

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee**  
**2650 Melbourne Drive, San Diego CA**  
**Minutes of the January 18, 2018 Meeting**

*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](mailto: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.*

**Meeting Called to Order**

The Committee was called to order at 7:05 pm by Monty C., Area Chairperson, with the Serenity Prayer. Followed by the Declaration of Unity. Concept 1 presentation English by Peter/Richard/ Sandy. Introductions were offered and several new DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and their alternates introduced themselves. Guests and visitors also stood up. All were welcomed to Area Committee.

*Declaration of Unity This we owe to AA's Future; To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come*

**Roll Call: Julie.( Registrar)**

Julie, Area Registrar, conducted a roll call of the Area Committee, 9 Officers were in attendance, 20 DCMs, and 10 Committee Chairs were present, a total of 39. As rotations begin, remember to send in records of the leadership changes to the Area Registrar. Please submit emails to registrar as well.

*Rosters are updated regularly and any corrections need to be submitted to Registrar as they occur.*

**Approval of December 2017 Area Committee Minutes: Tanya T., (Secretary)**

- Minutes are available in digital format. Contact Area 8 Secretary and for a digital copy (via email.) Let new DCMs and Committee Chairs know to please submit email information with the Registrar as soon as possible. If your alternate would like a digital copy, add email address to the Registrar's roster.
- December ACM minutes were emailed out. If you did not receive the minutes, please let me know so I can add you to the list.
- Roxane pointed out that one of her report's paragraphs was repeated twice in Dec's minutes.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes with corrections. The motion was made and approved with corrections.
- *It is time effective to submit your monthly report to the Area 8 Secretary via email at [secretary.area8sd@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.area8sd@gmail.com)*

**Treasurer's Report: Efrain. (Treasurer)**

- Written report submitted, report is the same as the assembly report.
- Remind groups who contribute to the Area to include an email address so we can process contribution acknowledgements electronically, and at a lower cost.
- Have your group get or find out what their GSO six digit code is. It will help the Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

<b>December</b>	<b>December 2017</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	4,335.74	43,135.66	47,003.00	-3,867.34
Individual contributions:	243.60	2,120.31	0.00	2,120.31
District contributions:	20	1,415.12	0.00	1,415.12
Total contributions:	4,599.34	47,003.09	47,003.00	-1.91
Total budgeted expenses:	3,749.84	35,610.50	47,003.00	-11,392.50
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	849.50	11,390.59		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	884.03	2,620.77		
Total expenses:	5,406.79	39,004.19	47,003.00	
Contributions less total expenses:	-807.45	7,521.96		
Total Cash Balance: December 2017	11,750.75		25% of budget: 11,750.75	Prudent reserve: 1,391.94

Budget approved as presented, exact same report as at the Orientation Assy on last Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018-no changes.

**Alt. Delegate Report: Jerry S.:** Not much to report. We had our 1st GSR School before the Area Assembly, last Saturday. There were over 65 in attendance. During the class we practiced how to carry a motion. It was a lot of fun. We have our new liaison positions beginning. I want to open it up to questions... //When do we get our stars for attending?// DCMs please encourage GSRs to arrive on time or even early. Please not late.

