



The Mid Southern California Area 9 Newsletter

The Monthly General Service Newsletter for Area 9 of the General Service Conference
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MSCA Area 9
includes all
AA groups in the
counties of Los
Angeles (South of
Rosecrans Ave.),
San Bernardino,
Riverside, and
Orange.

Area 09 Corrections Committee

The purpose of the Corrections committee is a liaison between GSO, AA members and Local H&I committees. Since the number of people who come to a committee meeting is very small I thought that more information is needed to tell people what we do and what they can do to help.

The Correctional Correspondence Service is a program that lets inmates write to AA members and AA members write to inmates. The program is set up so that if you become a writer you write to an inmate in a different region. We always have a need for more writers. If you signed up in the past and you lost your inmate sign up again. We even have a post office box set up so that you don't have to use your personal address. The P.O. Box address is:

Correspondence
P.O Box 11027
Westminster CA 92685

This committee also helps in the pre release contact that an inmate may request. Some inmates write to GSO and want someone to contact them before they get out of prison. GSO sends a letter to this committee and we in turn send the inmates information to the local H&I committee were the inmate is paroling to. This is usually time sensitive and important for all involved that the letters and information get to the right people before the inmate is released home.

This committee also sends a member to the monthly SoCal H&I Intergroup meeting that is located in a different city of Southern California each month. This is a way for the various H&I committees to get together and talk about issues that effect all H&I committees.

If you want to learn more about this committee please join us at our regular business meeting at 10:15 am on the second Sunday of most months before the Area 09 Assembly or the Area 09 Area Service Committee meetings. Or you can send me an e-mail if you have a question – corrections @msca09aa.org.

Alex N
MSCA 09 Corrections

About Tradition One

One of my first official tasks as Delegate to Mid. Southern California Area 09 is to write an article for our Area newsletter. I would like to start with a little discussion on my understanding of Tradition One.

Our experience has shown us that without a commitment to unity within each group it is extremely difficult to focus on our personal journey toward recovery.

Tradition One. (Long form)

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

Tradition One. (Short form)

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

As the 12 Steps lay a spiritual foundation for our path to recovery, the 12 Traditions provide the principles that keep the group (and our Area) strong and healthy, and it all begins with the first tradition -- an emphasis on unity. Some may ask "well... what does that have to do with us at MSCA 09? (We are not a group.)" If we, as an Area, become drawn into controversy, or become dominated by individuals, or for any other reason jeopardize the unity of the Area, we would cease to thrive and begin falling apart.

Our Area takes care to be sure that the "minority" opinion on any issue is given the opportunity to be heard. As our Area prepares to make a decision, all sides of an issue are given consideration. Our experience has shown us that for this wonderful system to work, we all must be willing to accept the majority opinion and work together to put those decisions into action, for the sake of unity.

Here are three questions taken from the "A.A. Grapevine's Twelve Traditions Checklist" I would like you to ponder about Tradition One

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About Tradition One... *continued from p. 1, col. 2*

Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?

Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?

Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?

Yes; these may seem like lofty goals, but they are ideals that we ought to ceaselessly be working towards to make Mid Southern California Area 09

worthy of the support we are given and the services we perform - eventually helping the Groups that we serve, along with helping those we may never see or hear.

When you have a moment and see me about; let me know what you think about unity in AA and (or) what you are doing to strengthen these bonds that holds us all together at your Group, District at the Area. (or at all of the above), or write to me snail mail, or e-mail me, or call me, I want to know. And please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.

Remember - It's a God thing.

Joe B. Panel 58 Delegate, MSCA-09

Feb. 10 ASC

ABC Recovery Ctr
Inc:760-342-4802
44374 Palm St Indio,
CA 92201, US

Directions from the West:

Take I 10 east to Indio.

From I10, Take the MONROE ST exit toward CENTRAL INDIO. Drive 0.2 miles.

