

San Diego-Imperial Area Committee
2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA
Minutes of the June 21, 2012 Meeting

Meeting Called to Order

The Committee was called to order at 7:02 pm by Jane G., Area Chairperson with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Twelve Concepts were read in English by Sally and in Spanish by Carmen.

Introductions and AA Birthdays

New DCMs, GSRs and Committee Chairs, Alternates, Guests and Past Area Trusted Servants introduced themselves. Birthdays occurring since the May Area Committee meeting were celebrated.

Roll Call

Monty C., Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, and declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met. 8 Officers were in attendance. Those not in attendance at time of roll call were: Alt. Delegate, Dean, Alt. Chair, Mike S, Alt. Registrar, Hamm, Alt. Treasurer, Butch, Dist. 2, Wilma, Dist. 17, Santiago, Translation, Rafael (Interim Chair), Oficina Hispania, Marina, N.C. Intergroup, Janine.

Approval of May Area Committee Minutes: Roxane R., Secretary

Minutes are available in digital format. If you did not receive the May 2012 minutes please contact Area 8 Secretary and she will send you a copy via email. If your alternate would like a digital copy, let the secretary know, via email. MSP to approve May 2012 minutes. You may submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at roxroll@aol.com. Reports should contain your first name, district, committee or liaison, date and report. Keep it simple.

Treasurer's Report: Arturo L., Treasurer

- Written report.
- Ask groups to get their contributions in each month. Note to Groups: Attach email address to contribution so confirmation can be sent via email to save cost of postage.

May	May 2012	YTD	2012 Budget	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,236.75	12,038.07	38,480.00	-26,441.93
Individual contributions:	32.86	789.99		
District contributions:	0.00	1,132.47		
Total contributions:	2,269.61	13,960.53	38,480.00	-24,519.47
Total budgeted expenses:	3,088.62	15,728.16	38,480.00	-22,751.84

Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-819.01	-1,767.63		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	730.00		730.00
Total expenses:	3,088.62	16,458.16	38,480.00	-22,021.84
Contributions less total expenses:	-819.01	-2,497.63		
Previous month ending balance	9,034.60			
Cash on hand:	8,215.59			

Master Calendar

Event	Host	Date	Time	Location
Sponsorship Workshop	Dist. 4,5,6,14 & 19	July 22	2012	9:30 a Marina Village Conference Center
Women Sponsoring Women	Dist. 16	Aug 18	2012	TBA Encinitas Community Center
6th Annual Foro	Dist. 15	Aug 26	2012	TBA Balboa Park-War Memorial Building
40th Hispanic Convention		Aug 31- Sept 2	2012	Radisson Hotel-Los Angeles Airport
<i>Labor Day Picnic</i>	<i>Dist 2 & 23</i>	<i>Sept 3</i>	2012	Calaveras Park-Carlsbad
Regional Forum	GSO	Sept 14-16	2012	Fairbanks, Alaska
Big Day Business Assembly	Dist 4,11,15	Sept 22	2012	*8:30a Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla
<i>Southern California Convention</i>		<i>Sept 28-30</i>	2012	<i>San Diego-Town and Country Resort</i>
Traditions Workshop, "Traditionally Speaking"	Dist 4	Oct	2012	TBA
<i>Serenity Cruise-A Musical Event</i>	<i>Dist. 2 & 23</i>	<i>Nov 10</i>	2012	<i>Carlsbad Community Center</i>
November Assembly	Dist 21, Dist 3	Nov 17	2012	*8:30a TBD
ROOTS (Remember Our Old Timer's Stories)	<i>Archives</i>	Nov 18	2012	2-4 pm Torrey Pines Christian Church-La Jolla

*Note: **Non-Bolded Events Are Not Sponsored or Hosted By Area 8 Service Entities and are listed for planning purposes only. Updated March 17, 2012. Information is subject to change. See the calendar on the area website for the most up to date information.*

Delegate's Report: Tom M.

