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Bill W.

Dr. Bob

## The 12<sup>th</sup> Step Prayer

Dear God,

My spiritual awakening continues to unfold.  
The help I have received I shall pass on & give to others,  
Both in & out of the Fellowship.  
For this opportunity I am grateful.  
I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day  
on the road of spiritual progress.  
I pray for the inner strength & wisdom  
to practice the principles of this way of life in all I do & say.  
I need you, my friends, & the program every hour of every day.  
This is a better way to live.

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.



**“Don’t seek God in temples. He is close to you. He is within you. Only you should surrender to Him and you will rise above happiness and unhappiness.”** Tolstoy

# WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT



An alcoholic had sworn off drink for the hundredth time to his wife.

She told him this was his very last chance. He did fine for a couple of weeks

but the day came when he stopped in a bar after work with his buddies.

Sure enough, one drink led to dozens. He even threw up all over his shirt.

"What will I do now?" he asked his pals, "She'll see this and KNOW I've been drinking!"

"No problem," said one, "tell her you stopped here with us and only drank soft drinks but a drunk puked on you.

To make it believable, stick a \$10 bill in your front pocket and say he offered to pay for the dry cleaning."

"I'll do it!" the alkie exclaimed.

When he got home, his wife was about to yell at him, but he held up his hand and explained he was innocent but a drunk puked on him.

"See? he even gave me ten dollars to pay for dry cleaning," he said, reaching in his pocket and waving money.

The wife frowned and said "Why are you holding TWO \$10 bills?"

"Oh that....he sh\*t in my pants, too."



**Rule #62: Don't take yourself too damn seriously!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Northern Nevada Intergroup  
Speaker Meeting**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month @ 7:00 pm

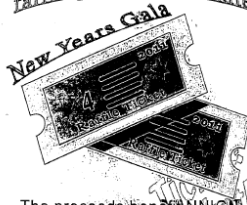
**Saturday, December 10, 2011**

Host Group – After Shifters (Carson City)

Speaker: Tim C (Reno)

Grand Sierra Resort  
2500 East Second Street  
See Monitor for meeting room location  
“Northern Nevada Intergroup”

Do you have a  
raffle prize to donate?



The proceeds benefit NNIG!  
If you would like to donate a prize  
call Dan at (775) 741-6282 or  
Dave D. at (775) 560-5299

**That's The Ticket!**

## DISTRICT 16 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AFFAIR

December 17, 2011 from 12:00 to 5:00

Santa at 12:00PM  
Panel at 1:00PM\*  
Lunch at 2:00PM\*  
Speaker Carol B of Area 42 at 3:00PM  
Raffle after Speaker Meeting

\*These times are approximate

Sparks Masonic Center 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks

Come enjoy, Bring a dessert or a salad

To donate a raffle prize Call **775-772-9802**

For more information call Ed O' 775-7729802

\$5 Suggested Donation



## MORE EVENTS

Jan. 26-29 2012 WACYPAA 15. Lorie-(702)769-3620

Feb. 3-6, 2012 Sober Brothers Super Bowl Cruise. Departs  
Miami, Fla. with destination in Nassau Bahamas. Call for  
more info. (561)702-2312

2012 International Women's Conference. Feb. 16-19 2012  
for information call: (800)228-9290.

Seniors in Sobriety 2012 International Conference in Yuma,  
AZ. Mar. 14-17, 2012. Email: mickey.white@gm.com

**HEARD** Northern Nevada Intergroup (NNIG)  
**NEW YEARS** 2011 New Years Gala  
Saturday, December 31st  
Doors Open 6:30pm

Grand Sierra Resort  
Crystall Ballroom

Speaker Meeting 8:00 - 9:30  
Dancing 10:00 - 1:00

Wayne B.  
From Chicago

**Speaker Meeting is FREE**  
For those wanting to attend the dance after the  
speaker meeting (but not the Buffet)  
a \$10 Donation is appreciated

