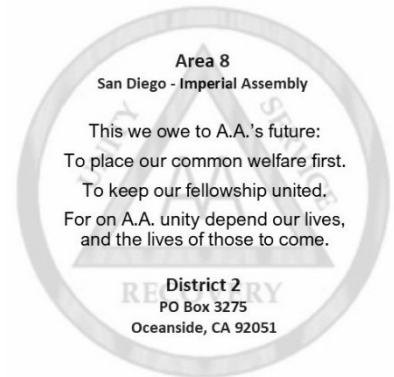


District 2 DCM - GSR Report

June 3, 2019



News from District

- A **BBQ & workshop** (tentatively titled) **Recovery, Unity, Service ... a Balanced Sober Life** is in the planning stages for August 3rd (Saturday) at Magee Park on Coast Hwy. (in Carlsbad situated between the Naval Station & St. Michaels Church.) Please save the date and join your fellows in what is hoped to be an enlightening, thought provoking and entertaining event. Perfect for sponsors and sponsees to come together.

Volunteers are sought and a participation challenge is called for. If those attending will commit to inviting ("bringing") just one person then the element of unity will be had!

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- **The groups of District 2** seems to be going strong with (at last count) 60. These 60 groups collectively facilitate over 500 meetings monthly, or a 116 meetings each week. Mind you that the district boundary begins East of I-5 and ends at the border of Vista, so the many meetings along the coast in Oceanside are not accounted for in this total. FYI our Central Office reports that there are 3,146 meetings held each month or 726 each week within the North San Diego County area consisting of 158 meeting locations.
- Did you know that **District 2 has its own webpage** on the Area website area8aa.org that offers group guidelines and many other useful materials? For example, how to conduct a sharing session, group conscience, Roberts Rules of Order, what do I do as a General Service Representative and service materials such as a Guide for the Group Literature Representative and descriptions of our Standing Committees to name just a few.
- **North County Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)** Each 3rd Saturday of the month the North County H&I conducts an orientation for all interested members who want to get started on a journey of involvement in carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic. **Orientation meetings begin 9:00 AM at the Oceanside Alano Club; 4198 Mission Ave., O'side.** The Business Committee meets at 9:45 immediately following Orientation. For information visit nchandi.org.

News from Area

- **A Day of Unity and a Celebration of Founders Day is planned for Saturday June 15th** from 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Location: Harry Griffin Park (Site 2) 9550 Mildred St. in La Mesa.

This will be a fun filled family friendly event (with the exception of service dogs allowed only) with entertainment, BBQ / potluck, a speaker meeting (Spanish translation & ASL interpretation available,) games for all including volleyball and much more! Bring a blanket, chair and some sunscreen. See the event [flyer](#) at area8aa.org.

- **Oceanside to host the next Area Assembly on Saturday June 29th.** Come meet and learn from our Delegate who will share with us her experience at the General Service Conference held in NY and fill us in on what A.A. World Services is up to.

If you are unfamiliar with Area General Service and the many opportunities it offers you, please attend or at least come by for a visit. Breakfast and snacks offered; lunch is served around noon.

There will also be a General Service Representative (GSR) Orientation for current GSRs and for those who want to learn more about becoming a GSR.

Location: Oceanside First Presbyterian Church, 2001 S. El Camino Real, O'side 92054. GSR Orientation begins at 8:00 AM. Assembly from 9:00 AM to approximately 4:00 PM.

PS Those new to Area General Service or attending Assembly for their first time are typically stunned as to the scope of the Assembly and usually say "Wow! I had no idea that all of this was going on."

News from Intergroup

- **After Hour telephone volunteers are sought.** Members who wish to be of service by answering the Central Office telephones after normal business hours (by remote call forwarding to your home or cell phone) are asked to accept a commitment to cover one shift one day each month. Weekday shifts are typically 5 PM - 9 PM & 9 PM - 9 AM. Weekends and holidays 9 AM - 1 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM, 5 PM - 9 PM & 9 PM - 9 AM.

Please call the Central Office 760-758-2514 or email JimR@ncsandiegoaa.org.

- **The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2nd – 5th 2020 in Detroit, with the theme “Love and Tolerance is our Code.”** A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.’s 85th year with meetings in the 10’s of thousands held Friday & Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Many other meetings will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit. Registration forms will be mailed in August 2019 to all G.S.R.s, central offices, intergroups and international G.S.O.s. Online registration will be available September 9th on www.aa.org. Advanced registration for the convention between September 9th and April 14th will be \$115.00 per attendee. Registration after April 15th will be \$140.00. For information and current updates see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on www.aa.org. Also watch for articles in the quarterly news bulletin **Box 459**, which is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous Publishes First New Book in 30 Years: *Our Great Responsibility*;** a selection of Bill W.’s General Service Conference Talks 1951-1970. Now available in English, French and Spanish. To learn more about this new release visit www.aa.org. Go to the menu tab GSO Newsletter and then click on **Box 459**.



My dear friends,

Recently an A.A. member sent me an unusual greeting which I would like to extend to you. He told me it was an ancient Arabian salutation. Perhaps we have no Arabian groups, but it still seems a fitting expression of how I feel for each of you. It says, “I salute you and thank you for your life.”

My thoughts are much occupied these days with gratitude to our Fellowship and for the myriad blessings bestowed upon us by God’s Grace.

If I were asked which of these blessings I felt was most responsible for our growth as a fellowship and most vital to our continuity, I would say, the “Concept of Anonymity.”

Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival; the spiritual and the practical.

On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level, anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use A.A. for sick and selfish purposes.

A.A. must and will continue to change with the passing years. We cannot, nor should we, turn back the clock. However, I deeply believe that the principle of anonymity must remain our primary and enduring safeguard. As long as we accept our sobriety in our traditional spirit of anonymity we will continue to receive God’s Grace.

And so—once more, I salute you in that spirit and again I thank you for your lives.

May God bless us all now, and forever.

*Ever Yours
Bill*

*Read by Lois at the annual dinner given by the New York Intergroup Association in honor of Bill’s 30th anniversary—October 10, 1970.