In an effort to reduce the amount of information disseminated at the meetings we are keeping the reports to less than a page. Area Contributions listings has arrived but before it is distributed there will be some changes by GSO. Area 8 contributions have dropped from 30% to 25%. GSO cost of service per listed group is \$137 In 2011 the average

contribution per group was \$97. This \$40 shortfall requires that literature sales pick up the slack. Email this info to your groups. Form number SMF176, (available on the aa.org website,) lists how GSO uses our 7th tradition contributions. When your group sends money to GSO this is what happens to an individual's money. In addition there are some listings of new groups that have started and are now listed with GSO. We are notified when a group is added which is where the costs begin. Remind your group of our primary purpose.

There is a trustee vacancy and an election coming up. This position rotates after the GS Conference in 2013. We will have nominees at November Assembly. It is a Class B (Alcoholic) position. Tom read a list of all the requirements for this position and it will be sent out to all DCMs, Committee Chairs, Past Delegates and the Intergroups. Another trustee vacancy is for a Class A Trustee, non-alcoholic. Deadlines are coming up. See Box 459 for more info.

Pacific Regional Forum will be held in Fairbanks, Alaska in Alaska. Registration is free and a hotel is only \$89/night. GSO staff will be there. This experience is different than PRASSA and more intimate with GSO staff. Workshops are smaller and it brings you into much closer contact with GSO.

Grapevine *Quote of the Day* is up and running. It is easy to register for this to be emailed to you each day. Sometime this month a new Grapevine book, "Young and Sober" will be available. Six new e-Books are also appearing this month.

Seed money has been received for PRASSA 2014 in the amount of \$3,400.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Dean B.

- **The Founder's Day Picnic- Unity Day Program:** Whoo Hoo! Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help, including the two groups who put on skits – Grapevine/LaVina Committee and District 1. Also thanks to all the service committees that participated.
 - A report of the final cost summary for Unity Day will be at the July ACM, but it appears expenses were balanced by contributions. 7th Tradition contributions during the picnic, and co-host funding from San Diego Coordinating Council, North County Intergroup, North County and San Diego H&Is, and Area Assembly helped fund the picnic. Thank you.
- **General Service Panel @ Southern California Convention:** We Need Your Help to start planning!
 - A volunteer list will be passed around tonight for those willing and available for 3 planning discussions before the convention, September 28-30, 2012, at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego.
 - For the initial planning mtg, I am looking for volunteers from the Area Committee, however let your GSRs know they can join in at anytime.
 - Planners will help to form a general service panel/program. We have a two hour time slot on Saturday the 29th for our Panel.
 - How do you think we can best communicate AA general service to the AA member with this service opportunity? Contact: Dean B 760-274-5309c

Chairperson's Report: Jane G.

Area Inventory Ad hoc Committee

A meeting for this committee will be scheduled to take place before the end of June. The links to these surveys are available at www.area8aa.org. The deadline has been extended to June 30, 2012. I have sent reminder emails to all on the Area Roster. Links to the survey tool were provided through which we are collecting responses.

Cooperation with the Elderly Community (Gary) PowerPoint presentation borrowed from Area 5 presented.

Discussion: There are many “groups” that support the elderly. Hawaii has done 40 pages of work on their CEC committee. Have you thought of becoming a sub-committee of the CPC committee? You would not be reaching out to local clubhouses that do not have professionals. Outreach at the committee level is difficult. Specializing in one area usually helps this. Look at how effective you can be specializing in one section of the population. Generating interest in CEC may help our CPC Committee. CEC has their place—being able to go to professionals in the geriatric community—and CEC wants to add to the current standing committees. If Area Committee does not move forward with the creation of the CEC committee do we have people in other standing committees who can take up the banner for the elderly? PI is offering racks of information to be placed in various locations throughout San Diego County. These do reflect the population that exists in this area. Our primary purpose is to carry the message...are we doing this? It seems that the committee structure already exists within CPC, PI and H & I...it is already difficult to keep these committees filled.

Policy Committee’s Review of Recommendations by Ad hoc on Guidelines Review

The Area’s Policy Committee will complete its review of the Ad hoc Guidelines Review Committee’s suggestions. The Policy Committee will present a version of the Structure & Guidelines that includes all the grammatical and clarifying (non-substantive) changes at the July ACM.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Jerry C., Past Delegate, was appointed to the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC). Jerry served as Chair to that committee in one of his many general service positions. I know Jerry will make a great contribution to the committee’s work.

