



Mid-So. Calif. Area 09 includes approximately 2,000 A.A. Groups in the counties of Los Angeles (south of Rosecrans), San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange.



JUNE/JULY - 2012

Area Newsletter

The monthly General Service Newsletter for Area 09 of the General Service Conference
P.O. Box 51446, Irvine, CA 92619-1446 -- WWW.AREA09.ORG

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"OMG, he's talking!" Click on the AUDIO button at the top of the www.area09.org website and you will have the opportunity to listen to a variety of AA service related recordings, including presentations from the 2012 Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly (PRAASA), our delegate's Area Highlight presentation, and, coming up very soon, some of our own general service members' discussions about the Traditions.

You can be a part of this exciting new, innovative offering at our very own website!

AUDIO WORKSHOP

Message from the Kris C., Chair of the **Electronic Media Sub-Committee**: *"Join us in creating an Audio Traditions Workshop for our area web site. We completed the first two Traditions and are proceeding on. We hope to have the recordings up on the area web site real soon. We are in need of experience and little experience, so I am sure most people fit.*

"I see this project as something most areas will want to have on their website; so come help us set the trend as Area 09 has done for decades."

'The next meeting is set up for June 9th at 1:00 PM at the area archives.'

Questions? Contact Kris at:
EMSCChair@msca09aa.org

Visit our website: www.AREA09.ORG

C.P.C.: Let's be Friendly with Our Friends!

By design, A.A. is a loosely knit Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other as it relates to their recovery from alcoholism. Embracing its nonprofessional status and dedication to the least amount of organization possible, the Fellowship hews to one purpose only, that of carrying the message of hope and recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers.

A.A.'s history shows that cooperation with a wide range of non-alcoholic professionals who often encounter suffering alcoholics in the course of their work has

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MSCA TREASURY 5-14-12

CHECKING	\$ 7,402.32
PRUDENT RESERVE	2,000.85
TOTAL	\$ 9,403.17
<u>1/1/12 to 5/14/12 Contributing Entities</u>	
Registered Groups	467
Unregistered Groups	48
Districts	3
Conventions/Alcathons	3
Individuals	12

*There are 3,268 numbered Groups in Area 9
1,619 groups are listed as Active.*

DELEGATE'S CORNER

I want to start by saying how much of an honor it was for me to be allowed to represent you, the members of Mid Southern California Area 09 at the 62nd General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous last month. It was a tremendous experience, and a gift from you that I will be eternally grateful for and probably spend the rest of my life trying to repay the debt I owe to God and to each of you.

You sent me there well informed and well prepared for the conference. But one can never be prepared enough for all that I experienced before, during and after this amazing informed group conscience known as the Conference. I laughed a lot, cried a little (actually more than I laughed), spoke a lot, and believe it or not, listened and learned a lot. Again, I can't tell you how much I owe you for allowing me to have this experience, and I hope I can only be a better representative for you next year when I again get to go to New York and do it over again.

I really want all of you to know how absolutely important our Pre-Conference Workshop was and is. The

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insight you all shared with me and our Area before I left, traveled with me to New York, and was drawn upon many times at the conference. I referred to my notes, emails, summaries, and memories of discussions that I sat in on or participated in, many, many times during the conference. You were all there with me, and your combined wisdom shown through at the Conference. So a special thanks to Sharon K.. for putting it together. Special thanks to Jesus O., for chairing the Summary Committee. But the biggest thanks is to you and your groups who participated in the growth and expansion of AA's collective consciousness and ever reaching hand to and for the alcoholic who still suffers.

I also want to especially thank my Service sponsor, Jim C. for all his guidance, leadership, reliability and continued service to me and especially to this area. He has prepared me, as best he could (I'm not an easy nut to crack), for the opportunities I have had to be of service, first as a Chair, and now as a Delegate. I only hope to continue to emulate his grace, peace and wisdom as I continue to grow into these shoes you guys have placed my feet in.

The hotel was really big. The delegates, staff and trustees convened in every corner of the hotel utilizing all of its space through workshops, meals, committees, voting, strategy planning, bidding, hospitality, technology, sleeping, smoking and lounging. The food that they fed us every day was absolutely wonderful.

The staff of the General Service Office are amazing! Safety in AA workshop yielded that few people are as informed about it as our Area. We had a regional luncheon to pick a site for PRAASA 2016. Both Eastern Washington and Central California bid. They both had great presentations, but the award went to Eastern Washington. Yes, the 2016 PRAASA will be in Eastern Washington, so prepare for the moose.

