



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.



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Think-Tank working hard.

Inspired by the introduction of a motion to "split the area" several months ago, Area 09 has been looking at its strengths and challenges with a magnifying glass.

The motion to "split the area" was quickly withdrawn when the group offering the motion realized that in order to create a new Delegate Area, the General Service Conference must assess and determine whether it is in the best interest of AA as a whole to create a new delegate area.

Recognizing that the observations and motivation for the suggestion were not only valid, but extremely important, the Panel 60 Board members recommended the formation of a committee, or THINK TANK, to identify and describe things that need improvement or, perhaps, reorganization. They are looking closely at those procedures and policies that have had good success, as well as the obvious such as lack of participation by a majority of groups in area affairs.

MSCA TREASURY 1-31-12

CHECKING	\$ 8,197.84
PRUDENT RESERVE	<u>2,000.69</u>
TOTAL	\$ 10,198.53

DELEGATE'S CORNER

I am so proud of being a part of Area 09 that I don't know what to say. I have the honor of being the voice of our Group's conscience in New York and Washington this year. But after our February ASC, I realize that I get to represent the Informed Group Conscience of Area 09. INFORMED!!!

When the microphones were opened with regard to the Safety Pamphlet that the Panel 60 Board presented, by way of Michael M., a flood of GSRs, DCMs, and Committee Representatives made their way to the mic. One after another voicing the opinion of the Groups they represented. Not just their own opinion, but speaking the conscience of their group: A conscience created after discussion, voicing and arriving at a conclusion at the group and district level, then transmitted via representative to the Area. I was so very proud of my Area for all their work.

Regardless of the outcome of this poignant discussion, it makes me happy to see the process in action. Sometimes I forget that this is what was hoped for when the conference was

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Delegate's Corner (Cont'd from p 1)
created to replace the conscience of Bill and Bob. Every voice can be heard, and represented. No one is more important than anyone else. No political misdirection to be practiced. Just good wholesome General Service on the menu!!! I am truly excited to see how all this will play out at our next ASC in March.

I would hope that between now and then, some of us would take the opportunity to get further educated in the process in which we are participating. I mean, our Area's procedures at ASCs and Assemblies. We can get great information in our Guidelines and Bylaws, both of which are available right on our website (area09.org). Read them, discuss them, and have yourself better equipped at the next meeting. You know, you can't tell a player without a scorecard...Well, it's hard to follow along without knowing the rules of engagement.

Also, there is another great tool on the Internet that could be helpful to us all. I found it when I was the Chair of Area 09. Look up, "Robert's Rules for Dummies," online. It was one of the most helpful and easy guides I have found. Since our Area's meeting should be run, "loosely," on Robert's Rules, it helps to understand some of the seemingly insane behavior of our members. Usually, it really isn't insane, it just looks like it. (Well, actually, sometimes we....never mind!)

The greatest thing to remember here is that we all love AA, and that's why we do what we do. We are all alcoholics, and that's why we do what we do. And, we're all the smartest person in the room, and that's why we do what we do. Thusly, when a person comes to the microphone and says, "My group said..." I get happy. I know the process that went on to make that statement a reality, and that is why I do what I do. I am your voice, so let it be your Group's, District's, and Area's voice that I get to carry.

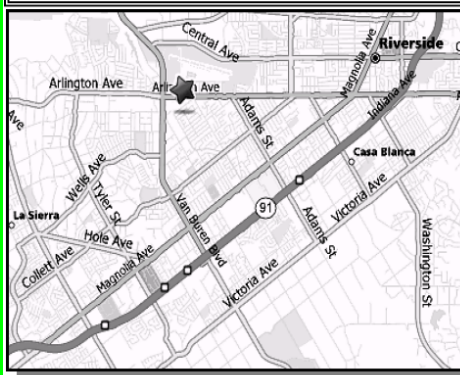
I am so grateful that God saw fit to place my name in a hat and have one of His trusted servants pull it out on that Sunday so long ago. Long live Area 09, and long live AA.