RAFFLE 9:30

Buffet Dinner 7:00 - 8:00  
Admission Cost \$40  
(Includes Dinner & Dance)  
Tickets Available @ Central Office  
436 S. Rock Blvd  
Sparks, NV 89431  
Make Checks Payable to "NNIG"  
Phone: (775) 355-1151  
Additional Info Contact:  
Dan M. 775-741-6282 or  
Debbie M. 775-560-5299

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER  
Accepted At Central Office

# MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

The following are stories submitted by our members

## I Get Drunk, We Get Sober

Although Alcoholics Anonymous started nationally in 1935, it didn't reach Nevada until around 1945. On Dec. 18, 1945, A. E. Cahlan, a columnist for the *Las Vegas Evening Review-Journal*, wrote, "Nevada was the only state in the union which did not have an AA chapter. Several old members discovered each other in Las Vegas, found that each had a recruit or two and decided to organize. They are now holding regular meetings and spreading their influence among interested unfortunates here" (p. 16). Maybe the strong, individualistic character of the Nevada people kept AA away from the state for so long. Miners, and later farmers, were the first settlers in this desert state. To me, Nevadans seem a lot like the desert country that surrounds their cities: tough, tenacious, and unyielding. Nick E., current editor of *The Bracer*, Reno's monthly AA newsletter, says it's these same stubborn qualities that make Reno a good place to get sober: "The people who get sober in Reno are extremely militant about their sobriety. That's one of the benefits of getting sober in Reno. Personally, I'm very militant about my sobriety. And it's all about survival." Survival in a city that serves free drinks 24 hours a day. Nick has nine years of sobriety and he still goes to five meetings a week, introducing himself as Nick, "an alcoholic and I'm sober today through the Grace of God and the Twelve Steps of recovery and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous." Nick is fairly typical of the people who feel they owe their sobriety to Reno AA.

There are no bosses in AA. The ground rules state "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern" (*Alcoholics Anonymous* p. 564). But if there were, Nick would answer to Pete T., the Coordinator of the Reno AA Central Office since Feb. 1, 1990. Pete was nine years sober when he moved to Reno: "When I came here in 1969, I was not all that active in AA because I continued to travel. I was working then, but I traveled out of Reno." At age 79, Pete describes himself as the runt of his family "the black sheep who wasn't too bright. I have brown eyes and I started losing my hair when I was 23." Pete is as humble as he is intelligent, with a rather roquish sense of humor.

The first thing you notice when you enter Reno's Central Office today is the big sign on the wall: IN THIS OFFICE WE DEAL IN PERSONALITIES, NOT PRINCIPLES. It's an in-joke, a take-off on another ground rule which reminds us "to place principles before personalities" (*AA*, p. 564). Pete had it put up because of all the AA gossip that goes around the office. "I'm an advocate of reverse psychology. The sign's a not so gentle reminder to behave ourselves." More than most, I think Pete understands the incongruities involved in a volunteer organization run by a bunch of sober alcoholics: "One of our problems has always been managing. We couldn't manage our own lives and that's how we got here." AA in-fighting and dissension is legendary. But at the heart of the program of Alcoholics

Anonymous is that fundamental unifying paradox: "I get drunk, we stay sober."

Pete's story about the origins of Reno AA sounds as familiar as Bill's first meeting with Bob, or mine with Gene. Sometime before 1946, an AA member from San Francisco came to Reno and stayed in the old Overland Hotel. He put an ad in the personal column of the paper, a common way for AA members to enlist new members in the old days. "If you have a drinking problem see John at the Overland Hotel, Room 14," the ad might have read. In Pete's tale, a Reno man's wife, no doubt disgusted with her husband's prodigious consumption of liquid spirits, coerced her spouse into seeing this man. There were complications, of course, because drunks tend to complicate things. Apparently the Reno man had been eighty-sixed for drunkenness from the Overland Hotel more than once. "They won't let me back in, honey," he probably pleaded. His wife, however, was adamant. "You'll figure out a way," she assured him. Then, no doubt, she added: "If you were trying to get a drink in the place you'd manage." Well, the poor man made his way past the doorman unnoticed, got all the way up to the AA's room, found he wasn't there, and then promptly passed out next to the door. The next thing the Reno man remembered was someone helping him to his feet and introducing himself as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The above story was written in 1991 by Skip M. and submitted by Mike C. It is the second in a 10 part series that will continue in the coming issues of the Bracer. Stay tuned for more.