**Delegate's Report: Roxane:** Welcome to Area Committee. For some of you this may be your first appearance. So welcome. I did a lengthy report at the Assembly last Saturday so tonight I'll be brief so we can hear from you. I enjoyed sharing at Grupo Coronado on Monday. Alicia translated and there were a few laughs, mostly by Alicia. We have much in Comm. Oddly, when you share at that meeting you begin, then 30 minutes into your pitch they pause for the 7th Tradition, then the speaker resumes. I had to try and keep my flow from draining for sure. I do appreciate the chance to share what the Area is doing with the members of your groups. Don't forget to start promoting the Pre-Conference Workshops. It's important to emphasize the importance of knowing about the Agenda items before the Pre-Conference Assembly. Because the Regional Forum is in San Jose this year, please plan to attend the first weekend in September. The So Cal Convention is September 21-23 in San Diego. This is another event where we need participants. Did you know this convention has been around since 1952 and it used to be where we elected our Delegate before we formed our Assembly. This year will be the 67th Conference—Panel 67. Let's remind the conference what it used to be like by showing up to support the General Service Meeting. It is never too early to put these events in your calendar. In recent correspondence with GSO I was informed that we currently have 42 agenda items. Seems doable, right? I also received the most recent literature catalogue so if you'd like to see that, I have it. Ok. Well, so far this job is easy. Remind me that I said this when we next meet. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Chairperson's Report: Monty C.:** I take a few minutes after the Area Assembly to write this report. My heart is still shaking. The assembly was very moving. I have attended Area Assembly for some time now but never in this capacity. I was scared and nervous about how things were going to turn out. For me, my weakest point for me is the handling of motions. It's something that I will eventually become better at through trial and error. We have elected a new alternate chair, Sutton K. I look forward to working with her and getting a smooth pattern down for the two of us. I would also like to thank Colin M, (past Chair) for the insight and words of advice. He never told me that I couldn't do this. He always says you can do this but this is what you need to watch out for. Thank you for your encouragement and honesty. I have worked with Emily a lot at the beginning of the year. I had to reach out and ask for help. She stepped up to the plate and helped with several items and advice. Thank you for everything that you have contributed and will continue to bring to the area. With that being said, there is a lot that happens in the background. The Area Committee nor the Area Assembly don't just happen by themselves. There is a lot of logistics and planning that takes place. All who have help to make these things happen, thank you. Now it's time to get to work. Some of you are still trying to understand your jobs. This will be an ongoing process that will continue to happen. If we never stop learning, we never stop growing. DCM, at one time we told you that there was a lot of items in Area storage. We are very low on supplies. We are short on plates and creamer. There is a small amount of coffee that was left over from the Area Assembly. I would also like to let the body know that one of the coffee pots has been discarded. We only have one good working pot. This is not enough to conduct or maintain any event that we have. I have mention this to the Finance Committee and the Treasurer. We will need to purchase a few items. I am currently working on the cost so I can bring back to this body for direction. If you were at the Assembly, you also notice that we had some technical difficulties with the speaker and mixing board. I will be doing a process of elimination to get to the bottom of things. My first step is to have the mixing board checked out. I really think that it's flawed. Once the mixing board is good, then we will move to the cords. Then the microphone and last the speakers. The website will be on ongoing project. We are starting to get things corrected. If you notice something, please email the alternate chair or myself. Please be aware that all the changes will not take place overnight. If you can make it, I will be attending the Imperial Valley Round Up. I hope that some of you will join me. The weekend after, I will

be in Rosemead, CA for the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session. The Chairperson from Area 5 sent an email on Sunday asking for volunteers (officers and/or past delegates) to be moderators at the round tables. They are also looking for Spanish/English speakers to act as interpreters at each table. I would like to be able to email the chair back with a response when you know if going or not. We will be trying something a little different tonight with the DCM & Committee Chair reports. There will also be a sharing session of a topic of your choice.

Note from the Church: re: paying the rent or new rent agreement for 2018. The church is not happy with us right now. We need to be diligent at keeping the church clean, cleaning up after ourselves and picking up cigarette butts.

**Area Committee Meeting duties:** (new volunteers will be picked at the end of the year)

Cake	Ginger
Setup	Karl D5, Joel Grpvn, Taylor GSDYPAA
Breakdown	Joe D12, Cindy D11, Joanne CPC