Jeryl T.
Panel 62 Area 09 Delegate



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

AREA 09 STATISTICS

Members in 2010:	approx. 60,578
Number of General Service Office listed groups 2010	1,938
Number of groups contributing to GSO 2010	780 (40%)
Year Area Established	1959
Number of Conference Delegates since start of Area 09	28
Number of women delegates	6
One delegate served for 3 years	Nick M.
Area 09 Delegate Conference Committees since 1976:	
Agenda (2)	Cooperation with the Professional Community (1)
Finance (2)	Report and Charter (3 including current delegate)
Corrections (2)	Grapevine (1)
Treatment (2)	Trustees (1)
Public Information (4)	Archives (secondary committee) (1)
Policy & Admissions (2)	(need info on assignments for 1 st 9 delegates!)

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP



What does the Pre-Conference Workshop try to accomplish?

1. To inform MSCA groups and members about the agenda items in the context of the background material provided to the conference members.
2. To give A.A. members the opportunity to review, discuss and voice their opinions about the *General Service Conference agenda items* for the current year in a round-table setting.
3. To encourage interchange with and personal opinion sharing with the current MSCA conference delegate.

Who should attend the Pre-Conference Workshop?

1. Anyone who is interested in the well being of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.
2. Anyone who wants to know what will be discussed and decided at the General Service Conference this year.
3. Anyone who has (or might have) an opinion about the items concerning AA literature, Grapevine magazine, La Vina, finance, public information, corrections, special needs, possible changes to the AA Traditions or any number of other issues on the Conference Agenda.
4. Anyone who is (or may be a future) General Service Representative (GSR), District Committee Member (DCM), Intergroup or Grapevine representative, actively participating in Hospital and Institution service, or Young People in A.A. activities, actively interested in committee service or being an informed home group member.

When and where is the workshop?

Sunday, April 15th – 9:00am–3:30pm
Kreamer Memorial Park, 201 N.
Bradford Ave., Placentia



GROUP DISCUSSION TOPICS

In preparation for the Pre-Conference Workshop, following are some questions for discussion with group and district members relating to the Conference Agenda items. Background material will be available at each round table at the workshop.

1. Some of our literature has the phrase, “Anyone may attend an open AA meeting.” Does your group think it would be helpful to change that phrase to read “Non-alcoholics may attend open AA meetings as observers.”? (Corrections)

2. In 2010, the Trustees Literature Committee discussed updating the Armed Service pamphlet to include a more recent and wider variety of stories and to add the subtitle “*None Left Behind*” to the pamphlet. Does your group have concerns about updating this pamphlet? How do they feel about the proposed subtitle?

3. The cost for the Annual General Service Conference is \$5,800 per delegate. The Delegate areas are now asked to contribute \$1,200 each. The difference is paid for by additional contributions by some areas and from the General Fund that is supplied by group contributions and literature sales. Does your group believe that the suggested Area contribution, in the spirit of self-support, should be raised?

4. Does your group believe that the Spanish-language magazine, *La Viña*, should continue to be published by the Grapevine and supported by the AAWS general fund as a service to AA?

5. A suggestion has been made to combine the responsibilities of the

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WELCOME, NEW GROUPS!

Mid-Southern California Area 09 has around 2,000 A.A. groups (many of which are listed with GSO and some which are not).

When groups request a listing with our General Service Office in New York, it seems to be a clear indication that the group members wish to participate in the affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. They will probably allocate a portion of their 7th Tradition basket to support of the local Central Office, District, Area, and General Service Office in New York. They may decide to support a Hospitals and Institutions committee. They may elect an Intergroup Representative and General Service Representative in order to make certain that their group is informed and represented in local as well as worldwide matters that affect A.A. and its members.

MSCA09 welcomes two groups that were recently listed with GSO and look forward to including GSRs from each group to the next area meeting. Just a reminder: in order for a GSR to have a vote at an Area Assembly, he or she must have attended at least one previous Area Assembly or Area Service Committee meeting within the previous 12 months.