All of the advisory actions and additional considerations from the Conference are available to be read in

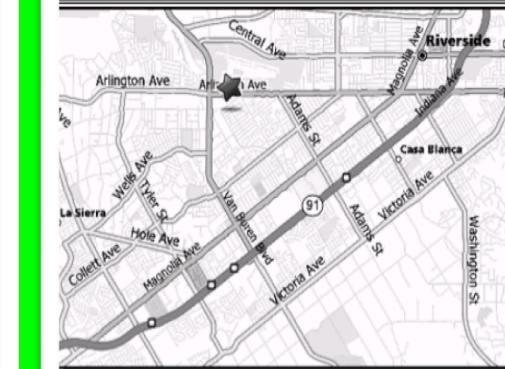
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Movie Night at the Archives!



2012 Schedule

I'll Cry Tomorrow (1960)	Saturday – Jan 21
My Name is Bill W. (1989)	Saturday – Feb 18
When Love is not Enough (1998)	Saturday – Mar 17
Lost Weekend (1945)	Saturday – Apr 21
Shattered Spirits (1986)	Saturday – May 19
Country Girl (1954)	Saturday – Jun 16
Clean and Sober (1988)	Saturday – Jul 21
The Voice in the Mirror (1958)	Saturday – Aug 18



7111 Arlington Ave, Suite B

Riverside CA 951 785-0845

(Next to the Airport in the Riverside Air Park

Show Time: Doors open at 7:00PM. The movie starts at 7:30PM. Stay after and tour the archives.

Cost: FREE!

Bring your lawn chairs or chaise lounge and enjoy classic Hollywood movies about AA in our own unique theater.

Refreshments will be available

French, Spanish and English on our Area website. I would encourage you to make copies of them so that you can share them with your Groups and let them know exactly how important their participation is and was at the Conference.

I hope to see each and every one of you at one of the "District Share Backs," that I will be privileged to make over the upcoming months. Please stay informed, and share the information with the next one.

Jeryl T.

DELEGATE CONFERENCE SHARE-BACK SCHEDULE

<u>DISTRICT 4--WED. JUNE 6</u>
<u>DISTRICT 17--TUE. JUNE 12</u>
<u>DISTS 5, 6, 7, 12 & 18--THU. JUNE 14</u>
<u>6:30 PM 19211 DODGE, TUSTIN (DIST. 5 MEETING PLACE)</u>
<u>DISTRICT 9--SUN. JUNE 17</u>
<u>DISTRICT 8--WED. JUNE 20</u>
<u>DISTRICT 20--FRI., JUNE 22</u>
<u>DISTRICT 12--THU. JULY 5</u>
<u>DISTRICT 10--WED., AUG 1</u>

LITERATURE WORK-SHOP WAS A SUCCESS!

The MSCA 09 Panel 62 Literature Committee hosted a Literature workshop on May 5th at the MSCA 09 Archives Repository in Riverside.

The Workshop started with a

demonstration of 3 different types of literature displays that are typical for AA meetings: a very large wooden display, used by the MSCA 09 Literature Committee at area events; a wire rack with book extensions; and a video camera recorder case used to hold literature.

Volunteers with less than 6 months of sobriety were asked to stand in front of the display that they felt most attracted to and they all stood in front of the wire rack. The audience was asked what was

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A.A.'s
Birthday!!

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

AREA 09 SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING (ASC)—12 NOON

PLUS DELEGATE'S SHARING SESSION & GSR SCHOOL—9:00 A.M.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS—10:00 A.M.

Best Western Plus Palm Desert Resort, 74695 CA-111, Palm Desert

LUNCH 11:15 A.M.

A.S.C. Purpose:

Identify, define and discuss problems and issues in the Area, Districts and Groups of MSCA 09. The Board of Directors shall obtain the conscience of the participating Districts and Standing Committee Chairs and establish an agenda for the next Assembly meeting.

Voting members:

Area Officers/Directors, Past Delegates, DCMCs, DCMs, District Officers, Coordinate Committee Chairs or representative, Standing Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs. Alternates may vote in the absence of their principals. (GSRs are encouraged to attend, but may not vote on matters at ASC meetings.)