**Liaison Committee Reports: 2 mins: Sutton:**

**Coordinating Council:** Heidi H. Our last meeting was on Thursday, January 11, 2018; at 7:30PM. We received reports from: H & I by Blaine H and Area 8 Representative, Monty. Our Program Committee: hosted a the New Years Eve Dance at the Scottish Rite. <http://www.aasandiego.org//>, look under "Calendar of Events" and you can see all events going on Coordinator Outreach: Goes to meetings that don't have coordinators , encourages them to participate. We had 10 new coordinators register for January!!!! Business Committee Report: They have 3 new committee members approved January Book of the Month: "As Bill Sees It " (Max 5) sale: \$6.60 Regular \$8.60 January Pamphlet of the month: "Questions and Answers about Sponsorship?" (Max 5) sale \$.05. FREE - Beautifully laminated "Safety Card for A.A. Groups" are now available FOR FREE at central office. Pick one up. Make sure that each of your groups has at least one. I have some samples!! DON'T FORGET - check out <http://www.aasandiego.org/>. In particular, the new "Interactive Map". Help your newcomers to find those meetings. The Public Information Committee contact [pubinfoadrian2017@gmail.com](mailto:pubinfoadrian2017@gmail.com) to become part of.

**North County Intergroup:** Ralph: [39TH ANNUAL TRADITIONS BREAKFAST](#) Sunday, March 11, 2018 At the Pacific Views Event Center CAMP PENDLETON in OCEANSIDE. Doors will be open at 8:00AM Breakfast will be served at 9:00AM Speaker: Candice M. From: Los Angeles. Tickets \$30.00 available from the Central Office@ [760-758-2514](tel:760-758-2514). Contact Jennie for more information about the annual Traditions Breakfast. **Tuesday Night Public Information meeting.** This meeting celebrated its 39th birthday and is a public information meeting for persons interested in seeing AA in action. Each week a speaker is chosen to share experience, strength and hope, and a host group is chosen to facilitate the meeting. The meeting is held in [Vista 1745 East Vista Way, Steps](#), at 8 p.m. **Saturday Night in Oceanside** is a great time to come out, share Fellowship and hear a local speaker share some experience, strength and hope. The

North County Friendship Center [1906 Oceanside Blvd.](#) in Oceanside hosts a new Speaker meeting at 6:00pm. Come and check it out. Cake and coffee served every meeting.

**East County Intergroup:** Gary G. The last East County Intergroup Meeting was on January 11, 2018 at 6:45 pm at Step by Step Serenity & Beyond. Reviewed Financial Report East County Intergroup is concerned about the Alcoholics who are still suffering and is attempting to keep operational costs to a minimum. Literature Sales are good. Volunteers are welcome to help with 12<sup>th</sup> step work.

**Oficina Central Hispania:** Jaime: NP

**Oficina Intergruppal Condado Norte:** NP

**Oficina Intergruppal Sur, Chula Vista:** Adalberto; NP

**NSDYPAA:** Jeremy: We will be having our 14th Annual Beginners Workshop, Sat. January 27, 2018. Time: 6:30- 9pm. Location: TriCity Hospital, 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside, CA 92056 There will be 3 speakers, a Q&A after, followed by Broomball. Please get the word out. We are also asking for donations of Big Books and 12x12 to give out to newcomers.

**GSDYPAA:** Taylor: Thank you again for your support and participation in the conference. We have recently reformed as GSDYPAA and are focused on being a service body for young people in the area. We are forming an H&I panel and brainstorming new ways to attract people from all over SD to be part of our committee. Website is in the works. We meet the 2nd & 4th Mondays@ 7:30 at the PB Alano Club.

**Native American Liaison:** Duncan: NP

### Old Business:

1. **Area Structure and Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee Report:** Ginger: We will be meeting with the Policy Committee in February to give them our Ad Hoc report. From there, the Ad Hoc Committee will be disbanding.
2. Finance Committee has sent out Budget Requests for 2019 to Officers and Chairs. Please return ASAP. Include capital (operational-rent) expenses, mileage, workshop costs, translation/ASL (if needed)

**Master Calendar: Sutton:** The master Calendar was emailed out by the Chair. It's posted on the area website. Information is subject to change. See calendar on the area website ([www.area8aa.org](http://www.area8aa.org)) for the most up to date information. Please email me or add to the clipboard and upcoming events.

**Birthdays:** 1 person celebrated 5 yrs. since the last meeting. Congratulations! There is a collection can for the cake each month. The 7th tradition does not pay for our birthday cake.