## *Fear of Service*

In the beginning the fear of service meant finding excuses for NOT volunteering for various commitments. Fear disguised itself in rationalizations of "not having enough time" to do the service or not having enough "time" on the program. Fear presented itself in the guise of "not having enough knowledge" to do the service or not being able to do the service "the right way". I avoided service at times because "others more qualified" would do it, although no one volunteered and the position went unfilled for weeks and months sometimes. Yes I justified NOT doing service at times for various reasons despite the very certain knowledge and awareness that I owed *my life to A.A.*

Fortunately I had a sponsorship that "suggested" that I participate in my sobriety and that doing service - called twelfth step work - was gratitude in action. I have always been long on words and short on action - when I was out there drinking or as luck would have it, in sobriety. One of the seven deadly sins, sloth, still dogs me if I don't inventory regularly. Sponsors - at least the ones I've known have a way of knowing that about people in sobriety - even those of us who have been sober a few years. So I have been directed to action when I didn't feel like it, want to do it, thought myself under-qualified, and any other reason I could think of to not give back. Sometimes I would attempt the smoke and mirrors trick of saying that "participating in meetings" or sponsoring people was service work and I was "over-loaded". Sponsors have a way of reminding me that I can never be too overloaded to save my skin or give to the fellowship that so kindly took me in. The advantage of my sponsor is that I am not my own sounding-board on issues such as "over-loaded" and that whereas I very well may be; I also may be deluding myself. Imagine that!!

As it happens I have been involved in a great deal of service to A.A. and have benefitted greatly from the new and different experiences as was mentioned in Fear of Service - the article Mike and I fashioned several years back, really mostly Mike. Using others experience, strength and hope in recovery was always available BUT it was also available every time I took on a new position. A.A.s are always there to help out.

Now a new fear has cropped up. That would involve another of the seven deadly sins and that is Pride. Having done a good deal of varied service the opportunity exists for me to think I know it all or can obtain all the information I need. It is said pride goes before the fall. The *fall* could well mean to drink again but I sense that it also could mean to be "restless, irritable, and discontented." I don't think I would enjoy a prolonged stay at that table. I must now inventory my motives, damn. Will I serve for the sake of common good or do I do it out of selfish and self-centered motives? Am I afraid that other people beside me cannot do the job/position "up to my standards"? Do I fear that others may be in control and not me? Am I seeking to do God's Will or My will? Am I prideful or am I trying to be a worker amongst workers? Do I even remotely resemble an example of humble servant or self-seeker? I fear that my reflecting upon these questions may uncover a bad motive under the appearance of a good one. As I work on me the clearer the answers become and after all is said and done the resulting inventory questions and answers will serve me well and keep me from the bondage of self. These are very real challenges for this alcoholic and being honest with myself has always been a challenge and I suspect will continue to be.

If my motives are good and my availability is there, I can do service without fear and be a friend among friends inside and outside the fellowship and, as the last part of step twelve indicates, I can "...practice these principles in all my affairs."

Ed D. 2009

This article was submitted by Ed D. It seems appropriate when thinking of the 12<sup>th</sup> month corresponding to our 12<sup>th</sup> step of Recovery. Service to other alcoholics in any form; from making coffee, taking meetings to treatment centers, or just offering a compassionate ear is priceless and crucial to maintaining sobriety. Our Big Book states: Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. (Pg. 89)

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

## AA Answering Service Numbers

Reno, Sparks, Carson City and all of Northern Nevada: (775) 355-1151

Fallon: (775) 423-6009

Las Vegas and all of Southern Nevada: (702) 598-1888

Minden/Gardnerville Group meeting information only: (775) 265-4460

Mammoth Lake: (760) 934-3434

North Lake Tahoe: (530) 546-1126

South Lake Tahoe: (530) 541-1243

Winnemucca: (775) 625-3771

Susanville, CA: (530) 257-2880

## Central Office Volunteers Needed

Our Central Office is always in need of volunteers to help out. Call or come in to be of service.