Welcome to new groups:

***Men’s Keep It Simple
Group (Irvine)***

***Women’s Topic Discus-
sion (Irvine)***

SUNDAY, APRIL 15
PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP—9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Kraemer Memorial Park, 201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia
Hosted by District 24

Directions: E. Chapman Ave., to No. Bradford (turn left/north)
From South: 5 N to 57 N to Chapman toward Fullerton (E)
From East: 91 W to 57 N to Chapman toward Fullerton (E)
From North: 57 S to Chapman toward Fullerton (E)
From West: 91 E to 57 N to Chapman toward Fullerton (E)



SUNDAY, MARCH 11
AREA 09 SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING—12 NOON
Plus DELEGATE SHARING SESSION & GSR School—9:00 A.M.
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS—10:00 A.M.
Whitten Comm. Ctr., 900 S. Melrose Ave., Placentia
LUNCH: 11:15 A.M.

Area Service Committee (ASC) 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 of the committee:

Directors, past delegates, DCMCs, DCMs, District officers, Coordinate Committee chairs or representative, Standing Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs. Alternates may vote in the absence of their principals.
(GSRs are encouraged to attend and participate, but as non-committee members they do not vote at ASC meetings)

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

All committee meetings begin at 10:15 am (except the Finance Committee which begins at 9 am)

DIRECTIONS (Community Center is adjacent to McFadden Park)

From the West: Take 91 East to 57 North toward Placentia, take exit to W. Orangethorpe Ave., travel east to S. Melrose St., turn south (right turn) to Whitten Community Center on your left.

From the East: Take 91 West to 57 North toward Placentia, take exit to W. Orangethorpe Ave., travel east to S. Melrose St., turn south (right turn) to Whitten Community Center on your left.

From the South: Take 57 North toward Placentia, take exit to W. Orangethorpe Ave., travel east to S. Melrose St., turn south (right turn) to Whitten Community Center on your left.

From the North: Take 57 South toward Placentia, take exit to W. Orangethorpe Ave., travel east to S. Melrose St., turn south (right turn) to Whitten Community Center on your left.



CONCEPT III

“As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional

“Right of Decision.”

CONCEPT IV

“Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each much discharge.”

With the exception of certain specific directions in the Conference Charter “every trusted servant and every A.A. entity---at all levels of service---has the right ‘to decide...how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises.’ That is, they can ‘decide which problems

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CONCEPT III & IV (continued from page 4)
They will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions.' This is 'the essence of *The Right of Decision*.'"

"The principle of *"Right of Participation"* is built into the ... Conference through the Conference Charter. Voting members include not only delegates, but also trustees, and the directors and staff members of A.A. World Services (i.e. GSO) and the A.A. Grapevine.

"In the same way, the boards of these two operating entities include as voting members not only trustees, but also nontrustee directors and paid administrators and staff members.

"... There are no "superiors," no "inferiors," and no "advisers." New trustees ... and new directors of the AAWS and Grapevine boards are sometimes surprised to see paid executives, staff members and outside accountants attending the board meetings. They are invited because of A.A.'s 'Right of Participation.' Thus the trustees and directors 'are put into direct communication with these workers, who... feel wanted and needed. Although they do not vote, these workers may freely participate.'

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TRADITION III (Long Form)

"Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

TRADITION IV (Long Form)

"With respect to its own affairs, each AA group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group,