DIRECTIONS

From the East: Take I-10 West to Exit 144 (Golf Center Parkway/CA-111); turn left on Golf Center Parkway and travel 1 mile to Highway 111/CA-111 and turn right; travel 9.2 miles. Resort is just past Village Court.

From the West: Take I-10 East to Exit 134 (Cook Street); turn right onto Cook Street and travel 4.5 miles; turn right onto Highway 111/CA-111 and travel less than half a mile; resort is just past Village Court.

From the South: Drive north to Highway 111. If you have come up CA 86 Spur, turn left on Highway 111 and follow directions above. If you have come up CA 74, turn right on Highway 111 and follow directions above. (You probably know how to get there, anyway)

From the North: Take CA 62 West to I-10 East and follow directions above "From the West"

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been an integral part of the Fellowship since its beginnings. In fact, A.A. might never have gotten off the ground without the help of a myriad of caring nonalcoholic professionals—doctors, members of the clergy, educators, law enforcement officials—who came to recognize early on the effectiveness that A.A. was demonstrating in helping alcoholics to recover.

Critical in this relationship between A.A. and its nonalcoholic friends, a relationship forged in the pursuit of common goals—how to best help the

still-suffering alcoholic and provide an ongoing means for recovery from the effects of alcoholism—is the spirit of collaboration.

Speaking about A.A. in a presentation to the New York City Medical Society on Alcoholism in 1958, the Fellowship's cofounder, Bill W., acknowledged the fundamental similarities between A.A. and the fields of medicine and religion, and expressed how this spirit of collaboration has paved the way for countless alcoholics to recover.

"Certainly nobody invented Alcoholics Anonymous. A.A. is a synthesis of principles and attitudes, which came to us from medicine and religion. We alcoholics have simply streamlined those forces, adapting them to our special use in a society where they can work effectively. Our contribution was but the missing link in a chain of recovery which is now so significant and of such promise for the future."

Elucidating further in a 1958 article, available today under the title,

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TRADITION VI (Long Form)

Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

CONCEPT VI (Long Form)

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

TRADITION VII (Long Form)

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treas-

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MAY 2012 AREA ASSEMBLY NOTES

Following early committee meetings, the May Assembly was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by Chair, Cesar F., with the Serenity Prayer. Readings were followed by introductions of Past Delegates, new GSRs, DCMs, and DCMCs. The minutes of the January Assembly were approved as submitted by Secretary, Jesus O.

Officers/Directors' Reports:

Alternate Delegate, Sharon K., reported that she had attended several workshops and noted that there were over 250 people at the Pre-Conference Workshop, which may be a record attendance for an area event in recent years. She especially remarked on the Literature Workshop, hosted by the Literature Committee at the Archive Repository and how informative and well-organized it was. She reiterated that she is always available (work permitting) to speak at any group or district.

Registrar, Raul C., reported that he is working on new group registration updates and welcomes any current information from groups in the area.

Secretary, Jesus O., thanked everyone who worked so hard on the Conference Agenda item summaries; he expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve. He has been visiting groups and district meetings and also attended the recent H&I convention.

Treasurer, Annie D., gave an update on the status of the area financial status. [a summary is on page one of this newsletter].

Chair, Cesar F., reported that he has been busy conducting the business meetings of the area, posting agendas, and presiding at the meetings. He is working on the 2013 calendar and should have it ready for presentation at the June ASC. He encourages everyone to visit the area Archive Repository as it is, really, more interesting than you may imagine.

Delegate, Jeryl T., commented on the value of the Pre-conference workshop for him and thanked everyone for their participation. He also mentioned that a contingent of people from our area will be driving to Colorado for a La Vina Workshop and expressed his excitement about the enthusiasm in our Spanish-speaking community. He also expressed gratitude to all of those participating in the "Think Tank" meetings.

FORO report: The upcoming Area Foro will be held in Laguna Woods [see flyer] ***and no one will be allowed through the gate without a flyer properly filled out.*** This was explained fully in English and in Spanish. Copies of the flyers were available at the assembly and will be available in the newsletter and on our website. If a driver does not have a flyer filled out, there will be AA members available outside the gate with flyers on the spot. However, it will greatly improve traffic holdups if every driver has a flyer already filled out.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Audit Committee Report:** Based on the following four points, the Audit Ad Hoc Committee recommended that the Mid-Southern California Area 09 Assembly accept the Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2011.

a) Mid-Southern California Area funds were in the bank as stated in the Treasurer's end of year report.

b) Financial statements for the fiscal year 2011 were comparable to the 2010 financial statements and the cash balance as shown on the bank statements (checking, Archives, and savings) agrees with the Quicken checking and savings registers.

c) The treasurer maintained clear, accurate, and traceable records.