Chair Visits/Discussions

Due to the need to replace the Translation Chair, I want to take this opportunity to learn more about the translation needs of our Spanish-speaking Districts and Intergroups. Other Area Officers, such as our Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chair, regularly visit the Spanish-speaking districts and Intergroups. They, too, will take several questions asking for details on their needs. I am hopeful I will hear from each of them on how we can improve our two-way communication with translation of area business documents from English to Spanish as well as Spanish to English.

Oficina Central Sur Chula Vista Community - This office is growing by leaps and bounds. My last visit to them was in February. They have grown in numbers of meeting representatives as well as improving their facility. All ages were represented. **District 15** - This is an incredible meeting. Their minutes are full of information about their work.

Translation Committee

I have been acting as traffic controller for the documents that need to be translated from English to Spanish. I currently have six translators who remain in service to our area. Please be sure to ask your GSRs to announce at their meetings on our need for additional translators. This committee is vital to the smooth functioning and unity of our Area. It takes many individuals to perform this work in a timely and accurate manner.

Reminder: Get the GSRs to attend the District meetings and the rest will follow.

Continuing Needs: Please ask interested individuals to contact the Area Chair at chair@area8aa.org.

- ASL Interpreters
- Spanish Interpreters
- Volunteers to the Translation Committee - English to Spanish (Critical Need)

Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. The location is 2650 Melbourne, San Diego, CA. All AA members are welcome to attend. To get an item on the agenda, please contact chair@area8aa.org to begin the process. If required, your specific request or proposal will be directed to the assistance of one or more of our Area’s standing committees. The Area Committee meeting and all other General Service meetings are open to all AA members.

Alt Chairperson's Report: Mike: No report.

Liaison Committee Reports

Coordinating Council: Rick: SDAACO@aol.com Report by: Rick W.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT: Book of the month is Living Sober.

January 2012 Financial Statements' Summary:

- a. Our May 2012 Net Revenue is \$1,656.00. b. Our 2012 YTD Net Revenue is \$5,505.00.

Manager's Report

1. June's Book of the Month: "Came to Believe." Soft cover on sale for \$3.75, reg. \$4.25.
2. Daytime phone shifts available: Wed. 1-5 pm. Always a need for fill-ins.
3. On our aasandiego.org website, go to "eForms" page where we've added an AA Group History form you can fill out and ask to be submitted to the San Diego Imperial Area 8 Archives Committee.

New Business: Steve E. elected Committee Chair. Semi-annual literature inventory June 30. Uploaded new "Public Information forms as requested by P.I. Committee.

Coordinator Newsletter: Aug. Theme-"AA Member-Medications & Other Drugs" Send to: sdaa.newsletter@gmail.com. Need groups to adopt a month to collate. Join the fun.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: *Projects we are currently working on:*

1. Placing racks where the public gathers has been very successful. Need support from groups and individuals to fund initial rack for \$20. Now have racks in SD Unified High Schools, along with driving schools.
2. Member working to get our PSA's (Public Service Announcements) on local TV stations.
3. Currently, we have a Public Information table at the Del Mar Fair. Thank you to all of the volunteers.
4. Mailing out letters to 40 senior centers in San Diego re: giving presentations or racks.
5. Need of A.A. members to share time and sobriety with others. If interested, please contact Sallye at 619-980-4405.

North County Intergroup: Janine: Not present.

East County Intergroup: Gary: We meet 3rd Tuesday. Group contributions for May 2012, \$127.60, which includes literature sales. Expenses were \$57.95 for Virtual Office phone service, website privacy plan and office supplies. Total cash on hand: \$1,467.12. Butch gave an Area 8 Liaison Report and reminded group of the next Area Assembly. We supply and deliver literature to individuals and groups. Literature is sold at cost. There was a request for a website link to the 2013 "Seniors in Sobriety International Conference in San Diego. There are service positions available at the ECI. Visit our website: www.eastcountyyaa.org

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Oficina Central Hispana: Marina, chair, not present.

