

# Area 69 News & Notes

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## Hi Friends of Bill W.

When I think about walking into my first meeting, and how I fought with the principles of the program, as they were presented to me by the people who came before me. I am still amazed that I went back for a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings, and so on, beginning a journey, that to this day has become a way of life for me. Starting to put all the little pieces of the puzzle in the all the right places, showing up when asked or being there when I said I would, getting involved in the group stuff. You know like making the coffee, chairing a meeting for the month, filling in for the Secretary or just doing some reading at the beginning or the end of the meeting, setting the meeting room up and staying around to help clean up afterward, what ever it was. Having an Old-timer show me by example just how things got done in his Home-group, which in time, later became my Home-group. And then in turn helping a new-comer do the same things months and years later, some of them that I had even partied with years before. You know it was always good for me to see a familiar face walk into the rooms, and I know it made them feel a little more at ease seeing me. I still remember that good feeling.

NOW, jump ahead 20 years, the home group is different and is in need of a group Secretary, I know that it's a great deal of responsibility and I'm in a place where I feel like I need something to help me feel like I'm being a part of and when they ask if there is anyone interested in stepping into that vacant position, I feel my arm go up, I mean even before my mind is done processing the question, and before I know it, I'm getting the groups congratulatory hand claps and pats on the back, thinking all the time. Is this really what I need? Can I do this with all the other service commitments I have? And is there someone else more qualified? Just like in that 1<sup>st</sup> Home-group. The Old-timers are still there to show me how things get done his Home-group. Its like de-javu all over again. It's neat to see how much things have changed in the program and all the things that have remained the same after all these years, how we fit in and how God guides us. And what a feeling.

I have often heard we maybe the only example of A.A. some people have ever seen. I pray I may be a good example.

Thank You to my Home-group the - No Nonsense Group 8:00pm Friday's  
Andy B. Area 69 Chairman

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## My service family

Service events such as this Post-Conference Assembly, Area Workshops and District events allow me to see my service family. For a number of years, these events have been not only a learning experience but also a reunion of sorts. The Area events are especially wonderful because of the hope of seeing friends from Duchesne, Vernal, Logan, Ogden, Bountiful, Provo, Heber, St. George, Cedar City, Moab and even Price. Sort of sounds like an old country western song.

As cool as it is to greet old friends, welcoming the newcomer to service events is even more important. I remember my first service event and how special it was to have Jim and Mickey or Mike and Shirley greet me and make me feel welcome. I didn't feel like an outsider and I learned the things that I needed to do by listening to these, and many other stalwarts of Area 69 service.

I admit that I am not as attentive as I could be when greeting the newcomer. I get all excited to see my old friends. For the remainder of this year, I will make the commitment to seek out and introduce myself to the service newcomer and see if I can't lend a hand in getting them started off in the right direction. Somebody took the time to do it for me.

Only the alcoholic understands the loneliness of being an outsider. Please make a commitment to seek out those new to service and help make them feel a part of. Like all AA meetings, the newcomer is the most important person in the room. Without the new ideas and new experiences that are brought to the events by

these folks, how can we understand what we must do to help them to help their groups aid those who still suffer from the disease of alcoholism?

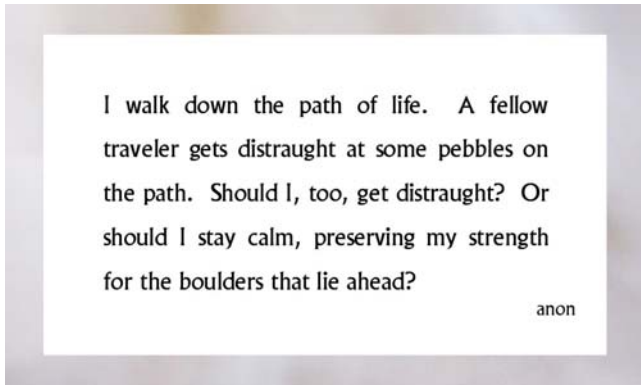
The long form of the Fifth Tradition says it much better than I could ever hope to say it.