**Break: 8:20 pm Resumed Meeting at 8:35 pm**

**Tradition 1 Presentation by:** Joshua H. Stressed the importance of the concept of Unity. Must be practiced not only in AA program, but in all areas of life.

Volunteers for next month's concepts and traditions:

**Concept 2:** Cindy

**Tradition 2:** Dennis

### **New Business:**

1. Possible Appointed Committee member for Policy: We currently have received a resume to join the committee. Policy chair feels this committee needs all the help they can get.//outgoing Area Delegate is interested in this position//traditionally past Delegate of last panel doesn't get involved with Area Business for 1 year//If the Committee wishes to select who they want, they should be able to//who decides this//motion to take vote tonight for the position of appointed committee member-Jerry//seconded by Bill S.//shouldn't the field be open to others for submissions// sense of meeting taken to appoint Jane with resume tonight//group divided on decision//pushed forward to next month for agenda
2. **Dates for Sept and Nov. Assys:** Big Day Assy in Sept. (business & visitor) Sat, Sept. 15, 2018: Dist 11 has volunteered. Budget Assy in Nov. Sat, Nov. 17. Possible host for November: Santiago District 17-not sure if they could host one of those Assemblies in Imperial Valley region .
3. Roxane-Delegate proposed adding another pre-conference Workshop for the "tri-city" region (Oceanside, etc.)

### **DISTRICT REPORTS (Districts submitted reports digitally or on report form) 5 mins.**

**District 1:** Toni; Concepts: We discussed and voted in a new method of learning the Concepts. Going forward a volunteer will study the concept and come in to share with the group. This is also how Concept 1 was shared this month, by me. Registrar's Report: It was decided that going forward the Registrar would take roll call and discuss briefly any dark meetings that are visited and how it went. DCM Report: I shared a little about the ACM meeting I joined in January and let everyone know that we will be updating our meeting to include some of the same information. For instance, I will let them know what is happening in the committees so they can pass that on to the group level. Our 4th Step Workshop is ready to go. It's on the calendar and any help in spreading the word would be appreciated. Everyone was encouraged to get a hold of their alternate (or get an alternate) if they can't make the assemblies. Erik A. volunteered to keep our phone list updated. Deanne would like to set up some H & I panels to Vista some sober living places in Vista. I let her know that she should have the facilities contact H & I through the web site if they wanted a panel set up. We will be asking the GSRs what else is helpful at our meetings so that we make sure to make them purposeful. One idea is that we might help (through sharing) all of the GSRs that didn't make the assembly to build a summary so they can still bring the information to their groups.

**District 2:** Bill S.; Attendance for our District's first meeting of the year was 7 new GSR's and 4 returning GSRs, plus 4 guests that included the immediate past DCM and our neighboring DCM from District 23. Also, our invited speaker Alternate Delegate Jerry, who spoke inspiringly about the GSR's opportunity for participation and personal growth, the scope of the commitment, and well prepared all of us (as best as anyone could) for the ups and downs that we sometimes face in general service. Jerry's share was of great value and benefit to all of us and likely contributed to our turn out at the pursuing Area Assembly having 10 GSR's in attendance. A survey was conducted to identify the number of groups, meetings (& GSR's) within District 2. This task revealed the immediate need and priority to update and improve how No. County's meeting information is tracked and reported. No. County Intergroup had recently begun this effort before my having brought this concern to them. District 2 currently has 116 meetings, approximately 60 groups, and maybe 14 GSR's. I'm sure about 12 of them. District 2 is happy to offer financial support to No. SD Young People's (NSDYPA) sponsored workshop being held within our District. They were also represented at our first District meeting. District 2's Wednesday Night Men's Group took the lead in facilitating a collaborative effort between 4 of No. County's Men's groups – within 4 Districts (2, 3, 16, & 20)

who are conducting a Men's Sponsorship Workshop. Our funds are tight – any suggestions, shared experience and input from this committee are sought and will be greatly appreciated.