Oficina Intergupal Condado Norte: Malacio, chair, reported. In this office we have 25 groups and 5 committees.

We have a new location: 830 E. Vista Way, Suite 116, Vista. They meet every week, Wed. About 15 people are in attendance each week. Currently working on the 23rd Congresso, 23-25 Nov. 2012.

Oficina Intergupal Sur, Chula Vista: Alicia: Tuesday meetings, 7:30-9p, We have approx 22 members showing up in our area as representatives. We have a literature comm., PI comm., Special Events Committee, who report each Tuesday. We had our anniversary celebration and over 250 people attended. Our first newsletter has been printed with the help of a volunteer.

GSDYPAA: Emily: GSDYPAA (See NSDYPAA)

NSDYPAA: Emily: We meet at 5pm the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month at St Michael's in Carlsbad. An "Endless Summer" event is planned for Fri., June 29; meeting and a dance at a gym, 1714 S PCH, Oceanside. Grapevine Writers Workshop planned, co-hosted with the Grapevine Committee scheduled for August 4th. We have logistic issues and may need to change date to outreach for the event. We have secured a location and date for the "Servicepalooza" event, co-hosted by the Area and districts, Sat., Aug. 25th from noon to 6pm at Calavera Hills Community Park in Carlsbad. Workshop with speakers and a round table discussion planned from noon to 3pm, followed by picnic and games. The goals are to introduce Young Peoples to General Service, the Area, and committees and to educate the Area and General Service about Young Peoples AA. Round table discussion revolves around how Young Peoples AA and General Service can work together to help AA as a whole. Need districts to co-host the event, both with support and planning (people) and to provide seed money for the event. The term "seed money" means any proceeds would be distributed to entities providing financial support. Contact Emily at 619-517-1805 or Mannbark@gmail.com.

Remote Nations: Jeff S, (Chair): In the committee's effort to foster interaction between the North and South San Diego reservations, the Pala meeting occasionally invites a speaker from a South meeting. In May, the speaker was a tribal chairman, a man who laid out his entire recovery story. We continue to support and offer support to new meetings. There is consideration given to a new meeting at the La Jolla reservation. District 3 invited the committee chair to their next district meeting to explain the focus and scope of the committee and desire to present a motion for a 2nd edition of "Paths to Recovery." (jestruve@san.rr.com)

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1: Blaine: District One was happy to provide a skit, "AA Gilligan Style" for the Founders Day picnic.

District 2: Jeremy for Wilma: Labor Day Picnic is at Calaveras Park in Carlsbad on Labor Day. Nov. 10 is the 2nd annual Sobriety Cruise Event. We carry the message through music and comedy. Last year was very successful. If interested in serving, we would love to have your input, call (760) 966-1812. Monty, our Area Registrar attended meeting and gave us updates on our District 2 meeting representation. This opened up a conversation regarding meetings at the Oceanside Fellowship Center as well as the Alano Club and their lack of GSRs. They feel that one GSR per facility is sufficient, but we are going to pursue this further.

District 3: Guy: July 2, 2012, there will be a meeting about the Remote Nations Committee trying to have a second volume of the Native American pamphlet printed.

District 4: Jeff (Alt): More than 13 GSRs at last meeting. We discussed how to report Conf. Advisory Actions to the group. The "Traditionally Speaking" workshop is looking for other districts to co-host with Dist 4. We need volunteers, speakers and funding. GSRs are recruiting help for "Sponsorship Workshop" and September Assembly.

District 5: Vince: Sponsorship Workshop flyer available. Trying to keep workshop on a tight budget. We are working hard on the plan to attend/visit all meetings in the district. Tom (Delegate) is visiting next Mon. We have a Service Manual Study before each district meeting.

District 6: Renee: Postponed Delegate visit until July. Church reserved for New Year's Eve Alkathon. Dist. 19 offered to help with Alkathon. We discussed contributing to the Sponsorship workshop. Ice cream idea being tossed about. Discussed visitation to dark groups by dividing them up among the GSRs during the next few months.

District 7: Richard: No report.

District 8: Tanya: Voted to donate money for ASL interpretation. Planning mini-workshop on Step 10.