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose – that of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. When we get together at Area events, District events or workshops, we constitute an AA group. The awesome responsibility of being a spiritual entity is fulfilled, in part, by including everyone and helping them to feel a part of.

To paraphrase a portion of Chapter 7, “ ... to see a fellowship grow up about you, to have a host of friends- this is an experience you must not miss.”

Pete G.

Literature Standing Chair – Area 69



### From a past delegate

Lately I have found myself getting complacent. I discovered most recently I was taking some very precious gifts for granted. Not those spiritual principles that assure my daily reprieve or my good standing in our Fellowship, but rather something I hadn't recognized as a gift.

Since I rotated on in January, I have been attending my home group regularly. And I have enjoyed my weekly visits to the prison on Sunday evenings as a volunteer bringing AA to the inmates of the Wasatch facility.

As I look back at my attendance at these meetings and the Area, District and Pacific Region events I've been privileged to participate in since the first of the year, one expectation has been consistent. I just knew that all my

long time friends would be there just as they have for many years. I didn't have to think about it. It would just happen because it always did.

Then a phone call last week changed my perception profoundly.

A good friend and a member of my home group had been involved in a tragic accident. My friend would not only be unable to attend our next home group meeting, but may never again be an active member of the group.

I had selfishly taken for granted that my friend would be there no matter what. I just knew that I could rely on seeing her and be a recipient of the sharing of her experience that I cherished. It never occurred to me that it could ever be any different.

Today I am both appreciative and sad.

I am grateful that I have been made aware how precious my temporary friendships are. And I am grateful that I may yet have many opportunities to capture the moments that were slipping by because I was in my own selfish world. I deeply regret that there is a better than average chance I might not have made it clear to my friend how much her friendship meant to me.

With God's help and the design for living I have in our 12 steps, I hope in the future I can show all of you how much I appreciate the precious gifts that are so abundant in my life.

Mike O

Past Delegate – Panel 55

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### One Group, One Vote, One Family

Why is it important to vote only once in the group of our choice, the group we call Home? Why shouldn't we vote in every group we attend regularly? After all, the purpose of any group is to share our experience, strength, and hope to reach out to the alcoholic that still suffers. Therefore, if a member is highly involved in several groups, attends them regularly, then shouldn't they have a say in each group they attend and support?

According to General Service Office of A.A. in their newsletter VOL 35, NO 1, 1989, Not always understood, group conscience as expressed in Tradition Two is a powerful spiritual concept that makes it possible for people of diverse backgrounds and temperament to rise above personal ambition and unite in our common purpose: to stay sober and extend the hand of A.A. to

the alcoholic who still suffers. Even with the guidelines expressed in our literature, Each AA member has one vote (The AA Group Where it all begins) While most AA members attend other groups regularly, the home group is where they participate in business meetings and cast their vote as part of the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole. As with all group conscience matters, each member has one vote. (The AA Service Manual) some members, either from inexperience, enthusiasm, or as self-appointed guardians of the traditions think they should express their opinions and votes in the affairs of all the groups they visit.

We all know that AA does not have RULES and that New York does not tell groups how to operate as long as they follow the long form of the Third Tradition. Groups are autonomous and if group conscience allows members to vote in multiple meetings then its OK. Right? In our district, we have a number of multiple voting members. They agree that indeed, if the vote affects AA as a whole, then they vote only once but for issues within the group, they reserve the right to vote in any meeting they attend because it doesn't affect AA as a whole.

But is this true? Let's say that several members with loud voices and lots of sponsees particularly like open discussion meetings but they don't like AI-Anons or other visitors to participate. In each meeting they attend, they vote for this stringent format. What happens to the diversity? Say I like AI-Anons to contribute, but when my voice only counts once and their voice counts three or four times (and with lots of sponsees 16 to 20 times) my voice is drowned out in this district. Sure, I can start another meeting (and our fellowship does grow this way) but then again, those same strong voices may attend and continue to set the tone for the whole district. Maybe the multiple votes don't affect AA in New York but they do affect AA as a whole in our area.

Dean K., who served a term as delegate from California, said in GSO newsletter Vol 35, that there are two ways to arrive at a group conscience:

1. The competitive way permits the person with the loudest voice to push his idea across, take a vote and come up with a majority decision.

