became familiar with all our guest speakers, and, listening to their stories, grew to admire them. I remember one speaker in particular, Rusty. Her husband, Bill, was an ex-con who had served several years in Colorado prisons. When she spoke, eighty plus inmates went totally silent. As for me, I stood in the back of the room, next to the coffee pot, crying my eyes out as Rusty described the tragic situations she had put her son through while drinking. It reminded me of my own experiences growing up with an alcoholic mother.

I also remember struggling with "the God thing." I couldn't grasp the idea that God had time for me when he had so many good Christians to attend to. Pete told me to pray about it, which I probably did. Then one fall day I was walking across the yard going to work. It was the day we turn clocks back for Daylight Savings Time, so it was still nearly dark. It had been raining the night before, and for some reason, I was the only inmate going to work that morning. As I stepped outside, I noticed the deep, dark blue of the sky dotted with twinkling stars. Fresh, rain-scented mountain air filled my nostrils and two blue jays flew overhead. On my left I saw a huge green lawn scattered with dandelions. Beyond the prison fence, I watched as a delicate cloud floated around a towering mountain topped with snow. In that instant, I knew deep in my heart that God had made the deep blue of the sky. He had put that scent in the air and sent the blue jays that were flying over my head. He knew of every blade of grass and dandelion in that huge lawn, of every tree and snowflake on the mountain, and the cloud floating in the sky. To think that he didn't know about me was absurd. The knowledge of God shot through me like an arrow. I knew that from God, I had no secrets. God knew me better than I knew myself. And he still loved me!

Later, I told Pete about that morning, and he said, "You've had a spiritual experience." I said, "Cool!" After reading "Spiritual Experience," Appendix II in the Big Book (page 569), I knew it was true. That was seventeen years ago, and much has happened since then. I got out of prison, and though I haven't stayed sober the whole time, I now have twelve years, most of which were on the streets. Pete died, but I stayed very active in AA except for one short stretch. And that's when unmanageability set in. As a result, here I sit in prison today.

So there I was, all locked up safe and sound, when I went back to that Grapevine article. Not long afterward I heard from Brian S. We've been writing now for a year, and I consider him my sponsor. We usually share experience, strength, and hope through the mail. But recently he brought his family to Colorado on vacation, and we drank coffee and talked in the prison visiting room for about an hour. Brian is an outstanding example of sobriety. The service he is doing is vital.

I have come to believe that carrying the AA message to people in prison is one of life's highest callings. Of the 1.6 million prisoners in the United States, I believe from firsthand experience that most are down behind crimes that involve alcohol or drugs. It would be easy enough to forget about them and leave any efforts at rehabilitation to the prison therapists and reformers whose programs are often ineffective. But Alcoholics Anonymous offers a real solution to the baffled inmate and his or her family. AA offers a plan for living that will keep us between the lines, so long as we are willing to attend meetings and work with others. It not only helps us to function on the street, but in prison, too. And it treats the disease. Placing an alcoholic in an alcohol-free environment does not deal with the problem, the insanity of alcoholism. AA in prison does. Today my life has meaning and purpose because I too carry the message of AA. Martin W. Limon, Colorado © *Ed note: Next month a local shares her experience with taking meetings to prisons.*

INTERGROUP MINUTES December 14, 2009

Opening: Andre C. opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Tim R. read the 12 Traditions. Roll Call taken. Minutes for November were reviewed and a motion was made to approve. Minutes approved.

Reports

Central Office: Jack F. reporting. Central Office received 950 information calls, 114 12-step calls, 948 calls to the hotline and 105 of those were 12-step calls. There were 5700 Website hits (average of 190 per day). A new price list will be effective tomorrow, December 15, 2009. The price of books will be increased by \$0.50 and the price of schedules will now be \$0.50 each. Jack made copies of "Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous" available to everyone. He also thanked everyone for their support this year. He confessed that financially, it hasn't been the best year due to the economy, and many of the clubs have also raised their rent, and that has also impacted financial support. Central Office has cut the phone bill a couple hundred dollars a month and they are looking to see what else can be cut to reduce overhead. Thanks again to all the groups and the committees for their support. Central Office wouldn't run very efficiently without the work of all the committees. Thank you and Season's Greetings to everyone from Central Office.