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Following the Delegate's Sharing session, the GSR School meeting and the Finance Committee meeting, all other standing committees met and made plans for their respective projects. After delicious lunch, the committee meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Area Chair, Cesar F. Panel 62 **Delegate**, Jeryl T., reported that he had received the agenda for his Conference Committee (Report and Charter) and expects to receive the rest of his background material and agenda on Feb. 15th. Based on that information the **Conference Agenda Summary committee** has been appointed and will have its first meeting on Sunday, Feb. 19th. **Alternate Delegate**, Sharon K., was unable to attend due to illness. **Registrar**, Raul C., pointed out that it is important to remember that new groups cannot be listed with GSO without a GSR or other primary contact person. **Secretary**, Jesse O., asked that everyone review the Area roster and give changes to him as soon as possible as well as new listings for his eBlast list of ASC members. **Treasurer**, Annie D., appreciates the fact that so many contribution checks have Group Service numbers. She also reminded committee chairs to become familiar with their budgets so that in their enthusiasm they don't overspend and if they have plans for something special or unusual, to contact her so that arrangements may be able to be made to accommodate the plan. She also gave a short update on the Area bank account balances. **Chairperson**, Cesar F., announced that only the actual meeting portion of the ASC's and Area Assemblies will have professional simultaneous Spanish translation from this meeting forward; unpaid volunteers will provide any translation at committee meetings or for the delegate's sharing. He also mentioned that there are several groups who plan to rent vans to drive to the Pacific Region AA Service Assembly in Bellevue, Washington, and that there are a few seats still available.

Old Business: Discussion of the motion to bring the draft pamphlet on **"Safety in A.A."** to the Area Assembly for consideration had been tabled at the last ASC for this meeting. After lengthy, spirited discussion, Michael M. withdrew the motion and a new motion was introduced to form a study group to review the feasibility of the pamphlet. That motion was "set aside" for an indefinite period of time by a majority vote.

Committee Highlights: **Archives:** looking for group and district history information; **Communications:** Anyone can now receive an email notice when newsletter is available by registering on Area09.org; MP3 audio access to Service talks and audio version of the newsletter will soon be available on the area website; new area copier User Guidelines have been approved by the committee; a business card encouraging use of the website will be printed for distribution. **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) English:** In negotiations to reach out to a military installation and a city college. **CPC Spanish:** has a new chairperson, Jose. **Convention Liaison:** Will have a presence at the *Continued on page 6, column 2*

DISTRICT 15 OPEN HOUSE

It's always a nerve-racking ordeal when we hold our first Open House event. We are always looking for new ways to get the word out about what we do and how to get people involved. But we understand that you just can't talk about service work without mentioning the other sources and so in an effort to provide a forum we invited those from other areas of service within North Orange County. As it's a program of attraction rather than promotion so food was provided by way of Desert Bar Pot Luck. I mean, who doesn't love sweet things? Cake, cookies, cupcakes, brownies were brought by our members of D15 and our Alt DCMC Nikki brought her chocolate fountain, of course we did provide some fruit to dip just to keep it a little bit healthy!

We had a good attendance and as everyone settled in and took their seats Nikki N started with a very brief description of what General Service is. She asked: Is your group linked to AA as a whole? We passed out flyers to show what it looks like if groups don't have representation, why? Because each group's GSR communicates his or her group's conscience on the important matter of policy considered and the district and area Assembly. With that we welcomed our first speaker of the evening.

NOCCO

Ed G. came from North Orange County Central Office. He gave us a brief description of what role they play in AA and how they are supported by volunteers and funding from groups. Volunteers providing information on meetings and giving directions man the phones. They are there for the newcomer calling for help--the very basis of

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High Desert Convention, the So. Calif. Hispanic Convention, and others. **Corrections:** Material is available for inmates and guidelines for how to volunteer for prison panels. **Grapevine:** Focusing on Grapevine display for future meetings, in addition to encouraging subscribers. **La Viña:** Also discussed display and subscription forms and availability to bring display and presentation to groups and districts. **Literature:** Committee approved a "letter of purpose", is working on historic literature at the area archives, and working on a Literature Workshop to be held later this year. **GSR Orientation/School (English):** Reviewed differences between Assemblies and Area Service Committee meetings, role of the GSR, making reports at meetings and much more. **GSR Orientation/School (Spanish):** Discussed importance of PRAASA and encouraged attendance; discussed Concept II. **Public Information (PI):** Discussed differences between District and Area needs for PI; also discussed Young People's PI needs; determining access to TV and radio stations and need to coordinate and cooperate with CPC committee. **Registration:** Discussed possible events with and for GSRs and DCMs. **Treatment Facilities:** New chair, Steve S., to be confirmed at May Assembly. **Young People in AA Committees:** Reported on several upcoming events in Area 09, including the BIG one: All California Young People in AA Convention in October. **Orange Co. Intergroup:** Picnic at Mason Park, Irvine 1st Sunday in August.

