



CNIA District 30 Newsletter

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March 2022

Mark Your Calendar

District 30 Business Meeting: Normal business meetings are held at St. Matthew's Church, 414 Oak St., San Andreas. District meetings are held the second Saturday of the month at 10 am.

Regular Speaker Meetings

Arnold Mountain High Speaker Meeting: First Saturday, 4 pm, Villela Hall, Arnold.

Valley Springs Fellowship Potluck Speaker Meeting: Second Friday, 7 pm, Daphne St., (brown building behind Vet's Hall)

Amador County Speaker Meeting – 3rd Saturday 6 PM held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church Hall, 115 Court Street, Jackson in back of the church in the Parish Hall on Kearney St.

H&I Committee Meeting, Amador: Odd numbered month, Second Wednesday, 6 pm, Jackson Fellowship, 14 Water St., Jackson

PI/CPC Committee Meeting: Not currently meeting in person. Normally, meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 pm.

District 30 Archives Committee: Every 1st Wednesday meeting via Zoom - 2 to 4 PM.

California Northern Interior Area

Area Committee Meeting: Monthly 3rd Saturday meets by Zoom. Normally meets at East Yolo Fellowship, 1040 Soule St, West Sacramento, CA.

Special Events

PRAASA – Will be Online March 4 – 6, 2022

Pre Conference Assembly – April 9-10, 2022, Gold Country Fairgrounds & Event Center 1273 High Street, Auburn, CA 95603 – Sierra Building

Unity and Archives Day – June 11, 2022. 12:30-7:00 **Theme: Future of Recovery**, American Legion Hall in Martell

CNIA District 30 Business Meeting

Covid19 Information for Amador/Calaveras Meetings:

For meeting information within District 30, go to cni30.org for meeting information, click on meetings and then on printable pdf. Please give Jim B, our webmaster, any updates for your group jbearden@ieee.org. If you think you might have a drinking problem or wish to speak to a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, please contact our Hotline at (800) 851-1304 or (209) 223-4989.

Draft Minutes: – Titia A -- opened meeting at 10:00 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer.

Read the GSR Preamble – Read by Michael M

Read the Declaration of Unity – Read by Teri C

Introduction of New GSRs or Visitors here for the first time:

- Brian S – River Pines
- Arrah M – Volunteer for Bridging the Gap

Celebrations or Announcements: None

Readings for the Month – CeCe read Tradition 2 and commented. Carole read concept 2. Discussed terminology of “The Conference” and its origins. Reviewed the history of management of AA business in The Conference. Susan R read Warranty 2 – discussed management of funds. Titia mentioned that the 2021 Conference Report has a full GSO account statement.

Volunteers for March → Concept 3 = Randy , Tradition 3 = Teri C, Warranty 3 = Carole

Consideration of Minutes – Jan 8, 2022 Minutes – Motion: Randy 1st– Andrew 2nd , Motion carried

Old Business:

- **Insurance Guidelines – Discussion: GSR/group thoughts on District 30 administration of insurance protocols for groups to use D-30 insurance policy – Susan/Randy** – Randy reviewed the process of applying riders to the various groups or events within District 30. Motion by Carole to offer riders for the District insurance policy, Teri C seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Panel 72 Planning** – In person and hybrid meeting. The church wifi is not sufficient to run Zoom. The alternate option of running a special wifi hotspot (Solas) would be \$980. Mike and Susan agreed to test out hotspot option at St.

Mark’s Church. Agreed to report back in March and target April to resume in person hybrid meetings.

- **Meeting Schedule** – Tabled to March
- **Service Manuals** – Still have not shipped.

5 Minute Break

New Business:

- **Reminder** – New aa.org has been launched. Also, the New GSO Contribution address: PO Box 2407 James A. Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407 OR online on the contributions tab.
- **Conference Agenda Item workshop** with our Delegate Jenn. Online Feb. 27th, 2-2.5 hrs. This would be open to everyone. Titia will send out meeting information.
- **PRAASA** – Will be Online March 4 – 6, 2022 Registration \$15.00 www.praasa.org/registration
- **Minutes with Contact Details** – Two issues with including names. Discussed listing only those who attended. Dylan motioned to create separate contact sheet and remove from minutes, Teri C. seconded. Motioned passed.
- **Assembly Motion Discussion** – Area finance committee wants to change the amount that can be spent without bringing expense to the body. GSRs are to discuss and report back.
- **Area Online District** – The local area is looking at the idea of creating a virtual district including a DCM. Other areas have 100% online option. This will probably be motioned in the next area meeting.
- **Pre-conference assembly** in Auburn April 9-10 – District 30 will be moved to April 2.
- **Bridging the Gap** – Arrah M. has volunteered for this position. Group voted to accept Arrah as new BTG rep.
- **Insurance Guidelines procedure** – Discussed the requirement of having a GSR for a group. We will not shut the door on groups needing insurance without GSR. This will be handled as a special request. Decided to remove the LCM verbiage. Motion by Susan, Andrew second. Motion passed unanimously. Randy volunteered

to be insurance coordinator as part of the Treasury position.