### Help Wanted

Step - Up  
to Service:   
Do Treatment  
With Us



Meeting: Treatment Committee  
Where: Triangle Club - Up Stairs  
Date: December 3, 2011  
Time: 1:30  
Point of Contact:  
Bruce A. 378-7946  
Renee 1-619-721-7549



### A.A. Books Wanted

*Needed for Newcomers  
in Treatment*

Please call for pick-up:  
Bruce - 378-7946  
Renee - 1-619-721-7549  
Craig - 219-7063  
Judy - 379-7136

OR:

Drop off at NNIG Central Office  
436 S. Rock Blvd  
Sparks, NV.



### *Northern Nevada Intergroup Committee Meeting*

1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00pm  
Reno Triangle Club  
635 S. Wells Ave. Reno, NV 89502

### *Monthly ANNYPAA Committee Meeting*

Held the third Sunday of each month  
upstairs in the Triangle Club at 3:30 PM

### *International Women's Conference Meetings*

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY @  
North Nevada Literacy Council  
1400 Wedekind Rd Reno, NV 89512  
For more information contact:  
Elisa R [elisar2013iwc@hotmail.com](mailto:elisar2013iwc@hotmail.com)  
Trudy [49th.iwc@gmail.com](mailto:49th.iwc@gmail.com)

*For more info on our monthly committee meetings call  
Central Office at (775)355-1151*

# NNIG BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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## NNIG Business Meeting - December 6, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the Serenity Prayer. The NNIG preamble was read by Renee. There was a motion to approve last month's minutes. Minutes were approved.

**NNIG Chairperson Report: (Van D.)** - The November Bracer included minutes from October and November NNIG Business Meeting(s). We are making an effort to collect all Intergroup Representatives email addresses to save time reading the minutes at the following NNIG Business Meeting. If you are not receiving the bracer by email please let us know.

Central office is running smoothly. We are making progress closing the gap between budget and expenditures and improving our inventory control procedures.

Last Month was an all around good month and looking forward to December.

**Vice Chair Report: (Paul E.)** - The archives are moving along smoothly, should be in place at NNIG central office by March or April for members to use.

**Secretary - (Mary Pat Z.):** Not present, minutes taken by Sean N.

**Treasurer Report (Danny S.)** - We received some of the items requested for Central Office. Thank you. Prudent Reserve is approximately \$4800 short of target. We were over \$9000 60 days ago, thank you to the fellowship for supporting central office.

### **Central Office Report: (Leslie S.) - Executive Director of Central office**

The office utilized 194 volunteer hours, received 278 calls. We replaced the phone system that was destroyed during the recent wind storm; power outages and electrical surges destroyed the electronic transfer box. Total replacement of the phone system vice repair of the old one was more cost effective. Many thanks to Ollie and Sean for working on the online schedule, it has been a great help providing up to date meeting information.

### **Central Service Committee Reports:**

**Answering Service: (Steve M)** - There is an opening for the Wednesday 9pm to 12am. All other slots are filled. We are in the process of updating the twelve step call list. Answering service is operating fine. If you are available and want to get into service, please call Central Office at 355-1151 regarding this vacancy.

### **Public Information: (Mike C)**

No report submitted

**CPC: (Noel W.)** - had a conference call 12/1 with NAGSC CPC/PI committee members, attended by District 2 & 6 reps and North and South Chairs. They discussed meeting with the Drug court and how to deal with court cards, presentations to high school and community colleges, literature for schools, libraries and hospital & courts. New rotation of UNR Med students is under way and they will be giving student reports 12/8 at 3pm in the Psychiatry Dept at UNR. Received a Power Point from Southern Area, which is really good and could be adapted to serve a northern Nevada. If you want to see the presentation please email me @ noelwaters@gmail.com

**Corrections, Treatment, Bridging the Gap: (Craig R. & Steve W.)** - The Pink-Can contributions during November increased by 50%. Thank you. See Distribution report in the Bracer. The CT-BTG monthly meeting is at 2pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at Central Office. Positions on this committee will be open in June. Please start thinking now regarding filling these vacancies.