2. In the cooperative way, group members come together in mutual trust to arrive at a group decision, not one individual's personal triumph.

Part of the mutual trust, in my opinion, is to trust that God will express himself through each of our votes. God does not need one person to vote and voice opinions in every meeting to ensure that AA is run properly!

Dean K also said in the same newsletter, To permit the minority always to influence the majority is to permit the tail to wag the dog. In order for us to trust and respect

each other in our AA family, we might heed the expression of the majority of participants in the 40th GSO Conference workshop on The Home Group. Susan U, a recently retired staff member of GSO summed up their conclusions thus: Membership in and identification with only one home group helps to nurture: a sense of family, commitment, self-honesty, and a clearer experience of allegiance, which is often diluted if an individual member wants to belong to more than one group.

Can you vote more than once? Yes, it is your choice and that of the group conscience of the meetings you attend. But I ask you to remember that your vote is a powerful spiritual tool of Tradition Two. For me it boils down to mutual respect and trust in our AA family. When each of our voices has equal weight that's respect. When we allow God to run things through one equal voice per member, that's trust. One Group, One Vote, One Family.

Shelly M. Fairview, UT

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### The Story of a Pre-Conference Co-Chair

"Take a trip not take a trip" that is the question and man did I take a trip! Right in my own back yard. It started right after Christmas and we were all sitting around wrapping up the Pass the Gavel event when suddenly the outgoing DCMC mentioned we have another event coming up in March. Well to my delight since I chaired the last event I had the *wonderful* opportunity of co-chairing the next event, which turned out to be the Pre-Conference, one of the biggest and most important events that we do. So we delved right in. The committee that helped with Pass the Gavel was now nominated to help with the Pre-Conference Assembly. Most agreed without much fight then there was those that silently slipped into the shadows never to be seen again until the event.

We started with the location. We went with the one's we knew first; starting with the Holiday Inn and going down the list. No one would give us a decent estimate. Just when we were at our wit's end Wade stepped up and said "I saw this sign the other day by the U of U would anyone mind if I checked it out?" Well at this point it was a unanimous "Hell No we don't mind!" That's when the excitement began....who was doing registration, who would keep up on the P.O. Box, who was going to be treasurer OH! But wait who is going to chair this thing! So since I was co-chair and Steve hadn't been appointed anything yet we railroaded him. Once we had all agreed on the location, food and most importantly the money we were off to the races. Things were going quite smoothly until we got to Roosevelt and a couple of people were a little bit concerned with the seed money.

This is the first event we have hosted away from Holiday Inn and the University wanted a deposit up front. Well like most good alcoholics' people were freaking out a bit. VERY understandable we were talking some serious dough here folks. Anyway we get through that bump in the road and started to breathe again.

The days passed along and the committee was working diligently, things were fairly uneventful until about two weeks before the event. As the co-chair I was assigned the duty of contacting the Archives standing chair to see if she was bringing a display and how much room she needed. Well it just so happened that there was a room available just across the wall from the business meeting that would be available. When I called Janet she came up with a brilliant idea; why don't we just put all the displays in that one room, I thought well this would save a lot of headache for finding enough tables and space for all of these displays. I was ecstatic by this. Well two days before the event Wade calls and says there are a couple of people that are "uncomfortable" that they won't be next to their displays. So once again we are scrambling around like ants under a magnifying glass when finally someone says it will work out the way God wants it to. So we're breathing again (Thank God) and we talked to the person who is going to set up the room. He says "No problem." So we are off to the races again and now we only have twenty-four hours to go!

Friday gets here and things are going fairly smoothly once we get all the displays in and set up. Then the plan changes (imagine that) instead of doing round tables everyone would rather do an open A.A. meeting. No biggie we round up a big book and a preamble and go at it. The night ends successfully (whew!) and I head home at about eleven that night. Wake up at 6:00 a.m. (on a Saturday mind you) and get my butt in gear for the Big One.