Treasurer's Report: George P. reporting. Beginning Balance: \$15,753.63 Income: \$7,778.53 Expenses: \$10,568.88, this reflects a loss of \$2,790.35. Intergroup Checkbook Balance: \$12,963.28, Prudent Reserve - \$9,670.21. CD accounts combined (2) \$30,780.20. Literature Checkbook Beginning Balance \$13,323.06, Donations: \$2,340.55 Expenses: \$1,532.50. Literature Ending Balance: \$14,131.11.

Hotline: Bill F. reporting. Hotline is doing well. We have two shifts available. Please tell your groups we can always use more volunteers. The two shifts that are available are 8-8 on third week Thursday, and 8-4 on fifth week Monday.

12-Step: No Report. . Charlotte's e-mail address is charlotte@benter.com

Spanish Central Office: Javier reporting. We received 40 information calls and 51 12-step calls. We have a new group call El Lenguaje del Corazon, meeting each Monday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The address is el Centro Sahara y Maryland Pkwy. #953. We have a new web page aahispanoslv.org email aahispanoslv@yahoo.com. We had an election and our new chairman is Jose F.R.

Unity: Russ S. reporting. I have been grateful to serve as the Unity Chairperson this year. If anyone would like to join us we will begin meeting regularly just prior to this meeting every month. We'd like to take a proactive stance with unity this year. As everyone knows, our lives in A.A. really depend on unity and our ability to promote it. We'd like to see 2010 be one where we make ground on promoting unity and of being of service in that capacity. I know we had some negative issues that we always have to deal with, but personally I'd like to see us take the position of trying to work on uniting the groups. Any way I can be of service with that, or if anyone has any ideas on that line of thinking I'd be open to hear them. If you have any issues related to unity that need to be addressed please report them to Jack F.

Bridging the Gap: Rocco Reporting. It was a quiet month. We only had a couple of contacts. Everything is going along just fine. This past year has certainly been an education and a good experience for me and my co-chair Larry. Hopefully this next year we can get out and make more contact with the groups. We are still more than willing to come to any of the groups to give a presentation about Bridging the Gap and exactly what it is. We can always use more contacts. We have sheets for volunteer sign-ups for all of the reps to take back to their groups.

Silver Streak: Jack F. reporting. The deadline for the January issue is this Tuesday the 15th. Please encourage everyone from your home groups to subscribe and/or contribute an article. Mary's phone number is

(702) 596-0956 (fax) 598-0099, or email mrymryhenderson@aol.com. Mary's commitment is up in March and we will need a new Silver Streak editor at that time. So keep that in mind and let anyone who might be interested know.

H & I: David M. reporting. Financial report: Beginning Balance \$4,763.90, Prudent Reserve \$1000.00, Total Donations \$2,539.99, Total Income \$8,303.89, total Expenses \$1,793.05, Ending Balance \$6,510.84. We've started two new meeting recently. One is a weekly meeting at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission (Thursday at 11:00 a.m.) and the second meeting is at the High Desert Prison (Friday at 6:30 p.m. A.A. members need clearance to attend this meeting). The other thing we have going on is the upcoming Corrections Workshop with Tom I. on Jan. 23, 2010. At that workshop we will have a former inmate panel (people who got sober in prison), a panel of people who have been bringing meetings into the prisons over the years, and then Tom I. will give his talk with time reserved for questions and answers at the end. The workshop will be at the Salvation Army. Registration is \$5.00. Breakfast and lunch will be available for a fee.

PI/CPC: Cindy M. reporting. Recent Events: 11/23/09 Community Resource Days at Rex Bell ES. Spanish speaking member was present at this event, as the school is mostly Hispanic. 11/16/09 PI/CPC Business Meeting – joint committees elected to reduce budget for 2010. Originally submitted for \$3,000 and reduced to \$2,000 in an effort to help Central Office and streamline costs in general. Upcoming Events: 12/19/09 CPC presentation by Tim H. and Bobby D. in Pahrump. Current Focus: We have extended our focus in the healthcare community. A new member recommended a program used by Public Information in New York City called "Adopt a Doctor." We are getting additional information at this time. Future areas of focus: criminal justice, law enforcement, military, etc. Please join us for our committee meeting every third Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Central Office.

Archives: Caroline TJ reporting. We have a new meeting starting, Area 42 Artifacts held every 3rd Sunday of the month at the T.I.E. Club. Lunch will be at 12:30 (\$5.00) and a Longtimer panel will be held from 1 – 2:30. The 7th tradition will be used to pay rent and support our Area Archives. Please take the flyers and post/announce this meeting at your meetings.