**District 3:** Steve (Tim-reporting for Steve); GSR's are committed to visit meetings that do not have GSR representation and encourage members to get involved. GSR's taking back to groups for a vote on whether they want a Step 1,2,3 workshop, Traditions workshop or a Picnic in March. GSR's inviting group members to district and

**District 4:** Miles W.; report not available

**District 5:** Karl; no report this month

**District 6:** Ernest D.:We had a guest speaker, Joel C., who spoke to the group on his experience, strength, and hope on (1) how can GSRs be most effective to their groups, and what service have you been involved in during your recovery and how has this helped you stay sober. Joel also spoke to the group on his roles and responsibilities of Pacific Regional Trustee. The GSRs present asked numerous questions and it appeared that the evening was a success. In addition, we discussed the outcome of the Alcathon and thanked all the volunteers who showed to be of service, and the upcoming Orientation Assembly. Finally, the group agreed to increase the amount of contribution for the DCM to attend next year's PRAASA event.

**District 7:** Gerry L.; Did not meet-due to Gerry's illness, therefore no report.

**District 8:** Ginger S.: Discussed and Approved Dist 8 annual Budget Discussed upcoming Motions for the January Assembly. Encouraged GSRs to attend the Orientation for New GSRs

**District 9:** Art S.; NP

**District 10:** Elke G.; We held an informal meeting and discussed solutions for District 10. There was a suggestion to possibly redistrict District 10 and informed the Area 8 Chair for further exploration. Karen Potter volunteered to be new DCM and will resume duties as soon as she can. \$300.00 PRAASA seed money was kept in treasury, \$280.58 will be disbursed to Area 8 and GSO. Enthusiastic guest asked questions. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm and was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

**District 11:** Cindy H.; Due to the holidays, there is no report for this month.

**District 12:** Joe: We met on January 4, 2018. There were 9 GSR's in attendance. We elected a new Secretary and discussed this years budget, and upcoming Assembly in April, and the upcoming Area Assembly for the new(3) GSR's.

**District 13:** Ronnie R.; Discussed how we as GSR's & DCM's are guardians of AA. We need to ensure that we keep to the 5th tradition and make AA available to everyone and anyone who has a desire to stop drinking period. The only requirement for AA membership is desire to stop drinking. Covered most popular closings. I was personally at a meeting this week that had only 20 people, of which 2 were atheists, 2 were Muslim, and 1 was Jewish, where the leader closed with the Lord's Prayer. Stressed that we need to be as inclusive as possible and to dispel the cultish perception people have of AA. Nathan asked about AA sanctioned closings. Is there a list of alternative closings? Recommends to take a group conscience as to what closings they would like to do. All groups are autonomous and can decide how to close. DCM took on responsibility of Secretary workshop last year and we are re-branding and re-vamping the workshop. The focus will now be "How To Have a Meeting". It will still be mainly focused at Secretaries, but also any other service positions in a group meeting. Asking current secretaries what may be good ideas to include for a workshop. Workshop is now tentatively called **Meeting Fundamentals Workshop** and will also focus on: Time management, Topics, Meeting types, Children in Meetings, How to Include GSR reports, Leader/Secretary General Etiquette, Cross Talk/Outside Issues

**District 14:** Sandy A.: Our District did not meet in December, and meets next week for this month. We are cooperating with District 15 and the YPAA ad hoc committee to host the Pre Conference Workshop on

March 18. Though we have all of our service positions filled at the District, most of them come from 3 strong meetings and our District is experiencing a low participation trend. It is our goal to visit our meetings and encourage participation in General Service.

**District 15;** Richard O.; We have started visiting our dark groups to encourage service & share about General Service. Our 2018 District was approved \$8,400.00 and our Praasa Budget for DCM was approved \$700.00.. Our District will be conducting a Concept Sharing Session the last Friday of each month, everyone invited to join us and share..