Saturday has arrived and Steve and I are running around like chickens with our heads cut off making sure we have coffee, toilet paper and paper towels and anything else you can think of. Things were going swimmingly (is that a word?) No one seemed to be bothered by the two of us running around and no one seemed to have any troubles so we decided to take a bit of a breather. We were gone about 30 to 40 minutes. We figured that wasn't too long and things should have been just fine. Whoa were we wrong. One of the girls at the registration booth became very ill and was rushed to the hospital (she's ok today) they ran out of coffee and they ran out of paper towels so once again Steve and I are running around like dogs chasing their tails. But we got it handled and were ready for the banquet. Dinner was awesome. I was getting a little nervous because we had sold all the dinners but looking around at the tables there were no people but as time went on they slowly trickled in. When we were trying to clean up dinner and keep everyone out of the wait staff's way I swear it was like

herding cows! Everyone wanted a good seat for the speaker meeting. The speakers were awesome! By the end of Saturday night I was so full of gratitude that I cried tears of joy.

Sunday morning I rolled in without much coffee and just drained emotionally (imagine that) But once Sara H. got up there and started speaking I felt a hundred percent better and perked right up. It was a wonderful ending to a wonderful weekend. Wade, Steve, Vard and I all decided to take a couple weeks off and call the final committee meeting two weeks after the event, to see how we did financially. I must admit that the committee and myself were a little upset that we were returning the seed money and only a few hundred extra to the Area but, we know we did the very best we could. It was a bittersweet ending. On one hand it was nice to be relieved of the stress but sad because I knew it would be quite some time before I did something this amazing with those wonderful people again. Sitting here now and thinking about it I get a tear in my eye. We laughed together, we cried together but mostly we worked together, and for this particular alcoholic that is a miracle.

Love and Light,  
Dawn Marie

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### Preparing for assemblies

The Area Newsletter and Communications Committee requested we submit an article on how preparing for service assemblies and conferences and /or carrying the service message enhances our personal recovery. WOW! Great topic! From the moment I wake up in the morning, some of my thoughts, aside from the initial making sure the kids are taken care of and off to school, are primarily about what my personal, recovery, and service position responsibilities are and what goals I would like to achieve during the next 14 hours or so. Yes, I did say "goals". For me, setting and taking specific "actions" to accomplish these things is in direct measure to the level of contentedness I experience in my personal and sobriety life. I am forever in the pursuit of balance. The 12 Steps affords me the ability to find such balance if I am practicing the principals in all my affairs. There lies the challenge.

A service position or service responsibility in Alcoholics Anonymous calls forth the best in me. I get to talk to other alcoholics pretty much every day (whether I feel like it or not) because of the commitments I have made to others and to the fellowship as a whole. This takes me out of "self" mode and puts me in a much healthier place. I am challenged to grow through service---spiritually, emotionally/mentally, and physically. When

I'm out of alignment in any of these three areas it is usually because I am not practicing the principals of recovery somewhere along the line.

The 12 Traditions have begun to really make a difference in how I interact with every relationship I have and encounter on a day-to-day basis. It reminds me of when I had that moment of clarity and consciousness about how the 12 Steps had such an affect on me, and when the promises subtly came into reality. The Traditions weren't reaching my recovery back then. I was so focused on personal recovery and the steps that I couldn't see how they would eventually be the enhancing ingredient to my program. As I continue to grow in service, I realize I know less and less, and this gives me humility and the ability to stay "right-sized" when I get a little "side-ways" in this ever spontaneous journey!

When I am preparing for an Area event, workshop, or various meeting with AA's or non-AA professionals, I get to conduct an inventory of sorts of myself (spiritually), materials and preparedness (mental/emotional), and the actual "action" of suiting up and showing up (the physical aspect of my recovery). It's certainly a build up of self-induced pressure which is relieved through the satisfaction of the completion of the event. I no longer need alcohol to get this kind of relief of the stress of day-to-day living---and this is an absolute miracle in my life!! Thank God and thank the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous for this incredible opportunity to live and serve!

Rena H.  
Area 69 Corrections Standing Chair

## Communications committee

Greetings Family,

Mi nombre es Doug y alcoholico. My name is Doug and I am an alcoholic.

It is my honor to serve you as the Communications Committee Chair. And I would like to report that we have been busy. We meet the second Monday of every month, if you would like to be involved please let me know and I will get you our meeting time and place. All are welcome!