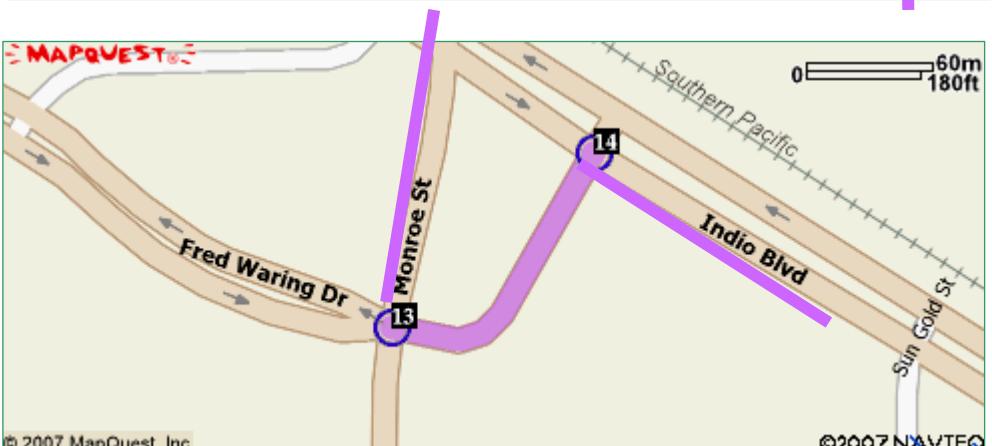
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ACCESS RD / INDIO BLVD.
Drive <0.1 miles

Turn RIGHT onto INDIO BLVD / I-10 BL E. Drive 0.3 miles

Turn RIGHT onto PALM ST.
Drive <0.1 miles.

End at **44374 Palm St**
Indio, CA 92201-3117, US



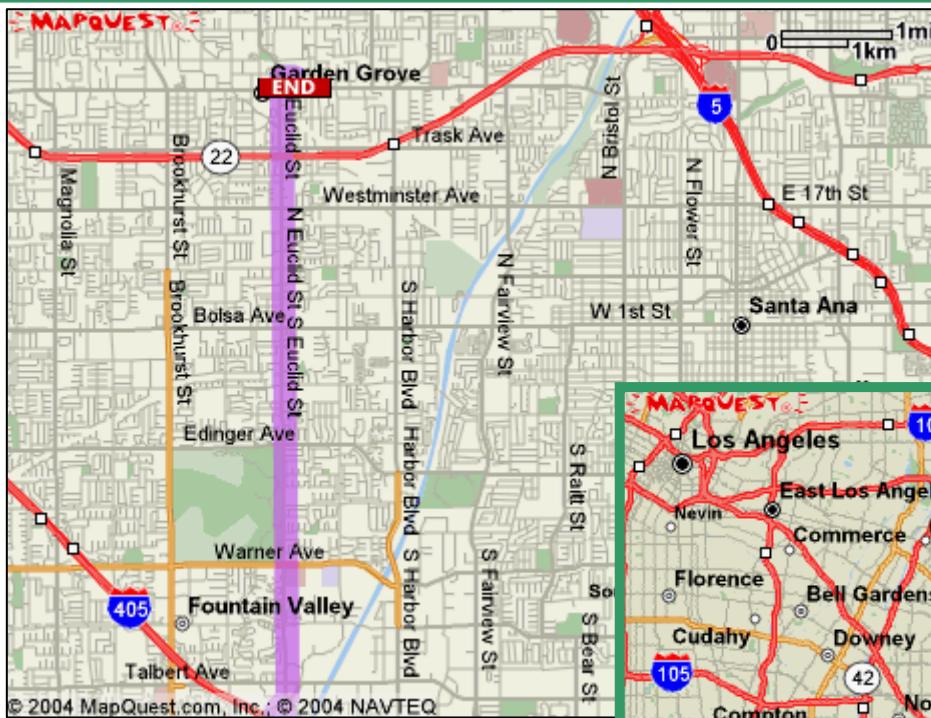
MSCA On-Line Forum

Each year, the delegates to the General Service Conference choose a theme, as well as discussion and workshop topics for the next General Service Conference. For example, the 2007 General Service Conference chose ***“Communication and Participation – The Key To Unity and Self-Support”*** as the theme for the 2008 General Service Conference.