Trusted Servants and Committee Reports:

DCM: Titia A Panel 72: I attended the Winter Assembly via Zoom on January 15th & 16th, 2022. There was a really good turnout with the change to a Zoom Assembly, 143 participants on Saturday and 111 on Sunday morning. This included the new Area 07 panel and several Past Delegates. Several of our GSR's attended for most of Saturday to attend the GSR School and a few also attended the Sunday morning portion. It was good, but it was long. Several items of discussion from the Winter Assembly:

- The Assemblies are where the body, including ALL GSR's vote on items that affect Area 07 as a whole. There is currently a motion on the Assembly floor to amend the Finance Committee Section of the CNIA Service Manual to address potential shortfalls in available funds. As this is a new panel, and many of the GSR's present at the Winter Assembly had no knowledge of this motion and therefore would be unable to give their groups conscience, the item was tabled to the Pre-Conference Assembly in April. The exact language of the motion can be found in the January Area Accents. Please, take this motion to your group and be prepared to vote on it at the next Assembly.
- A discussion was started but not moved on, it is the idea of a new Area District to represent on-line only groups. Several districts are reporting on-line only meetings, GSO has approved these meetings for registration, but where do they belong? How is their voice carried? How can they participate either at District level or Area level? Currently this is food for thought, but I would not be surprised if it becomes an Assembly motion soon.
- On other business, I picked up the 72nd Service Conference Reports in Stockton. I mailed them to those who requested a copy and sent me their address. Delivered a few to meetings and even ask Greg to drop one

off up the hill. I have many more, so if your group would like a copy just send me an email with you mailing address.

I also attended an online meeting via Zoom with a group in Portugal about the creation of the virtual district in Area 72 Western Washington on February 5 at 1:00 pm. There were 63 alcoholics present with about half being from different AA Area's in the United States. Information included how Area 72 created one of the first AA virtual districts within their Area allowing those virtual districts to participate in Area service. Another member shared an idea of also creating a virtual Area that would be completely online. This however would need to be approved through GSO. The discussion was very informative and I am sure it will add to the current Area 07 discussion.

ALT DCM: Steve H – I have had discussions with the Secretary of the Mountain House group and the G.S.R and alternate G.S.R of that group concerning a change of secretary vote to happen this month as the Secretary for that group is up for rotation. The situation was handled very well, and that group will vote in a new secretary to take over in a few weeks. I also had a discussion with other members of A.A. as a whole as to "if it's not your home group, you shouldn't really vote in that fellowship." Maybe it should or could be brought up for discussion at District level?

LCM North Amador Hwy 49: – Fiddletown, River Pines – Andrew. Attended River Pines meeting.

LCM Upper Amador Hwy 88: Cecilia S EMAIL

LCM San Andreas – West Point: Susan R – No Report

LCM Valley Springs/Ione/Comanche: Dorothy S – Ione is going well. Working on connecting with Valley Springs.

Recording Secretary/Publications: Mike C – Organizing the various distribution lists.

Treasurer: Randy S – During January, Treasury transactions from the start of the Fiscal Year were input to Quicken accounting software. Transaction tracing and end of January El Dorado statement combined to identify an error in reporting the December 31st ending balance. In January, historical data was supplied to all Trusted Servants and Committee Chairs to assist in their developing budget requests for the FY starting July 1, 2022. Additionally, to assist the Finance Committee an estimate of actually planned/required spending from January through to end of June 2022 was requested. This information will be used by the Finance

Committee during February to set the proposed FY 2022/2023 District 30 Proposed Budget.