Districts: **25:** Encouraging participation with weekly group visitations. **22:** Planning for Area meeting in June; **21:** visit 2 groups per week; encouraging new groups as well as dark groups to participate. **20:** expect good PRAASA attendance; working on FORO in July with District 18. **18:** Also working on FORO plans as well as delegate's conference report back with other districts on April 7th. **17:** having Committee Chair elections. **15:** Looking forward to Area Officer visitations. **14:** Invited past delegate, Marita H., to speak about PRAASA; reaching out to groups to encourage participation; planning district participation at High Desert Roundup; **12:** Had an in depth discussion about the Safety Pamphlet at last meeting; planning for annual Memorial Day picnic and Traditions Day. **9:** Sending 4 officers to PRAASA; developing strategy for group visitations and asked for experience from other districts. **7:** Preparing for PRAASA; reported that all committee chairs are filled. **6:** Reported that there were 72 in attendance at last District meeting; new motto: "No GSR Left Behind"; all chairs filled; Round table discussion topic: "What is the main reason you would (or would not) attend area meetings?" **5:** Discussed Safety Pamphlet and reviewed new "Annual Financial Forecast".

February birthdays were celebrated with spirited songs and the meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement in Spanish and English.

*The next Area Service Committee meeting will be on **Sunday, March 11th** at Whitten Comm. Ctr., 900 S. Melrose Ave., Placentia*

one alcoholic helping another. Central Office is also there to provide a twelve-step call list and a list of speakers available for meetings.

Hospitals & Institutions

Paul was our next guest speaker from H&I and told us how he got involved. The H & I Committee is dedicated to providing AA meetings and literature to those hospitals and institutions that request support from Alcoholics Anonymous. They carry the message to treatment and outpatient centers. H&I serve as a link between the treatment setting and the outside AA group. They carry the message behind the walls of institutions and smooth the way from the facility to the larger AA community upon release. H & I, as an integral part of the alcoholic recovery functions of AA, and is there to reach out to hospitals and institutions that support alcoholic recovery.

AREA 09

Jeryl T., who was recently elected as the Delegate for MSCA was our next speaker. He explained geographically the extent of where Area 09 incorporates. Jeryl shared with us the service he has done through his sobriety and the experiences he had at PRAASA in Alaska, one alcoholic helping another. He is our link with the General Service Conference held in late spring in New York. His duty is not as representative of our Area, but as a member whose duty is to act in the best interest of AA as a whole.

Service proves the spiritual law that no spiritual gift can be maintained as well as by giving it away and of course when it comes with a chocolate dipped brownie the gift is always well received!

Barbara M,
District 15 Secretary 2009-2011

Grapevine Representative with the responsibilities of GSR. Does your group think this would be a good idea?

6. Does your group think it would be a good idea to include the AA Preamble in the front of the Big Book?

7. Does your group have ideas about a Theme for the 2013 General Service Conference?

WHAT ABOUT PAST DELEGATES?

MSCA's roots prior to 1959 were in Area 05 where the Past Delegate was rotated automatically into the Area Chair position. The new area 09 decided to elect a chair instead, as we still do.

The area valued the experience of its past delegates and one way they made use of past delegates' experience was as newsletter editor, and until 1992 it was common for the immediate past delegate to be editor of the area newsletter, and was revived in 2010. MSCA also asked them to serve in various other capacities. For instance in 1984 the only "committee" **not** chaired by a past delegate was Grapevine.

In 1986 MSCA formed its first Finance Committee, and Archives Committee, each of which was chaired by a past delegate. In 1988 the Convention Liaison Committee was formed and was chaired by a past delegate.