**District 16;** The regularly-scheduled Dist 16 Meeting location (US Bank - Encinitas) has become unavailable. The owner of the location indicated that while the Dist 16 meeting itself was a good steward of the venue, the loss of the venue was due to damage (flood damage, wax on carpet) caused to the building by attendees of other recovery meetings, including AA meetings, by a general disregard of certain group conscience rules (smoking/vaping) and facility rules (smoking, over capacity, trash, not locking after exit). Non-recovery groups have lost access to this meeting location as well due to this conduct and the related decision of the owner. We have encouraged the GSRs in the District to speak to Dist meeting Secretaries to encourage the announcement, emphasis and enforcement of meeting rules set by the group conscience (or the facility) to meeting attendees as well as to promote safety and accessibility to all that may attend AA meetings through exemplifying the Principles in their conduct. Moreover, a Secretary Training Workshop in the District is also in the works and may be proposed at the next District meeting to be added to the Calendar. An ad hoc committee of three GSRs has been formed to identify a new meeting location for the District 16 meeting in February 2018.

**District 17;** Santiago A.; There are 4 groups that attend out District meetings- Grupo Recuperacion, Grupo Cadenas Hacia el Futuro, Grupo 1 Paso, and Grupo 1 Abril. At our last meeting, treasurer and literature gave reports, along with the monthly groups reports.

**District 18;** Abraham: As new GSRs and District Officers, we are visiting groups. Our dist has 7 new GSRs, new DCM and Alt DCM that attended the Area Assembly on Jan 13th. The budget for the DCM to attend PRAASA was approved. The new GSRs were not in agreement to host the Pre-conference Workshop on March 18, 2018.

**District 19:** Rose P.; New business discussions: Volunteers and participating in events, and the importance for AA members to support our various workshops, meetings, and assemblies. Rose explained what goes on at ACM & suggested to start inviting different committees. Hispanic Women as a remote community. It mentioned that the Spanish women are discouraged to hold their own meetings. Maire mentioned we have a Bonita women's meeting Mondays 7pm Bonita library. Old Business- The New Year's Eve/Day Alkathon was a success. Discussed Traditions Meeting, Orientation for Rehabs and Sober Living, report on Hispanic Women's Workshop. **GSR reports:** Joe – Has a ton of feedback. Will email all the suggestions it to Rowan and we will spend 15 minutes discussing at next meeting. James – They added ASL to the pie chart rather than send around a can. Dave –Switching out service all the service positions at next business meeting. Their Treasure reported that her ex stole \$200. Tom – Thursday morning meeting is now doing ASL and has been well attended. Perry – Brought their meeting into the alcathon and it went really well. They haven't donated in a long time. Rowan – Babysitting has moved to email vs passing a clipboard. Ali – 7th Tradition Venmo is going great. Will – Lots of newcomers this holiday season – He had a Q about the Area assembly and asked if non GSR's can attend. They can. Erin – is new to being a GSR – huge influx of treatment center attendance and it's worked out great. Now the newcomers are sticking and coming back even though they are out of treatment.

**District 20:** David A. The New Year's Eve Alkathon was a huge success, with so many people attending; several had to stand to eat. Lots of food; whole ham, whole turkey Tri-tip for all. The games were a bit



noisy, but the entertainment featured several of our local performers singing, rapping and strumming. Our budget of \$300.00 was never reached. The cleaning deposit with the church was returned. Our total cost was \$196.00. What a difference compared to last year's cost of \$800.00! Our next event scheduled event is a Service Orientation Workshop for early February. This will be an introduction to all levels of AA service, from being a Secretary, Treasurer, Intergroup Rep. GSR to being a DCM. Besides coving the Traditions we will introduce the Concepts and the Warranties. Five of our eleven GSR's, me, and our Registrar attended last week's Orientation Assembly. We have placed a deposit and obtained the Meeting Hall at the Pala Tribal Offices for the 2018 Post-Conference Assembly, which we will be co-hosting with Districts 1 and 3 on June 9th. Meetings to coordinate with co-hosts will be held mid-March and mid-May.