At our Pre-Conference round table it was reported by our Alternative Web Servant that the next movement within the Internet community is the ability to access Area websites via cell phones. This was information she heard from GSO at the last PRAASA held in Portland.

I've always been interested in this new wireless technology so I jumped at the opportunity to learn and to create a way to access the Area's meeting list via the wireless Internet. I am pleased to announce that you now have the ability to search for a meeting by City, Day or Type using your cell phone. So, if you have a mobile phone with Internet access, you'll never be without a meeting schedule again. Point your mobile device to **utahaa.mobi** and follow the prompts. There are fliers that I would like the GSRs to bring back to their groups as well as information in the Area's newsletter.

The Area's newsletter was published today. I would like to thank LeAnn for taking on the responsibility of getting this one together. I love to see her involved, I love to see, once again, how the committee process works and how it allows those that are interested to be as involved as much as they wish to be. So, thank you LeAnn you did a wonderful job!

I would also like to thank Alberto from District 12 and Adrian for helping with the Spanish translation of the newsletter as well as the other area documents. All of this information, the newsletter, agenda, motions, etc. are available on the Internet as well. So if you didn't get a newsletter or want another copy for your group please print them off of the Area's website. Which, for those that are new, is **utahaa.org** then select the 'Area 69 Publications' link which is half way down the home page.

At our May 14 Committee meeting we unanimously approved the utahaa.mobi site, we agreed to include a survey regarding how important having mobile access is to you on the home page of the .org website. We also discussed changing the monthly meeting from the Web Committee meeting to the Communications Committee meeting, we will be meeting as the Communications Committee every second Monday of the month. We discussed creating a better Communications display,



## BRIDGE THE GAP IN 2007

JUNE 16, 2007

AREA 69  
BRIDGING THE GAP WORKSHOP  
FILLMORE, UT

SEP 14-16, 2007

NATIONAL  
BTG WORKSHOP WEEKEND  
WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE  
THE AREA CORRECTIONS OR TREATMENT STANDING CHAIRS  
OR GO ONLINE TO [WWW.UTAHAA.ORG](http://WWW.UTAHAA.ORG)

which you can all see right over there. Thank you LeAnn for helping to get that together. The laptop contains a stand alone version of the Area's website. Please feel free to browse through it. It is not connected to the Internet so the links to GSO's site or the links to our Central Office sites do not work.

In service and fellowship  
Doug R.  
Communications Area 69

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### Alternate delegate

"Not to Govern but to serve," is a quote from the Report of the first General Service Conference. It goes on to say; "The General Service Conference was evolved not to govern A.A. in any sense but to serve the entire movement. The Conference continues to reflect the insight of the earliest members into the crucial problems of continuing A.A. Unity, continuing service to individual and groups already in A.A. and the compelling need to reach and help "the millions who still don't know." Julie's remarks today concerning the actions of the 2007 General Service Conference replicate the continued efforts of A.A. world wide to find solutions for our concerns and new means to reach out to those who "still don't know." Thanks Julie for being our representative at the General Service Conference and for your wonderful report this morning.

District 12 has been working on P I presentation for several months. They had one in SLC and one in Park City. This past Sunday, May 13, there was a P I panel in Ogden. They sought participation from both the Spanish Speaking Public and bi-lingual professionals from throughout the community. There was a one and a half hour panel presentation with a half hour question and answer period.

District 12 members are planning a Soccer Tournament for A.A. members to help fund a Spanish speaking AA Convention in October, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend, details are still being worked out.

They have invited Area 69 to participate in the Convention in any way we would like. They have blocked out 1 ½ - 2 hours for us anytime during the weekend; contact Cornelio or Carlos. They are also looking for Spanish Speaking AA's with General Service experience to speak during the convention.

Andy B. and I have made two Thursday night trips to Fillmore as part of the planning process for the upcoming Bridge-The-Gap Workshop. The AA's there

have arranged for the Legion Hall for our meeting and they are very excited to have us visit. This should be another 12 step call similar to last years in Price.