The Electronic Media Sub-Committee, (EMSC) is asking the members of A.A. in our Area to submit posts to the

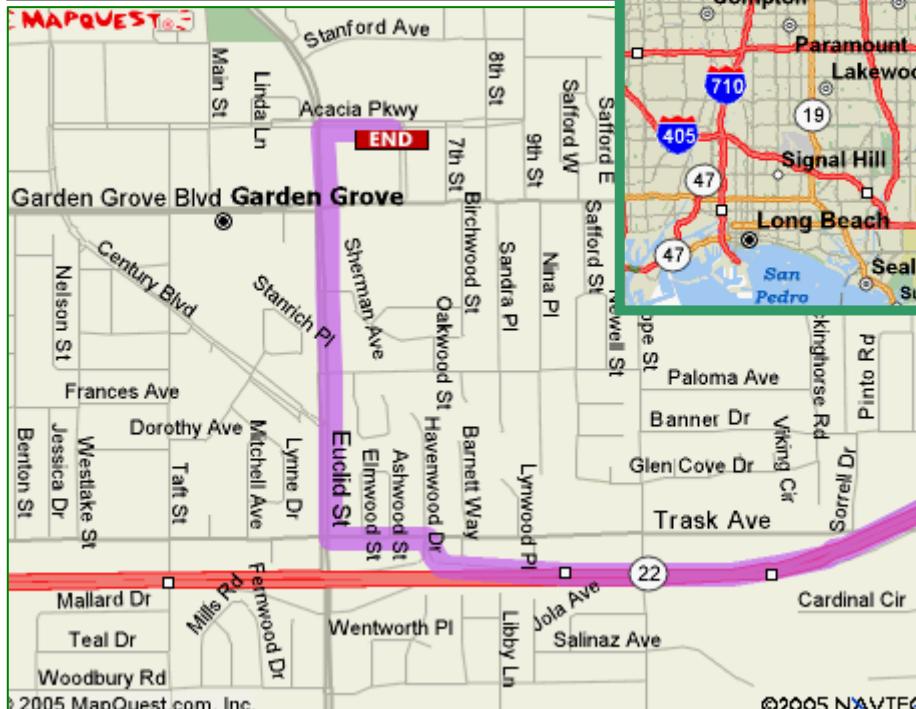
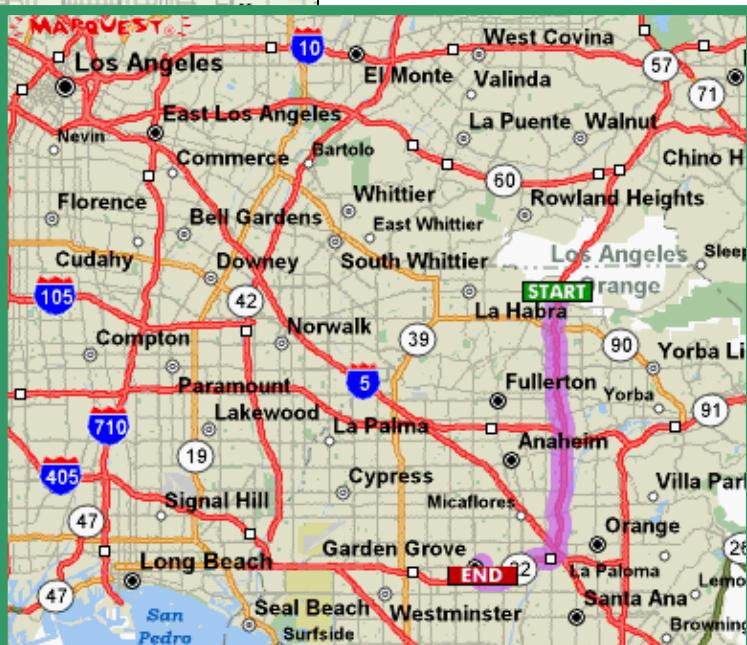
Online Forum between September 2007 and April 2008 addressing these discussion/workshop topics. This will allow our newly-elected Panel 58 Delegate to carry the experience, strength and hope of our Area to the 58th General Service Conference.