**Sunshine Committee: (AJ C.)** - We have 74 people participating, volunteers are always welcome. We make announcements at most meetings. During November there were 3 visits by committee members. All of the visits were on-site vs. telephone visits.

**Bracer: (Ted G.)** - The November edition was mailed on-time and had both October and November minutes. We are always looking for stories and articles; the deadline for submissions is the last week of each month. We are trying to limit the Bracer to six pages (and not limit information) to reduce the cost of printing and postage for hard copies. If you have not done so we need your E-mail address, so you can get the minutes before the next monthly NNIG meeting. Please send Ted your email address to include your alternate if you plan to rotate out in June. Thank you. [nnigbracer@gmail.com](mailto:nnigbracer@gmail.com)

**Speaker Meeting: (Pete L.)** During the last Speaker Meeting the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition equaled \$276.82, the raffle \$316.00, the total income was \$382.

- Tim C. (Dr Tim) from Reno will be the speaker on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Diane R is the January Speaker, hosted by Sunnyside Group
- We are trying to rotate local with out of town speakers to off set the cost of travel expenses.
- April and May 2012 meetings have openings for Host Groups if you are interested please contact Pete L. via Central Office @ 355-1151.

**Activities Chair (Dan M.)** - The Halloween Event was successful and made \$245.27.

- The Gratitude Dinner made a profit of \$3903.05. It was a great event, great buffet and fun times for all.
- New Years Eve dinner tickets are on sale and they are selling fast; contact central office to buy tickets. Raffle prizes are needed for this event.

**Web Master (Ollie K.)** - There is a demo of the new website, please view it and confirm that you meeting times and other information is correct. [www.nnig.org/demo/index.htm](http://www.nnig.org/demo/index.htm) Please contact Ollie @ [nnigwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:nnigwebmaster@gmail.com) if your meeting needs to be updated. Sean N is stepping down as co-chair. This position requires extremely valuable to the web-site program; some computer skills are required. Thank you very much Sean for your hard work and service.

**Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison (Roger H.)** - NAGSC's meeting was held December 4<sup>th</sup>. A vote to increase mileage reimbursements from 0.20 to 0.40 cents a mile was passed. Roundtable discussions regarding the next area assembly will be held Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm at the Grand Sierra Resort.

**ANNYPAA (Greg Stephens)** - No report submitted

#### Old Business

- **Activities Chair:** A vote was taken to add the Activities chair to the NNIG Steering Committee. After some discussion and presentation of information the vote failed to pass 15 NO to 13 YES.

#### New Business:

- **No New Business was announced.**

**Meeting Closed:** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM in the usual manner.

Sobriety is a  
journey not  
a destination

# NNIG FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**Northern Nevada Intergroup  
Profit & Loss  
November 2011**

	Nov 11
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Birthday Contributions	20.00
Bracer Subscriptions	17.00
Event Revenues	
New Year's Eve Gala	
Revenue	2,920.00
Expenses	-843.80
Total New Year's Eve Gala	2,076.20
Halloween Party	
Revenue	595.27
Total Halloween Party	595.27
Gratitude Dinner	
Revenue	6,738.00
Expenses	-6,962.85
Total Gratitude Dinner	-223.85
Speaker Meeting	
Speaker Meeting Revenue	592.82
Speaker Meeting Expenses	-164.65
Total Speaker Meeting	428.17
Total Event Revenues	2,875.69
Faithful Fivers	30.00
Group Contributions	3,011.66
Individual Contributions	177.46
Interest Income	0.08
Merchandise Sales	4,405.80
Other Uncategorized Income	32.00
Total Income	10,592.79
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	
Physical Inventory adjustment	0.00
Cost of Goods Sold - Other	2,775.09
Total Cost of Goods Sold	2,775.09
Total COGS	2,775.09
Gross Profit	7,794.70
Expense	
Bank fees and charges	8.80
CC Service Fees	89.03
Storage Unit	53.00
Shipping Charges	84.10
Alarm System	110.16
Compensation & Benefits	2,346.12
Computer expenses	87.31
Copier Lease	202.23
Membership, Dues & Publications	10.80
Office Supplies	52.36
Paper	106.47
Payroll Tax Expense	179.43
Postage	38.52
Rent	671.00
Telephone	664.68