I have miss-placed my notes from PRAASA 2007 so my report will be from memory therefore very brief. PRAASA 2007 was held in Portland Oregon March 2-4. Area 69 was well represented with somewhere between 30 and 40 members there. Several were first time PRAASA attendees. One of the highlights of this year PRAASA was the Saturday night speaker; Madeline P. our Pacific Region Trustee. Her fearless talk about her personal struggle with alcoholism was tactfully shared in a humble and insightful manner. The pain of her experience was softened by her keen sense of humor and her message of recovery had pertinence to everyone who was there, particularly women.

At the Alternate Delegate roundtable we learned how to pray for the delegate and stuff like that. Actually there was some serious discussion over Area's need to file for 501 C tax exempt tax status in order to receive contributions. This may affect Groups that collect contributions as well.

Since September 11 there is more attention being focused on finances in our country and this is one of the ways the Government is using to monitor cash donations. It is part of the Homeland Security Act. More will be revealed as we become more informed about the process. Several Areas' in the Pacific Region have been through it and can offer us much assistance.

During Alternate Delegate roundtable we learned about the Agenda Topic Summaries that are produced by some Area's. This information was a great deal of help for me as I tried to prepare for the Report and Charter Agenda Topics at the Pre-Conference Assembly. Thank you California Northern Coastal Area for sharing your hard work with us. And thank you Area 69 for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted by Monte

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### CPC

Hi All,

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Post-conference Assembly next weekend; I hope to accomplish a lot. I want to start working in the round tables to put together packets for professionals. I would like to make up about a hundred or so packets and give ten to each member of our committee to distribute to the professional of their choice. I want our group to begin to read through some of the literature and pick out what we feel is the most important to share with out non-alcoholic friends to put these packets together.

I also need to get lists of volunteers to help out in June for the U of U School on Alcoholism. I want to touch base with Karen the PI chair to see if she can help coordinate some volunteers from the area. I plan on being there from Wednesday until Friday but will not be able to attend Sunday-Tuesday. I have a great volunteer lined up to set up the display on Friday; this is Mike O and he graciously offered to help as it is a long commute from my neck of the woods. I have asked Jodi E to be the speaker on Wednesday Night and Julie S will chair the meeting. I will need to line up chair people to chair the meetings the rest of the week and volunteers to speak to be present at the display and answer questions for people. The date of this event is June 24<sup>th</sup>- June 29<sup>th</sup> and I believe it would be a great way to get others exposed to service work in area 69.

Finally I will be very interested in learning what our Delegate did in New York City. It is great to be a part of an organization that is based on service work for the primary purpose of helping other alcoholics. I will see you all in a week.

Yours in Service,  
Terri M

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## Grapevine

Good Afternoon, I am a grateful alcoholic and my name is Ken. How many of you are Grapevine or LaVina subscribers? If you do not subscribe please see me, your district or group GVR and we will be more than happy to help you get set up with these wonderful Meetings In Print.

For the December 2006 issue of Grapevine Area 69 had 496 active subscriptions for a total of 547 copies of Grapevine, and for the Nov/Dec issue of La Vina there were 11 active subscriptions for a total of 19 copies. It is my hope that me, district and group GVR's may be able to increase these numbers.

I believe the most important part of service to the fellowship is to make all Grapevine and LaVina recovery tools available to the fellowship. The only possible way to do this is to buy books, cd's, etc and have them available for purchase by the fellowship at all Area functions. I am unable to accomplish this task if we do not have the monies available. As you all probably know or should know all monies received from the sales by the Literature Chair and Grapevine are returned to the AREA. It is so important that the beginning amount budgeted for these two positions be large enough to get started. My plan is to bring a motion to the committee to double the budgeted amount so that the chair will have a well-stocked inventory to begin the year. When the panel ends all that is left in the inventory will of course

go to the next standing chair. Please remember all monies are returned to the Area.