District 9: Fred (District Treasurer): Not present

District 10: Paul: Issues with attendance at district meeting. Last meeting there was 1 GSR present. We reviewed Old Business including Group Visitations and creating a flyer to give to groups about their GSR.

District 11: Al: Missed the last meeting but attended Grapevine committee and was scheduled to do a presentation. They are hosting the Sept. Assembly.

District 12: George: Discussing format for "Emotional Sobriety" workshop to include speaker and continental breakfast. We want to stress how steps apply to emotional sobriety. We have plans for a panel to field questions.

District 13: Tim: LaVina/Grapevine Chair, Suzanne, gave a good presentation.

District 14: Gary: Invitations

District 15: Nicolas: June 15 meeting had 27 GSRs present. The DCMs GSRs and groups working together. We thank the coordinator for inviting us to report on the Area Inventory. Also, thank you to the Delegate for his report to the Area Committee. The Foro is coming up and we hope you will be there on Aug. 26. Flyers are available. Committee working on general service workshops and events for next year. We will be co-hosting the Assembly in Sept.

District 16: Crystal: Sponsoring a comedy show in North County. Committee formed to attend dark groups and recruit new GSRs. July 1st Secretary Workshop event at the Step House in Leucadia.

District 17: No one present.

District 18: Pedro: District working on visiting groups. We have meetings Mondays 7-9. We have business meetings twice each month and step study the other two meetings.

District 19: Jennifer: District inventory questions will be sent to the Area to prepare for actual inventory in 5 weeks. The Ad Hoc committee on guidelines is still working. (See update at end of minutes) GSRs encouraged to communicate Conference Advisory Actions with their groups.

District 20: Britt: (alt) Working on a picnic/beach day.

District 21: John: No report.

District 22: Tom: Meeting held on election day so some conflict on meeting day. We need a guest speaker to attend our meeting. Interest shown for H & I and Grapevine. Annual service commitment for our group could go towards Aug. 24th event. We are looking to develop "Concept" training into our monthly meetings.

District 23: Mark: Delegate's Report Back Assembly Wrap-up Discussion. Co-hosting Labor Day Picnic with District 2. Douglas, the picnic chair, visited from District 2. GSR, Rick, volunteered to attend planning meeting as liaison for District 23. "Cruise Ship Serenity" chair, Wilma, DCM District 2, asked for contribution and involvement from District 23. We discussed and motion brought to floor to table until we have a full report on finances from our treasurer, Roberta. District Banking-We discussed getting new signers onto signature card since the rotation of treasurer and secretary. Leigh and Roberta will visit bank and become new signers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities: Alan: Sign language fund (gold can) currently funds 5 meeting each week at a cost of \$600-650 a month. Coming into April the fund was down to \$150. Any groups interested in adding to this fund, contact chair. Accessibilities is asking interested groups to add new brochure or special needs to their literature collection.

Agenda: Karen: We have a new member in the Agenda committee, Linda Z. GSR for the I.B. Up meeting. Jane presented the June Area committee meeting agenda. The committee reviewed, amended, and approved the agenda. We will begin working on the September Big Day Agenda at our next meeting in July.

Archives: Kerry: We still need group histories. Forms are on the Area 8 website in English and Spanish. We can visit groups and put on a display or make a presentation. We will be having another Open House on June 30 at Central Office. ROOTS event has speakers confirmed. We have 14 group histories posted on the website.

CPC: Jeremy: Talked to CPC Chair from NY. Gerontological Convention to be held in San Diego in Late Nov. Need GSRs or other people who can volunteer for this committee. Project are on hold until there is more support.

Finance: Paul: 2012 Approved budget. **Review your numbers for final budget.** Rough draft available on the website. Getting ready to go out to groups to present the proposed budget during July, Aug, Sept. Encourage groups to consider keeping a percentage of contributions at the local level. We have to generate a budget based on revenues. If our revenues remain low we cannot compensate officers at the level we need them to operate.