	February	2022
	(1 January-31 January 2022)	
Unity Day - 7th Tradition Cash held by Archivist		\$ 352.87
Refund - T. Watson travel advance		\$ 100.00
Funds added to checking account		\$ 452.87
Group Contributions:		
Angels Camp 49's	\$	200.00
Jackson Fellowship	\$	60.00
Mt. Ranch Fellowship	\$	150.00
Total Inflow	\$	410.00
Expenses:		
Archivist -Supplies K. Mitchell	\$	153.06
Hotline ATT 1-800 Long Distance	\$	271.11
Local # \$ 135.17 -January		
1-800 # \$ 135.94 - February		
Volcano Answering Service	\$	140.00
Total Outflow	\$	564.17
As of:		1/31/2022
Checking Account Balance *	\$	5,814.32
Savings Account Balance (Prudent Reserve)	\$	3,007.33
Total	\$	8,821.65

* Includes Adjustment to 12/31/2021 reported ending checking balance - \$ 325.94

Please send donations to: PO Box 43, Murphys, CA 95247

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Motion, 1st Mike / 2nd Harry T. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Dorothy S (Chair) ,Greg N, Diana F, Randy S – Have not met yet.

PI/PCP: Harry T – This committee has started getting card stock meeting guides to live meetings on the Highway 4 corridor. We have been notifying meetings for latest updates are available on line at our website for printable PDF versions for easy access. I plan to make an announcement today for additional members to help. Our next action item is to contact the Area 07 Chairman for guidance and direction. We have contacted New York for Start-up kits and they should arrive within the next 6-8 weeks.

Hotline – Open –

Bridging the Gap Chair: Open – Voted in Arrah M.

Directory/Website Chair: Jim B / Carole S - The Web site is up to date with all the current meetings. The meeting changes, which were happening quite frequently for most of the last 2 years, seem to have slowed down considerably (at least, as far as I've been notified), and with a somewhat more stable schedule, we might want to consider issuing printed meeting guides again. As I've told Carole, I think the software program I developed to manage the database of meeting schedules might be of some use in generating the printed meeting schedules, but I haven't tried adapting it to that use yet. On another note, I gave a

presentation to the National A.A. Technology Workshop meeting last year on my "Meeting Manager" software, and as a result of that, they've asked me to be on the planning committee for this year's meeting, which is going to be a "hybrid" meeting (both "live", in Seattle, Washington, and Zoom), September 9-11, 2022. I can provide more details for anyone who might be interested in attending either version.

Archives Chair: Susan R: We had our first archive meeting it went well. We're on track for inventorying our archives. Also there was discussion on Unity/Archive day. Denis and Laurie have continued to be a part of our committee.

Unity Day: Mike C – Theme is "Future of Recovery". Date is June 11, 2022 from 12:30-7:00. Location is American Legion Hall, Martell. Looking for speakers.

Grapevine Chair: Paul C – Reported on the special section on "Getting Through Tough Times".

H&I Liaison Amador County: – Open –

H&I Liaison Calaveras County: Open

Gold Country Round Up – Teri C and Dorothy plan to meet in the next month on this event.

YPAA – Young People in AA - Open

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." was recited by the Group. Meeting adjourned 11:58

Next Meeting: March 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

GSR Reports via Email:

- **11th Step Meditation Meeting Murphy's – Brian M –** Absent
- **49er Group – Paul C – Friday night – 7:00 p.m.** I want to thank the new co/chairs Dillan, and Valley Springs Rob, for building the meeting back up to a full house. The last month from 16 to the last three weeks over 20 people, tonight we counted 25 in the house.
- **Copper Group -- Diana F –** At our last business meeting our treasurer reported on our finances, we are in good shape and decided to go ahead with group approved donations to service entities. In presenting to the group, by voice or by e-mail I have received input from only one person the last two months.