I should let you know that I really wanted to attend PRAASA this year, like I have done in the past, but after pondering for awhile I decided to use my personal monies for a Grapevine Display and passed on PRAASA. I KNOW I MISSED A GREAT TIME, BUT I ENJOY SHARING THE DISPLAY WITH ALL OF YOU.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Ken

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## Corrections

Hello Friends:

Corrections activity in Districts 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 have made a smooth transition to the new Standing Chairs and appear to be "business as usual". District 1 has a new Corrections standing Chair who is very excited to carry out service work and is getting great support from his district. District 4 is very excited about the June 16<sup>th</sup> BTG workshop that District 10 is hosting in Fillmore. Several planning meetings have been held there already. We have good participation in Dist. 5 with the BTG program, and always look forward to seeing them at Area functions. We are in the process of inviting some correctional professionals from Dist. 6 to be on a panel for the BTG workshop in June through the aid and referral of Dist. 6's Corrections Standing Chair who is very involved with the Gunnison Prison and county jail. This district has also registered with GSO two new corrections groups—one in the Sanpete County Jail...the "Positive Outcome Group", and one at Gunnison Prison...the "Last Call Group", way to go! I attended a meeting in Moab (Dist. 9) April 21<sup>st</sup> and met with the new Corrections Standing Chair and another gentleman who takes meetings into the county jail. They were excited to get more info on the BTG/Pre-release program and expressed an interest in having more Area 69 Committee and service members come to Moab to spark more interest in the General Service structure within that district. John M., Area 69 Treatment Chair, and I attended District 12's GSR meeting the end of March providing them with the new Pre-release Program pamphlets/BTG written in Spanish, and answering some of their questions and concerns. As always, they were very kind and accommodating (and patient!!) with the translation for us. It's always a personal pleasure for me to see our Latino friends at Area events.

I met with Utah State Department of Corrections (DOC) Administrators involved with the Inmate Housing Division at the Utah State Prison in late April to discuss ways to

open a dialog with County Correctional Administrators and AA with the intention of developing a cooperative and informative relationship similar to what we have established at the Prison. They were able to facilitate a 30 minute slot on the meeting agenda of the State Jail Commanders Meeting in September. We are very excited about this and will keep the Area informed as it develops!

Last, I want to thank Central Office for the use of the conference room to record stories taken from "Behind These Walls", and Le Ann L. for her generous time and support in the production of the men's version of the power point presentation for inmates to view on the day of their release. We will continue to keep the Area posted on its progress. Also, thank you to all those who participated in these recordings!

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity of 12<sup>th</sup> Step work!

Sincerely,  
Rena H.  
Area 69 Corrections Standing Chair

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### Final Thoughts

Hello friends and family in AA.

It has been pure joy these past couple of weeks as I have been opening your emails with stories and reports from you in the fellowship as well as in the service rooms of AA. My heart has been lifted and I am once again brought to a place of gratitude to be sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

I would like to thank Doug, the Communications Chair, for his tireless effort in helping me put this newsletter together.

While working on this project one question kept coming to mind. Who is the newsletter for? Is it primarily for those involved in area service work here in Utah, is it for those involved in service work in the districts or home groups, or is it for the alcoholic coming to meetings, picking up a copy off the center of the table in their local meeting room. I then realized that maybe I had answered my own question. GSR's - I challenge you to take this back to your home groups, make copies, share with your groups about what exciting things are happening in the service rooms. Encourage them to submit articles. We would like to hear from AA members. We welcome all members to join in at service events. Have them see how much fun and growth there is to be had. We are not a glum lot.

Pages 180 and 181 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous states:

"I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons:

1. Sense of duty.
2. It is a pleasure.
3. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me.
4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip."

Thank you allowing me to serve.

LeAnn L.  
Guest Newsletter Editor

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### Mark your 2007 calendar for upcoming events

Jun 16	Area Bridging the Gap Workshop	Fillmore (District 4, District 10 hosting)
June 24-29	School of Alcoholism	Salt Lake City ( U of U)
Aug 18-19	Pre Assembly Workshop	Tooele (District 2)
Sep 14-16	National Bridging the Gap Workshop	White River Junction, VT
Sep 21-23	Fall Assembly*	Park City (District 10)
Nov 3-4	Fall Workshop*	St. George (District 7)
Dec 1	Area Committee Meeting	District 1

\*An Area 69 newsletter will be published at these event





## Never be without a meeting schedule!

Using your mobile phone's Internet access you can download sport scores, local and national news . . .