Grapevine: Robin reporting. Gross sales of all literature at the Roundup were near \$3,000.

GSR Liaison: Andre C. reporting. There have been no new meetings since last month, so nothing new to report.

Special Needs: No Report. Leslie D., Special Needs Chairperson (702) 452-8501.

Las Vegas Roundup: No Report.

Founder's Day: Tim R. reporting. The first Monday in February will be the first Founder's Day Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Central Office. Anyone who would like to volunteer please attend that committee meeting. There's always lot of opportunities for volunteers. Next Founder's Day will be on June 12, 2010. Hopefully it will be held at the Salvation Army again, 2900 W. Palomino. We have a speaker, Jack C. coming from Baltimore, MD. He was a federal judge and we are excited to have him as our 7:00 p.m. speaker that night. We will start meeting again in February, on the first Monday in February (2/1/2010) right here at 6:00 p.m. We can always use lots of volunteers for this event.

I.M.A.A.C: Tim R. reporting. The next International Men's Conference will be held in Cleveland, OH. April 23-25, 2010. We will go there and bid on bringing it back to Las Vegas in 2012.

L.V.Y.P.A.A: No Report.

Gratitude Ball: Debbie P. reporting. The next Gratitude Ball will be held on April 10, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sun Coast. April R. will be our main speaker. Pre-flyers are available; please take them and post/announce at your meetings. The golf tournament will not be held the day of the Gratitude Ball, and we will inform you of the date as soon as we have one confirmed. We will update the information on the web site as well. Tickets will be available the beginning of January. Contact Jack at Central Office #598-1888 to purchase them. We will also have TV raffle tickets available, call Tim R. #375-7465 to purchase. If you have any questions please call Debby at 927-3221. We are always looking for volunteers, and our next committee meeting will be 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 6 at Central Office.

By-Laws: Clark J. reporting. The committee has dwindled down to John I and myself. We are about half way through the process of reviewing the By-laws. We need to compile all of our notes of what we've done so far and then we can bring a motion to elect additional committee members or decide what we want to do at that point.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding making cans that would be earmarked for Central Office and taking them to our groups. Input was both positive and negative – some groups used them and were able to collect and donate more money to Central Office, other groups voted not to use them at all. Andre C. reminded everyone that this was merely a suggestion that ultimately had to be decided at the group level. Obviously, it is nothing that can be mandated by Intergroup. Each group is autonomous.

Birthday Donation Envelopes: Tim R. and Jack F. are still working on them. As a review Andre C. reminded everyone that GSO has a birthday envelope to send GSO an annual birthday donation (usually \$1.00 for each year of sobriety). We want to adopt the same thing for Las Vegas Intergroup to raise some funds. Due to the current economic climate Central Office is losing about \$1,800 a month and we are trying to do things to raise funds without having to twist arms.

New Business:

Jack F. informed us that Jose R. who was our Intergroup Chairman has gone back to Florida and reunited with his children, causing him to resign from this position. Bob W. is the current co-chair and he will automatically move into the chairman position so we will have a vacancy for co-chair. So I would suggest that everyone think about that, as we will need someone to step up and fill the co-chair position. Andre C. asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the position of co-chair, explaining that the job would entail filling in for the chairperson whenever he could not be present. There were no nominations, so the election was tabled until next month.

Andre C. opened the floor for nominations for the GSR Liaison position, explaining that the position requires that person be able to attend six Southern Area meetings at the T.I.E. Club on the second Sunday of the odd months except for the meetings in March and September which are held in Tonopah, so traveling will also be required. Usually there is also a Service Festival in February that the GSR Liaison would also attend. The information shared in the Area and Southern Area Meetings would be brought to the Intergroup Body, and information from Intergroup would be brought to the Southern Area and Area body. Basically this person is a messenger. They are also a voting member at the Southern Area and Area Meetings. Carolyn C. and Anre' both volunteered for the position. Both candidates were asked to step out of the room while a vote was taken. Carolyn was elected as our new GSR Liaison for the remainder of the term, ending December 2010.

Motion to close. Motion seconded. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Groups That Support Central Office is not in this issue and the financial summary will be back soon - when space is available. Read the December minutes for beginning and ending balances. Stop by Central Office to pick up a copy of the complete Financial Reports.

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