**District 21:** Rick; 10 GSRs were present. We had no birthdays to report this month. December's Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. Balance on hand for November is \$3,078.84. We are receiving donation checks that are only marked by the individual sending the check. We are working hard to determine which groups these are coming from. Our District has a new Registrar, Tom Q, whose goal as he gets into position will be to get a better understanding of the Meetings in our district and determine the status of each. We reviewed the December ACM meeting major items including major events on the Master Calendar. We did our final preparations and planning for the Orientation Assembly, which went well for all. The only new news on the Poway Alano Club is that they have a new president, Gwen. The DCM, the Treasurer and our Registrar are now signed up to attend PRAASA in Sparks, NV. Guest speaker in February we will have Diana A. from H&I address our meeting. Roundtable discussion, came up with the idea of holding a District Picnic. We are tentatively looking at the month of April and potentially the Lake Poway picnic area as the venue. More news to follow. We concluded with the reading of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition and the 1<sup>st</sup> Concept. Next District 21 meeting will be 1 February 2018 back at the *Penasquitos Lutheran Church*. Joke of the Month: *"Why was the anvil always getting sent to AA? Because it was always getting hammered!"*

**District 22:** Peter B.; No report for this month.

**District 23:** Chuck; No District 23 meeting since our last ACM due to conflicts with the holidays—our November meeting would have fallen on Thanksgiving Day and our December meeting would have been between Christmas and New Years—we had a combined November-December District meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Three new GSRs from our district attended the Orientation Assembly.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibilities:** Renea C.; Accessibility committee did not meet last month but we are going to contact all districts so we can talk with all the districts in regards to what we accessibilities does.

**Agenda:** Dennis J.; Discussed making changes to the Area Committee Agenda splitting Oral reports by DCMs and Committee Chairs over a two month period. Those who are not called upon are asked to still submit written reports and if they really need to can give oral reports, too. This is an attempt to improve on time management and minimize the chance that the ACM would go over the set time. We also briefly discussed having a workshop this year and Jeff S. agreed to chair an ad hoc committee for that purpose.

**Archives:** Mackenzie; The archives committee had to postpone our January meeting due to illness and schedules until 1/20 so we don't have a report. I will be announcing the need for help on 1/20 for our sorting event following our meeting though.

**CPC:** JoAnn Z.; No report this month. We have an event in April for addiction medicine. We are looking for volunteers for this event.

**Finance:** Joshua H.; Finance committee gathered again to go over the timeline for the 2019 budget we discussed the importance of getting back to budget request on time, Balancing/Creating a reasonable

budget, and what reporting to districts is going to look like this summer we also discussed the ad hoc committee in the feedback to our call to resume no resumes have been submitted at this time will be announcing at the assembly lastly we began discussing the injuries of mileage reimbursement for the area finance committee felt as though they increase was necessary and in favor of the motion going to be assembly on January 13 we did come to the conclusion that a 10% increase to \$.32 a mile is a great starting point and a very reasonable amount due to the fact that the assembly just passed a \$53,000 budget for 2018 that will be our recommendation at the assembly that's it for now finance committee out. Finance report that did not make Dec ACM minutes: See link for a flier designed to be shared with your GSRs and meetings and is titled: "DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR 7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION MONEY GOES?" <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1oyhEC2wWw6UWIkSzBxaUptZVZCNnpiRGF0dzQ4UUdVTkhv/iew?usp=sharing> The Finance Committee is committed to provide you with information you can use locally to help educate groups and members about the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. You can expect to additional items during 2018 to support the Area 8 budget. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the new Finance Committee Chair, Joshua Horn at [Happyxdrunk@gmail.com](mailto:Happyxdrunk@gmail.com). Second, we have issued a "CALL FOR RESUMES FOR APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS" for the Finance Committee. See link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1oyhEC2wWw6amt5UEg3QIJYT2ZnUkMwV0o5c0NZTWpZUk5R/view?usp=sharing>