And now you can download Utah Area 69 meeting lists as well.

Never again be without a meeting schedule! You can search for meetings by City, Day, or Type.

Point your mobile phone's Internet browser to **utahaa.mobi**, then select either City, Day or Type. Follow the prompts and you will end up with a list of Utah Area 69 A.A. meetings.

Provided by the Area 69 Communications Committee



## Site Features

[utahAA.org/site features.html](http://utahAA.org/site%20features.html)

**These features are available on the home page: ([utahAA.org](http://utahAA.org))**

Select to view the [English](#) website or the [Spanish](#) website.

A **rotating banner** that displays new pages or pages that the web committee wants to highlight.

### **Find an Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting**

Search by Area (Geographic area), City, Type, Day or Wheelchair Accessible. The meeting lists can be refined by day and/or city. A printable form of your search is also available. Most meeting have a printable map associated with them as well. **Please note:** these meeting lists are kept up to date from local Central Offices as well as from members of the service structure of A.A.

### **Are you a professional?**

#### **Area 69 Publications**

Area Pamphlet "So you've been told to go to AA . . . and you hate the idea", in English and Spanish. Also contains an archive of the Area's newsletters.

### **Need a temporary contact?**

#### **Service Materials**

A **New to Service Work FAQ**. Links to GSO's AA Guidelines and the Service manual with Twelve Concepts for World Service. Area New Group, Change of Group and Service position forms. Area 69 Guidelines, Website Guidelines.

#### **Public Service Announcements**

Links to GSO's public service announcements

#### **District Information**

Map of Area 69 service districts, which link to their pages.

#### **Next Service Event**

This feature makes it easy to see what's coming up next, without having to drill down through several different pages. It does provide a link to the [Events Calendar](#) so

you can drill down and get more information. The link on the event itself is to its registration form.

### **Check your email**

Area Officers who chose to get their email via the web can use this link to do so.

### **Al-Anon/Al-teen Family Group website**

A link to our [sister program](#).

### **Area 69 Delegate Page** (this is a blog)

### **Standing Committee Pages:** (These are blogs)

[Archives](#)

[Assembly/Agenda](#)

[Cooperation with the Professional Community](#)

[Communications](#)

[Corrections](#)

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**Using the pull down menu system the following services are available from every page**

**Home:** A link back to the home page [www.utahaa.org](http://www.utahaa.org)

## Are You New to AA?

**A.A. Fact Sheet** General Information about what AA does and AA does not do.

**Do you need a temporary contact? (BTG)** A program for helping those being released from corrections or treatment facility.

**AA Pamphlets & Other links** Links to the General Service Office, the Grapevine Inc and other approved literature.

**So You've Been Told to go to AA** Area approved pamphlet for those who are court (or otherwise) ordered to attend AA.

**Membership Survey** Pamphlet from GSO showing the latest membership survey information (2004).

**Estimates of AA Groups and Members** From the General Service Office

**New to Service work?** Frequently Asked Questions about General Service Work

## Find an AA meeting :

**Northern Utah ( Ogden, Brigham City, Logan)**

The Intergroup of Northern Utah Schedule is available too.

**North-Central Utah ( Salt Lake City, Park City)**

**Central Utah ( Provo, Orem, America Fork)**

**South-Central Utah ( Richfield, Manti, Delta)**

**South-West Utah (St. George, Cedar City)**

**Eastern Utah (Vernal, Roosevelt)**

**East Central Utah (Price, Helper, Huntington)**

**South-East Utah ( Moab)**

**Reuniones en Español (Meetings in Spanish)**

**Other State's A.A. Websites**

Search for a meeting

**Search by City**

**Search by Type**

**Search by Day**

**Wheelchair Accessible**

**Search by District or Inter group**

## Central Offices:

**Northern Utah**

**Salt Lake AA Central Office**

**Utah Valley ( Provo)**

**On-line meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous**

## Calendars:

**AA Service Events**

**AA Gatherings**

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**District Information**

**Email address list**

## Area 69 Standing Committees

**Correctional Facilities**

**Communications**

**CPC**

**Grapevine**

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## Other :

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