Grapevine/LaViña: Suzanne: Thank you for volunteers for Unity Day. Our next event will be with NSDYPAA. We are working a possible writer's workshop for August and also planning to attend YPAAs "Service-Palooza" in July. Committee formalizing visitation process to districts to get more grapevine reps, (GVRs).

Information Technologies: Steve: Please take a look at the new website because it is looking real good. Our webmaster got a job. Last meeting had 7 in attendance including Alt. Delegate, Dean. We discussed new website issues and area computers. Archiving minutes was mentioned as well as the assignment of tasks to new members and old.

Literature: Ray: Looking for new members. We are in the process of reviewing videos for newcomers. We are reviewing "Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" We want a picture of what videos are appropriate in the event you want to use one. Committee is busy setting up displays at various AA events around the county. Let us know if you need us at your next event.

NCAIC: Rich: Orientation meeting, 3rd Friday, in July. Oceanside Alano Club; Panels are working well and there are always openings for alternates and new members. We need a policy and guidelines person and a Spanish liaison.

Newsletter: Chris: The Newsletter Committee had its first committee meeting at a new location last week at Fuddruckers. Our proofreader, Gary S., also hustled and snatched us a new editor, Beth C. and she is a GSR. The present committee will be printing the newsletters in color.

Policy: Paul: Progress on Ad Hoc Item 23. Section VIII sub-point E. includes a provision for replacement of a standing committee chair "upon recommendation of the responsible area officer." This seems outside the spirit of warranties of concept XII and so the area may want to consider modifying this section. Three warranties were read in response to this. Warranty 6 (look this up) No one member...no action to be taken in anger, haste or...personally punitive. In talking to the Area Alt. Delegate it seems that one person can force another out of a position. Discussion on this followed.

SDIAC: Chris: Juvenile Hall is requesting more meetings. George Bailey Prison asking for a new mtg. opening for the “fifth yard”. We have openings on many panels. Are you willing to give as little as one hour a month?

Translation: Mike, Alt. Area Chair reported for Ruben: Ruben resigned. He lost 2 translators and translating approx. 35 pages each month, an hour per page. Minutes arriving with only a 10 day lead before due date. Continuing need for translators. Need documents sent to translation by specified date.

Archivist: Joe: No report

CEC *Ad Hoc* (Cooperation with the Elderly Community): Gary: We have gathered resources submitted by various members and asked P.I. Comm. and CPC For feedbacks and information. We will continue to discuss this among committee members. Will be connecting with other areas that have CEC Committees. This ad hoc comm. looks toward July to be able to report back. Statistic: 10,000 seniors celebrated their 60th birthday today and this will continue for the next 19 years.

AREA COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Progress on Ad Hoc Considerations:

Item 13. Quorum: Should standing committee chairs be included in the quorum count? The AA Service Manual (p.S4) considers committee chairs to be area officers. Guidelines may need to be clarified.

Item 14. Scope of Area Committee: Guidelines state that Area Committee “...recommends the format and agenda for the Area Assembly.” Some Area 8 chairs have consulted the committee on the agenda while others have not. Is there a need for cross-referencing in Section V?

Item 23. Replacing Standing Committee Chair: Section III, E, includes a provision for replacement “upon recommendation of the responsible area officer. Should the Area consider modifying this section?”

“When groups send money to the districts they want to make sure the district’s needs are filled before sending the money—keep the money local until you are done with it and then let it move on. Cash flow in AA is affected and since we have expenses at different times of the year, the districts are sometimes affected. Review this annually. “

Finance committee response: This suggestion was sent via email. Our charter is to enforce the structure and guidelines we have no opinion on this.

Discussion: Clarify—the motion is to amend the current policy from quarterly distributions to annual distributions. If a committee or district can come up with a legitimate reason for holding on to money, this removes all of the natural boundaries of prudence in how we spend our contributions. If a district has a good budget then holding on to money serves no purpose. The 7th tradition is a spiritual concept. There is divine guidance when it comes to money in AA. A motion was made to send this to the finance committee. It was seconded and approved. Finance said they did not know what that would do.

Jane: We need some volunteers for clean up.

Meeting adjourned, 9:45 p.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxane R., Panel 62 Area 8 Secretary and Gonzalo, Area 8 Alt. Secretary