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- Grapevine ended first quarter 2012 in the black.
- The Audio plan was approved at the 62nd General Service Conference.
- AAgrapevine.org can now be easily viewed on your smart phone or tablet
- Coming June 2012 to AAgrapevine.org—The free daily GRAPEVINE Quote
- Grapevine office begins summer hours June 1.
- In the June issue we remember our Founders

FRIENDS WITH OUR FRIENDS

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"Let's Be Friendly with Our Friends," Bill notes: "Today, the vast majority of us welcome any new light that can be thrown on the alcoholic's mysterious and baffling malady. We don't care too much whether new and valuable knowledge issues from the test tube, a psychiatrist's couch, or from revealing social studies. We are glad of any kind of education that accurately informs the public and changes its age-old attitude toward the drunk. More and more, we regard all who labor in the total field of alcoholism as our companions on a march from darkness into light. We see that we can accomplish together what we could never accomplish in separation and in rivalry."

This spirit of cooperation remains a cornerstone in the ongoing relationship between A.A. and the professional world—those who work with alcoholics in correctional facilities, treatment facilities, drug courts, and such.

*From "About AA;
A Newsletter for Professionals, Fall 2010"*

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sures which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

CONCEPT VII (Long Form)

The Conference recognizes that the

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- d) Changes of 15% or more in expenditures and income from 2010 to 2011 were substantiated. Report was approved and accepted with one dissenting vote (no minority opinion was voiced).
- 2. Confirmation of Cooperation with the Elderly Committee Chair, Patty P.
- 3. Confirmation of Grapevine Committee Chair: Catherine E.
- 4. Confirmation of Treatment Facilities Committee Chair, Steve S.
- 5. Confirmation of Treatment Facilities Committee Co-Chair, Paula.
- 6. Confirmation of Public Information Co-Chair, Magdaleno

2012 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT: Following lunch, Delegate, Jeryl T. gave very informative (and entertaining) report on his experiences at the week-long General Service Conference in Rye Town, New York. Using a slide presentation and a well-prepared talk, he brought the conference experience to life for those at the assembly. He will be "taking the show on the road" and visiting district meetings for the next several weeks. [see partial schedule on page 2 of this newsletter]. He also reported that the Pacific Regional delegates chose Eastern Washington for the location of the 2016 Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA).

MAY BIRTHDAYS celebrated at the end of the assembly: Wendy, 15; Kitty, 22; Don, 10; Casey 1; PJ, 31; Juan, 11; and Mario, 9.

Thanks to District 1 for hosting the Assembly!

Meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.

*The next Area Service Committee meeting will be on
Sunday, June 10th*

at Best Western Plus Palm Desert Resort. 74695 CA-111. Palm Desert

Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

LITERATURE WORKSHOP

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missing from these displays, there were several suggestions like certain pamphlets and books, but the correct answer was: A Literature Representative. A Literature Representative is needed to help answer questions that a newcomer may have.

Presentations by past delegates Pete B., P.J. D., and Jim C. about the history of A.A. literature were greatly appreciated.

There were 3 sessions of 3 round-

tables each: **#1 Introduction to Literature & Overview** a) Responsibilities of the Group Literature Representative; b) Literature Displays as an Attraction; c) Literature Guidelines; d) Service Literature. **#2 Types of Literature and Resources** a) Conference-Approved vs Non-Conference Approved Literature; b) How Literature Fits into "Our Primary Purpose"; c) AAWS Literature Catalog; d) Recovery Literature **#3 The Bigger Picture** a) Ways the MSCA09, Districts and Groups can help the alcoholic who still suffers; b) Area, District and Group Literature Representatives; c) AA Literature in the Digital Age; d) Group Literature.

The MSCA09 Panel 62 Literature Committee encourages presentations of Literature Workshops in every District and will work together with each district to facilitate those workshops.