- **Easy Does It Group, San Andreas** – Dylan – Meeting shut down for a week due to covid, members showed up and room was locked. Had a temporary secretary for a couple weeks. Our secretary recovered and is back in action. Attendance dwindling with 3 to 5 people per meeting. Financially the group is stable and rent is up to date.
- **Friday Night Men's Group** – Brian G – Absent
- **Ione Group** – Dorothy – The group is doing ok - we have 8 to 12 attendees each Tuesday. Treasury is solid - we have a prudent reserve of 4 months expenses. Hope to send out contributions to District, NCIA, and Central Office soon; probably after the March business meeting.
- **Jackson** – Monise – We discussed steering committee positions becoming available. I asked about how long these were held for but didn't get a direct answer yet. Discussed the duties of a 'member at large' position. Spoke about cross talk definition and various forms. Discussed the importance of letting a current secretary run the meeting how they see fit within reason. Other members trying to dictate how the meeting should be run is not good. Trying to convey the importance of rotation and how can we get people involved. Review issue of holding 2 secretary positions at the same time.
- **Mokulumne Hill** - Mike C – 2-4 people, need support.
- **Mountain Ranch, Friends in Sobriety, Mountain Ranch** – Amanda – Absent
- **Murphys Tuesday Night Book Study** – Patty Z – (Susan reported) We have taken a group conscious regarding insurance. Our vote is yes in favor to have insurance if we need it. And We thank the district for being responsible. Currently our group is studying the 12 Traditions.
- **Murphys Brown Baggers** – (New) Teri C. – Our meeting is going strong! We have grown well. We have a new secretary and have updated our printed materials. Our Treasury is strong but we do need to have a group conscience in regard to donations. This will happen this wed along with the district report. We did vote in the district insurance issue. We vote YES on providing insurance as a district to all that need it.
- **Murphy's Monday Night Meeting** – Grace - Attendance & 7th tradition are healthy. Per our latest treasurer's report (2/7/22), we are up to date on our expenses & contributions to the service structure. Our current secretary, Gabe, is doing a great job; bringing speakers in from all over the tri-county area.
- **Pine Grove Fellowship** – Andrew C, Tasha (Alt) –
- **Prospectors Group** – Cecilia S. – The group is doing well, we are continuing to have 15 – 20 attendees present. We had our first business meeting. I gave a report on the Winter Assembly. We looked over the Preliminary Agenda Topics and discussed a few of the items on the list. Group is excited about the final Agenda Items and backup when available. We discussed the budget for the GSR assembly travel and the money budgeted. Will see if the group is willing to pay the \$15 for PRASA this year. The group also decided we go ahead and renew our insurance since our policy that was expiring this month.
- **Railroad Flat - Speaker/Discussion Meeting,**
- **Sierra Foothills Fellowship, Monday at 7:00 p.m.** – Greg N – Sierra Foothills Fellowship is doing good. We have increased our numbers over the last few weeks and the recovery is great and the coffee is hot!
- **Sisters In Sobriety** – Open -
- **Sutter Creek Friday Night Men's Group** – Brian G – Absent
- **There is a Solution Group, Murphy's** – **Saturday 9:00 am.** Carole S – Meets every Saturday morning at 10:00am in Murphys at the Lion's Club Hut. Our group held a business meeting and discussed the District 30 insurance policy covering individual groups, and approved the idea. The general consensus was that for the time being, having the meeting schedules on-line as they are, was fine.

- **Turning Point Recovery Facility Meeting –** Michael M –
- **Valley Springs – Tom and Jeff:** Absent
- **Valley Springs, Coffee Break Meeting, Wednesday am Group –** Mike C – No report.
- **Villella Hall Topic Discussion Group – Harry –**
Our Group Conscience was completed on two major topics - 1: The terminology of AA Preamble: we agreed unanimously by a 10 person vote to use men and women , not people in our meeting. 2 - We also voted to utilize the District 30 Blanket Insurance Policy and will forward the necessary form, which I have, once I find out who to send it to. Ken S. one of our members wants the GSO in New York to be aware of our 10th Tradition and not to ever let this type of action transpire again regarding our Preamble. Our meeting is continuing to grow both co-secretaries Steve K. and Dan H take turns alternating each month which works well.
- **White Pines, I'm With You Guys Group –** Randy S – Meeting Currently being held via Zoom. Liz M. is the Secretary for the meeting and continues to invite excellent chairpersons. Jason R. is the Treasurer for the meeting so all needed positions for the meeting are currently full. Attendance regularly 12-18 each week with consistent participation by "Turning Point", a recovery facility located in Arnold. Usually, 4-6 from Turning Point including several who have graduated from the program. As requested by D30, a vote was taken on the question of the District supplying printed meeting schedules. A majority voted in favor of having printed schedules should the meeting go live.
- **Young at Heart Meeting, Angels, 1141 S. Main Street, Angels Camp –** Chrys M: Absent

District 30 Business Meetings

CNIA District 30 includes all groups in Calaveras and Amador counties. GSRs and all *other interested AAs* are invited to attend the monthly business meeting normally held at St. Matthew's Church, 414 Oak St., San Andreas, the second Saturday of the month at 10 am.

Everyone is welcome to attend district meetings. If you are at all interested in doing this level of service or if you would just like to know what goes on, please join us. (Please bring your own coffee but we have doughnuts!)

Addresses for Group Contributions

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