	Nov 11
Trash	46.58
Utilities	115.70
Total Expense	4,824.87
Net Ordinary Income	2,969.83
Net Income	2,969.83

**NNIG ENDING CASH BALANCES  
December 6, 2011**

	Balance	Goal Reserve	Difference
Administrative Funds:			
Cash on Hand	150.00	150.00	0.00
General Checking	5,455.77	5250.00	205.77
Administrative Balance	5,605.77	5,400.00	205.77
Interest Bearing Accounts (Prudent Reserve)			
Savings	10,354.91	11000.00	(645.09)
CD	5,136.28	10000.00	(4,863.72)
	15,491.19	21,000.00	(5,097.27)
Balance Over (Short) in Admin			205.77
Prudent Reserve Over (Short)			(4,891.50)
Other Checking Balances:			
Events balance	3656.62	A	
Total Cash on Hand (A)	24,753.58		

## Faithful Fiver

We are members of Alcoholics Anonymous who support our local Central Office with separate contributions. These contributions help to serve the Northern Nevada Alcoholics Anonymous community with Central Office services and intergroup activities.

It's easy to join!

We ask for a \$5.00 monthly or \$60.00 yearly contribution, but no amount is too small. Donate whatever you can afford. Many members use their sobriety date as a reminder to send in their contributions. Please send your check today to:

Northern Nevada Intergroup  
Attn Faithful Fiver  
436 Rock Blvd South  
Sparks, NV 89431

**Northern Nevada Intergroup  
Transaction Detail By Account  
November 2011**

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>Group Contributions</b>					
Sales Receipt	11/1/2011	group contribution	Group Contributions - Group 2045 Rob...	35.00	35.00
Sales Receipt	11/2/2011	group contribution	7th Tradition - INNING Committee Me...	35.00	70.00
Sales Receipt	11/2/2011	Lost and Found	Group Contributions	50.00	120.00
Sales Receipt	11/2/2011	Almost Heaven	Group Contributions	25.00	145.00
Sales Receipt	11/4/2011	The Rock Group	Group Contributions	10.00	155.00
Sales Receipt	11/7/2011	Our Common Welfare	Group Contributions	1.25	156.25
Sales Receipt	11/7/2011	Pyramid Way Group	Group Contributions	25.00	181.25
Sales Receipt	11/7/2011	NAGCS - Treatment	Group Contributions	21.00	202.25
Sales Receipt	11/8/2011	Choices	Group Contributions	50.00	252.25
Sales Receipt	11/8/2011	Dayton Fellowship Hall	Group Contributions	100.00	352.25
Sales Receipt	11/9/2011	Step 1	7th Tradition	22.00	374.25
Sales Receipt	11/9/2011	Truckee River Men's Stag	Group Contributions	200.00	574.25
Sales Receipt	11/9/2011	Sunday Morning Fire Station	Group Contributions	100.00	674.25
Sales Receipt	11/9/2011	Sunnyside Group	Group Contributions - Big Book Study ...	100.00	774.25
Sales Receipt	11/10/2011	District 2	Group Contributions	500.00	1,274.25
Sales Receipt	11/14/2011	Sunshine Grp	Group Contributions	0.00	1,274.25
Sales Receipt	11/14/2011	Sunnyside Group	Group Contributions	200.00	1,474.25
Sales Receipt	11/14/2011	Minden/Gardnerville Group	Group Contributions	25.00	1,499.25
Sales Receipt	11/14/2011	Down Patrol	Group Contributions	66.34	1,565.59
Sales Receipt	11/15/2011	Buena Vista Group	Group Contributions	25.00	1,590.59
Sales Receipt	11/16/2011	Intercounty Central Office of AA	Group Contributions	50.00	1,640.59
Sales Receipt	11/16/2011	Back Room Group	7th Tradition	208.00	1,848.59
Sales Receipt	11/16/2011	Wild Bunch	Group Contributions	10.00	1,858.59
Sales Receipt	11/17/2011	ABC Group	Group Contributions	90.00	1,908.59
Sales Receipt	11/18/2011	Southside Group	Group Contributions	100.00	2,008.59
Sales Receipt	11/18/2011	Southside Group	Group Contributions	193.21	2,201.80
Sales Receipt	11/18/2011	Afternoon Delight Reno	Group Contributions	20.00	2,221.80
Sales Receipt	11/18/2011	Young and the Restless	Group Contributions	45.58	2,267.38
Sales Receipt	11/21/2011	Silver Springs Monday Night	Group Contributions	112.20	2,379.58
Sales Receipt	11/21/2011	Serenity on Sunday	Group Contributions	232.60	2,602.18
Sales Receipt	11/23/2011	Wed Night Beginners Meeting	Group Contributions	100.00	2,702.18
Sales Receipt	11/28/2011	Women's New Harmony	Group Contributions	120.00	2,822.18
Sales Receipt	11/28/2011	Eye Opener	Group Contributions - Pamela Dunbar ...	113.50	2,935.68
Sales Receipt	11/30/2011	Truckee Men's Stag Group	donation	1.00	2,936.68
Sales Receipt	11/30/2011	Dayton Library Meeting	Group Contributions - Doug Shaw	75.00	3,011.68
Total Group Contributions				3,011.68	3,011.68
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3,011.68</b>	<b>3,011.68</b>