The most recent topic for which we invite your feedback is “Unity.” To read the opinions others have submitted, and to submit your own opinion, just go to www.msca09aa.org and click on “On-Line Forum of Area 9”.



Jan. 13 Assembly (GSRs vote),

Masonic Lodge,
11270 Acacia Parkway,
Garden Grove, CA 92840



Directions:

From the CA-22, get off at Euclid St. and go north. Turn RIGHT onto ACACIA PKWY. Drive .1 miles.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 13, Sunday, Assembly (**GSRs vote**), Masonic Lodge, 11270 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, (District 5)

Feb. 10, 2008, Sunday, ASC (*The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them*), (District 9) **ABC Recovery Ctr Inc**: 760-342-4802 44374 Palm St Indio, CA 92201, US

Mar. 7, 8 and 9, PRAASA 2008, Egan Convention Center, 555 W. 5th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Opening will be at 1 pm Friday, and closing will be at 12 pm Sunday. Registration forms can be found on our MSCA website, at www.msca09aa.org

Mar. 16, 2008, ASC, Sunday, (*The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda*), North Town Hall, Sun City Civic Association, 26850 Sun City Blvd., Sun City, CA 92586-2948. (District 17)

Apr. 13, 2008, Sunday, Pre-Conference Workshop (**GSRs vote**), District 10

May 18, 2008, Sunday, Assembly (**GSRs vote**), (District 20)

June 8, 2008, Sunday, ASC (*The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them*), (District 1)

July 13, 2008, Sunday, Foro (District 22 & 30)

Aug. 10, 2008, Sunday, ASC (*The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda*), (District 15)

Sep. 14, Sunday, Assembly (**GSRs vote**), (District 4)

Oct. 12, 2008, Sunday, ASC (*The ASC will present proposals, but no vote will be taken on them*), (District 7)

Nov. 8, 2008, Servathon (Saturday) (District 3)

Dec. 14, 2008, Sunday, ASC (*The ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the next Assembly Agenda*), District 18

Concept I (Long Form)

The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

The MSCA Assembly includes permanent committees responsible for conducting much of the AA business activity in the Area. We have Standing and Coordinate Committees. Chairs and cochairs of the Standing committees are listed below.

Panel 56 Area Standing Committee Chairs, Cochairs, et al.

Archives Chair...Pete B

CEC...Michael M

CPC...Ernesto M

CPC Cochair, Spanish...tbd

Convention Liaison...Gary M

Convention Liaison,
Spanish...tbd

Corrections Chair...Alex N

DCM School...Jim B

DCM School Spanish

Electronic Media Sub-
Committee...Nick M

Finance Chair...Joseph M

Grapevine Chair...Linda C

La Vina Chair...Francisco D

GSR School...Scott R

GSR School, Spanish... Jose A

Literature Chair...Patrick C

Coffee person...Ana S

Literature Cochair, Spanish
...Cesar F

Newsletter Chair...Russ D

Newsletter Cochair,
Spanish...Raul C

Public Information Chair...Linda
H

Public Information,
Spanish...Damien

Registration...Ben

Special Needs Chair...Rich W

Special Needs Cochair,
Spanish....vacant

Translation... Jorge M

Treatment Facilities Chair...Phil L

Webservant...Nancy R

Sound Dude...Joseph M

Schedule for most MSCA Assemblies/ASCs

9:30 am....GSR School

9:30 am....Delegate's Sharing Session

10:15 am....Committees meet

11:30 am.....Lunch

Noon... **Main Meeting** (which normally includes introductions of new GSRs, Area officers' reports, presentation/ discussion/ voting on proposals, committee reports, other reports)

3:30...Adjournment

Panel 58 Area Officers

Delegate: Joe B

Alternate Delegate: Mike M

Chair: Jason S

Secretary: Ruth D

Treasurer: Linda H

Registrar: Cesar F