**Grapevine/LaViña:** Joel M.; Rebecca was elected as GV secretary, Sharing Session re Motion to Change Committee..No update re Feb 10 workshop Possible change to 1 page flyer suggested by GVR/GSR Goals for 2018 1. Improve communications & participation with LaVina committee members & to have quarterly meeting with LV. 2. Continue Dist. Visitations. 3. Having more fun in GV Committee by presenting a play at Unity day / Annual picnic. What's New in GV: 1) Carrying the Message Project - 2018 Subscription challenge starting Jan 1- Dec. 29, 2018. 2) Submission of stories: Your experience doing service work due Feb 5 & Young & Sober stories due March 5. 3) GV -Jan issue "Sponsorship" / LV Jan-Feb issue "Sent by the Judge"

**Information Technologies:** Bill B.: The January IT committee meeting was scheduled to be held on 1/10/18. The meeting was cancelled due to illness.

**Literature:** Karen P.: We displayed literature at 2017 Roots and the 2017 NYE Alkathon @ 6th and Penn. Many thanks to all who contributed time and effort to make it all happen. We had a good turnout at our Jan meeting, including 4 new GSR's: Mike, Maureen, Natalie and Precious (representing districts 4,6,7 and 11). Our motion to change committee membership guidelines was denied by the area assembly. The Literature Committee has started discussions for an alternative solution. [[The purpose of the motion is to lessen the restrictions that govern committee membership. The literature committee is dependent on this motion in order to open our membership to include a Literature Representative from every group.]] The Literature Committee meets on the third Monday of each month, from 6:30pm – 7:30pm at SD Central Office. For information contact the committee at [literature8@area8aa.org](mailto:literature8@area8aa.org). Submitted by: Karen P., Literature chair

**NCAIC (H & I):** Suzanne: NP

**Newsletter:** Steve S.; Distributed and organized survey that was passed out at Nov. Assy. Last Assy we gained a new member//we are trying to formulate what our mission is//how to attract people to service//make service more user friendly.

**Policy:** Cecil L.; no report submitted

**SD H & I:** Blaine H.: SDIAC continues to provide AA literature and approximately 300 panels per month to 15 correctional institutions and 35 treatment facilities within Area 8. We are always in need of new

volunteers. At our recent election, the following officers were chosen: Chair – Blaine H., Alt Chair - Gerry S., Corrections Chair – Tim H., Treatment Chair – Cat C., and Treasurer – Andrew K. Our subcommittee, Contact on Release, has moved it's meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Machinists' Hall 10:30 AM (prior to the SDIAC Policy Council which meets at 11:30). We are excited about the 2018 SoCal H&I Conference which will be held April 6 – 8 at the Four Points Sheraton in Ventura. Our Saturday Keynote Speaker will be Scott Kernan - the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation who appeared on 60 Minutes with Oprah last October. <socalhandi.org> Our local website is <sdhandi.org>. **Translation:** Maire H.: Our next meeting is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will discuss translation of 2018 General Service Conference agenda items and translation of Area 8 Structure and Guidelines into Spanish. The Spanish language Structure and Guidelines are currently incomplete. We welcomed two new members to the Translation Committee.

**Sharing session:** Pick a topic//appointed committee members (Joshua)//last year Sallye was appointed to the Grapevine/La Vina//Dean-Newsletter//what does it look like-how do you begin the process of getting an appointed committee member//committees have gotten "people" without any expertise//so this is to get a specific person suited for the specific tasks of the committee//helps to add members to committees short of participants//what skill sets do different committee require-the ACM should have that information in order to help choose a specific candidate//S&G-4 year term to help assure continuity//chosen by 3 persons//call for resumes should be distributed amongst area members//ACM approves the selected person//in this situation-Policy-is looking for experience in the realm of the service structure and service manual/concepts// maybe we should look at the guidelines// the appointee is welcome to join the committee but just won't have a vote// we should ask for more resumes.

Fundamentals of a sharing session-many don't what they are.

Volunteers for cleanup- For this we are responsible

Closing: Responsibility Pledge.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted, Panel 66 Area 8, Tanya T., Secretary and Renee R., Alt. Secretary*



