

# 93 News

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## **"Sponsorship, Service & Self Support in a Changing World"**

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### **Central Office/Intergroup Pamphlet Proposal**

Presented to Area 93 Pre-Conference Committee

Laurie Hopkins, Grapevine Chair

March 18, 2006

Good afternoon, my name is Laurie H. and I am an alcoholic. I am presenting the proposal that GSO consider producing a pamphlet specific to Intergroups and Central Offices.

First of all, I think it's important to stress that for the alcoholic reaching out for help, Intergroups and Central Offices are on the front line of AA. It is through that first call to Central offices that many people find their way to recovery; they are the places where people call to say, "I need help".

However, as Central Offices and Intergroups are not part of the General Service Structure, they are sometimes not looked upon as part of AA. Having a pamphlet that will validate the importance of Intergroups and Central Offices as part of AA as a whole is important.

The pamphlet will consolidate information already in other literature into one piece. Currently, if a member wants information about Intergroups or Central Offices, he or she needs to read several different pieces of literature. This pamphlet will pull information from various publications into one, making the information more accessible. It is not common for the general fellowship to read the *AA Service Manual*, *AA Guidelines for "Central or Intergroup Offices"* or even *The AA Group pamphlet*.

Consolidating this information into a comprehensive conference-approved pamphlet will help build understanding among our fellowship about how, why, and where Intergroups or Central Offices fit into AA as a whole. It will help describe the role of Intergroups and Central Offices and will facilitate education and communication among AA's membership.

The requests for this pamphlet have been coming in since 1983 when it was first reviewed by the Trustee's Literature Committee. A draft copy was submitted by Area 15 in October of 2005, and since it has been circulated throughout the country, the general opinion, by several areas, is that this draft copy strikes a good balance between being informative, yet general and suggestive in nature, complies with our tradition regarding anonymity.

On a more personal note: in anticipation of this presentation, I asked AA's in my group what they thought of this pamphlet and its need. Most people said, "It can't hurt." Some said, "why do we need another pamphlet" and still others said, (and this is priceless) " As long as when I'm out of town, I can pick up the phone book and find the number for Central Office, and they can direct me to a meeting, that's all I care about."

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**The 12 Steps in Plain English**

1. Alcohol will kill me.
2. There's a power that wants me to live.
3. Do I want to live or die? (if you want to die, stop here).
4. Write about how I got where I am.
5. Tell another person all about me (let God listen).
6. Want to change.
7. Ask a power greater than me to help me change.
8. Write down who I hurt.
9. Fix what I can without hurting anyone else.
10. Accept that I'm human and will screw up. Fix it immediately.
11. Ask a power greater than me to show me how to live.
12. Keep doing 1 through 11 and pass it on.

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Concepts – (short form)

**I** Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

**II** 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.

**III** To ensure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."

**IV** 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.

**V** Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

**VI** The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

**VII** The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

**VIII** The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

**IX** Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

**X** Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

**XI** The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

**XII** The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

## The Grapevine & La Vina

All AA's are invited to  
**the Grapevine's 62<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party**  
**& La Vina's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

*@ the May Assembly in Oxnard.*

**Literature** Raffle

**Birthday Cake for after lunch**

Please help the Area 93 Grapevine committee celebrate by giving a Grapevine Gift Subscription to a friend, a sponsor, your sponsees, your home group, your GSR, your IGR, your DCM, your DCMC, your delegate, your sound dude, or anyone else who reads!

**Remember: May 21<sup>st</sup> 2006**

\*No presents please

## **Central California Area Assembly Presents**

**CCAA Archives Repository**

**Grand Opening**

**Come Join Us....**

**Saturday May 20, 2006 10 am-4 pm**

**Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always on condition present  
They forgot where they came from.  
—Carl Sandburg**

- Letters
  - Pictures
  - Local History
  - Interesting Trivia
  - Big Books (1945-2005)
  - Grapevine Collection (1955-2005)
- Open Saturdays from 10 am—1 pm**  
**Special showings available by appointment**