Contact Scott B, Literature Chair at literaturechair@msca09aa.org

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

⇒ June 10—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

(Proposals are presented; no votes taken)

Best Western Plus Palm Desert Resort, 74695 CA 111, Palm Desert
Hosted by District 23

⇒ July 8—Sunday—9 am to 3 pm

Area 09 Spanish-Speaking Foro

“AA Knows No Borders”

24112 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods (Gate 12, Clubhouse 2)

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⇒ August 12—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

(ASC members will discuss and vote on which proposals to put on the September Assembly agenda) Hosted by District 10

⇒ September 9—Sunday

Area Assembly (GSRs & ASC members vote)

Hosted by District 6

⇒ October 14—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

(Proposals are presented; no votes taken) Hosted by District 12

⇒ November 11—Sunday

Servathon

(focuses on various aspects of service work; roundtable discussions and reports)

Hosted by District 21

⇒ December 9—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

Hosted by District 7

NOTE: The following letter was sent to Conference members by several members from Area 09 prior to the Conference. The letter was read on the floor of the conference by a delegate from an area in the Northeast U.S. during discussion concerning the future of *La Viña*. and may have had an effect on the positive outcome of the vote to extend the publication of the magazine.
To Whom It May Concern;

We need your help in order to keep our meeting in print, *La Viña*.

La Viña is the only Twelfth Step tool that carries the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Spanish Speaking Community

Through *La Viña* our message reaches those who suffer from the disease of alcoholism; those that still have not had the opportunity to attend an AA meeting.

We have seen with great satisfaction that thanks to the support of the AA community as a whole, the *La Viña* magazine has grown in quality, and especially in scope, for reaching the sectors of our community that most need our attention: women and young people.

We, the members of the Hispanic community, have worked tirelessly to respond to this call for support and we want to continue doing so. We want to promote unity and carry the message of our magazine through events that celebrate its anniversary. We encourage members to write their stories and help increase our subscriptions.

On behalf of all who have a subscription to *La Viña*, the Committees, the LVRs, Intergroups, Districts and Areas, we hereby ask for your support to continue this work, so that every day the still-suffering alcoholic receives the message of hope of our beloved AA community..

Yours truly:

Paco and the members of Area 09.....

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

Delegate: Jeryl T.

Alt. Delegate: Sharon K.

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P.I. (Sp): Magdaleno

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Usual MEETING SCHEDULE

At most assemblies & ASCs:

9:00: Delegate's Sharing Session

9:00: GSR School &Finance Mtg

10:00: Committee Mtgs & DCM

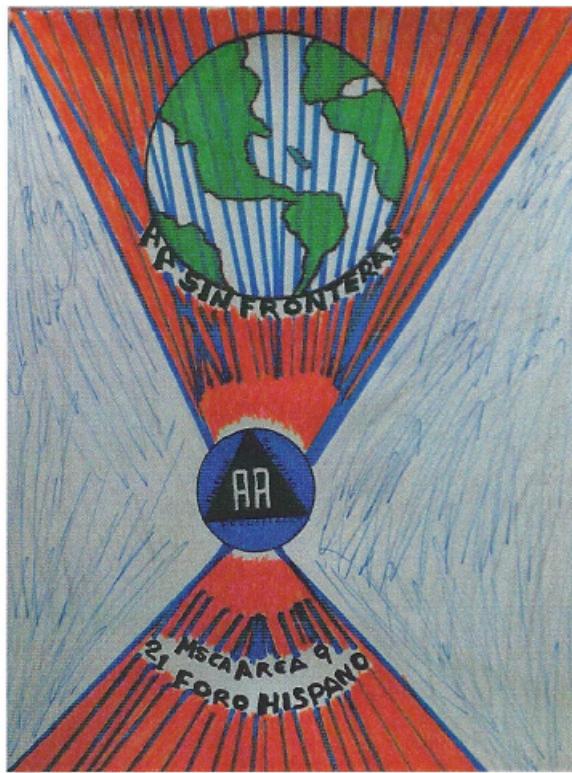
School

11:15 a.m. Lunch

12 noon: ASC or Assembly

21st Annual MSCA Foro

“A.A. Knows No Borders”



Sunday July 8, 2012 * 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

24112 Moulton Parkway - Laguna Woods, CA 92637 *Gate 12, Clubhouse 2

Co-Hosted by Districts 20 and 18

Speakers, Roundtable Discussions

(Entire Program will be in Spanish with Simultaneous Translation into English)

Lunch will be Provided (Requested \$5 Donation)

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Make/Model Auto _____				License Plate# _____			

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