Currently in MSCA, past delegates are members of the Area Service Committee and Area Assembly, with lifetime voice and vote. MSCA also invites past delegates who served in other areas, but currently reside in MSCA, to be voting members. They are not eligible to serve as area officers, but are currently welcome to serve on and/or chair various committees or sub-committees.

Some areas ask their past delegates to serve only as advisors, some invite participation. Is it time to revisit this in our area?

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Regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

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WEBSITE NEWS

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Originally prepared for publication by Area 09 in the mid-1970s, the pamphlet entitled "*What's it All About?*" has been an informative, helpful and useful tool for anyone interested in area general services.

Initially designed and meant for the new General Service Representatives (GSRs), the small booklet quickly became an indispensable reference for all who were interested in area general services.

The booklet is easily downloaded from the home page of the AREA09.COM website by clicking on the button on the right margin labeled "What's it All About?"

A past delegate is quoted as saying, "*No other piece of service literature can deliver so much in such a compact and informative package. I recommend that everyone in Area 09 service study it and carry it with them for reference at all service events.*"

ARCHIVES ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Come visit your Archives on Sunday, April 29th, for the Archives Annual Open House. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. for registration, refreshments, guided tours and fellowship. The Program begins at 1:00 p.m. when you'll hear "voices" of early members sharing their memories of where we came from. You'll even hear a voice or two of friends of A.A. whose love of drunks benefits us all to this day.

In the words of Carl Sandburg "Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present; they forgot where they came from."

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

⇒ March 11—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting at

Whitten Comm. Ctr., 900 S. Melrose Ave., Placentia

(ASC members will discuss and vote on which proposals to put on next May Assembly agenda) Hosted by District 15

⇒ April 15—Sunday

Pre-Conference Workshop

Kreamer Memorial Park, 201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia

(Conference agenda items will be discussed at roundtables in order to share area conscience with Area 09 Conference Delegate) Hosted by District 24

⇒ May 20—Sunday

Area Assembly (GSRs & ASC members vote), followed by

Area 09 Delegate Conference Report

Hosted by District 1

⇒ June 10—Sunday

Area Service Committee (ASC) Meeting

(Proposals are presented; no votes taken) Hosted by District 23

⇒ July 8—Sunday

Area 09 Spanish-Speaking Foro

(English translation provided) Hosted by Districts 18 and 20

⇒ 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

OFFICERS

Delegate: Jeryl T.

Alt. Delegate: Sharon K.

Chairperson: Cesar F.

Secretary: Jesus O.

Treasurer: Annie D.

Registrar: Raul C.

COMMITTEE

CHAIRS, CO-CHAIRS

and other Area Service Positions

ACC: Martin J.

Elec. Media: Kris C.

Elec. Equip: John W.

Translation: Santiago S.

Newsletter: Linda C.

Archives (Eng): Matt W.

Archives (Sp) : (open)

CEC: (open)

Convention (Eng): Lois L.

Convention (Sp): Mauricio T.

Corrections: Julio I.

CPC (Eng): Catherine

CPC (Sp): (open)

DCM School (Eng): Nikki N.

Finance: Tina S.

Grapevine: Justin S.

GSR School (Eng): Marita H.

GSR School (Sp): Marcelo C.

La Vina: Paco G.

Literature (Eng): Scott B.

Literature (Sp): Marten G.

P.I. (Eng): Bob D.

P.I. (Sp): (open)

Registration: Kristin F.

Special Needs (Eng): Jennifer

Special Needs (Sp): (open)

Treatment Fac: Steve S.

Archivist: Pete B.

Coffee: Tony M.

Copier: Jim C.

Sound: Jim B.

Web Coordinator: Rainer F.

If you can start the day without caffeine; be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains; resist complaining and boring people with your troubles; eat the same food every day and be grateful for it; understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time; overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong; can take criticism and blame without resentment; face the world without lies or deceit; conquer tension without medical help; relax without meditation or tranquilizer; sleep without the aid of drugs...if you can do all these things, then you may be a saint...But in all likelihood, you are the family dog.

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