### **Directions**

- From Ventura Freeway US 101 Exit Victoria Ave.
  - Go south on Victoria Ave to 5th Street and turn left.
  - Continue about 1 mile to Patterson Ave and make a U-turn.
    - Archive Repository is on your right  
(behind the Webber Bread store)
- For more information contact:**

**Danny G.**

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## AGENDA

### *Area Assembly Meeting – Sunday May 21, 2006*

Performing Arts & Convention Center  
800 Hobson Way - Oxnard Ca 93030

08:30 a.m.     **Registration**

09:00 a.m.     New GSR Orientation, GSR Sharing, DCM Sharing

10:30 -12:00   **Standing Committee Meetings:**

Archives, CPC/Treatment Facilities, Finance, Grapevine, La Viña, Registration, G&P,  
PI/Website/Accessibility, Literature/Audio Visual/Newsletter, CO Liaisons, Translation

12:00 p.m.     **Grapevine / La Viña Anniversary**

12:30 p.m.     **Lunch** provided on site - - We are self supporting - - Suggested donation \$ 5.00

01:30 p.m.     **Opening**                             **Serenity Prayer**                             **12 Concepts**

Roll Call / Report, by Secretary - - AA Birthdays for: April and May  
Treasurer Report   Alternate Delegate Report  
Registrar Report  
Chairman Report – Approve March                     Standing Committee Reports  
Minutes

02:30 p.m.     **Break**

02:45 p.m.     **Delegate's Conference Report Back**

**Old Items:**

1. FORO – Update
2. Old Timers - Update
3. Area Inventory - Update

**New Items:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Written Bids for November 2006 (Elections) 2-day Assembly**

General Sharing – Announcements for the good and welfare  
Adjourn – Responsibility Declaration

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It is impossible to overestimate the value of your friends

ANGER is one letter short of DANGER

If you are right, you don’t need to be angry. If you are wrong, you can’t afford to be angry.

### CCAA Area 93 Upcoming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name of Event &amp; Info</b>	<b>Who should attend</b>	<b>Location and/or Comments</b>
May 20, 2006 Noon – 7pm	Area 93 Archives Open House	Everyone	3031 West 5 <sup>th</sup> St. Oxnard, CA
May 21, 2006	Area Assembly Hosted by Gold Coast	Everyone	Performing Arts & Conv. Ctr 800 Hobson Way Oxnard, CA 93030
May 21, 2006 After Assembly @ 7 pm	Area 93 Archives Open House	Everyone Contact Archives Chair for more information.	3031 West 5 <sup>th</sup> St. Oxnard, CA
June 23, 24 & 25, 2006	2006 Pacific Regional Forum P. O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163 <i>pre-registration encouraged</i>	Everyone  <b>There is no registration fee</b>	Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport 18740 International Blvd Seattle, WA 98188 206-246-8600
June 10, 2006	Budget setting meeting	Area Officers, Committee & Subcommittee Chairs	Camarillo
July 16, 2006	Area Committee Meeting	Standing Committee & Subcomm. Chairs, DCMs, DCMCs, & Area Officers	5679 Hollister Ave. Goleta, CA 93117
Aug. 20, 2006	Area Assembly Hosted by District 7	Evryone	Hart Park Santa Clarita
Oct. 15, 2006	Area Committee Meeting	Standing Committee & Subcomm. Chairs, DCMs, DCMCs, & Area Officers	5679 Hollister Ave. Goleta, CA 93117
Nov. 19 – 20, 2006	Area Assembly & Elections 56 <sup>th</sup> Panel	Everyone	TBD
Dec. 17, 2006	Area Committee Meeting	Standing Committee & Subcomm. Chairs, DCMs, DCMCs, & Area Officers	5679 Hollister Ave. Goleta, CA 93117
March 2, 3, & 4, 2007	PRAASA 2007 Hosted by Area 58  Rich B., Chairperson 541-474-6411	Everyone  Chairperson email: <a href="mailto:richblake5378@charter.net">richblake5378@charter.net</a>	Red Lion Hotel on the Riber Jantzen Beach 909 N. Hayden Island Dr. Portland, OR 97217 1-800-733-5466

#### **Responsibility Declaration**

*I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always  
to be there. And for that: I am responsible.*

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