\$2 in the Basket Campaign



I've never written an article for the bracer before but I feel strongly about the issue that I'm writing about, so here we go.

I got sober a little over 24 years ago in Reno and at that time members who attended meetings, and could afford it, were putting \$1 in the basket. Here it is 24 years later and their still putting \$1 in the basket. I know I've paid attention. I also know the cost of living has gone up in the last 24 years and all of us are making more money now, probably because were sober and a member of AA. Sometimes in AA, I think we do what we due out of habit or because we see someone else do it, so we think that it's what we should do. [ \$1 in the basket - clapping at meetings- whatever ]

Yes its true, times are tuff, however, not as tuff as they were when we were out there drinking. If we are truly grateful for our sobriety we should take some positive action. I'm asking that the positive action we take in showing our gratitude is by starting to put \$2 in the basket, if we can afford it, and I believe most of us can.

For your information, in the Reno area Special Events, Round Up - Spring Festival etc. have been taking up the slack financially in supporting Intergroup, Area, GSO etc. I believe the groups should be fulfilling that role. The groups are YOU. If each of us, who can afford it, started placing \$2 in the basket I believe we could truly become self supporting through our own contributions. The cost of attending Special Events might even be reduced and we wouldn't have to worry about the bills being paid.

So in closing, I'm asking you to think about what I have said and if you can afford it, start this positive action today. It would sure be nice to have a positive prudent reserve at the intergroup level to start with.

Yours in Service



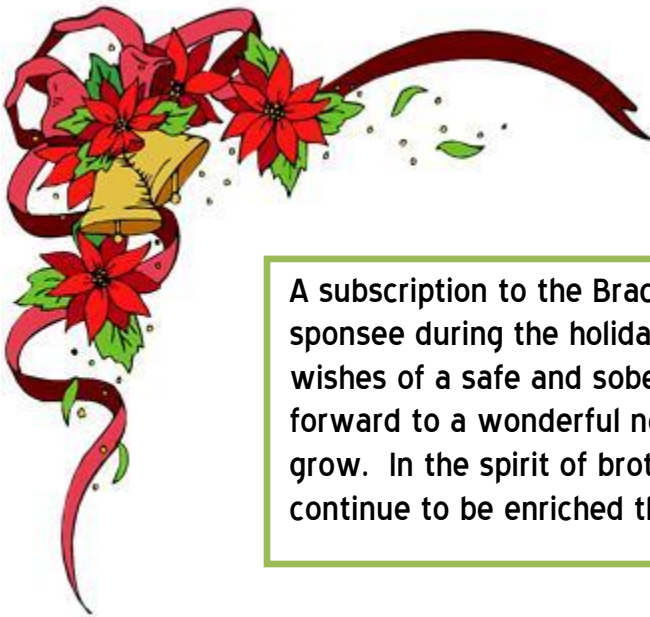
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