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Bill W.



Dr. Bob

10th Step Prayer

God remove the Selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear that has cropped up in my life right now. Help me to discuss this with someone immediately and make amends quickly if I have harmed anyone. Help me to cease fight anything and anyone. Show me where I may be helpful to someone else. Help me react sanely; not cocky or afraid. How can I best serve you - Your will, not mine be done. AMEN

(p. 84-5 BB)

KEEP IT SIMPLE

As long as you derive inner help and comfort from anything, you should keep it. If you were to give it up in a mood of self-sacrifice or out of a stern sense of duty, you would continue to want it back, and that unsatisfied want would make trouble for you. Only give up a thing when you want some other condition so much that the thing no longer has any attraction for you, or when it seems to interfere with that which is more greatly desired. *Mahatma Gandhi*

"Years ago I used to commiserate with all people who suffered. Now I commiserate only with those who suffer in ignorance, who do not understand the purpose and ultimate utility of pain"

Bill Wilson

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT



An alcoholic's wife is so tired of beating her husband half to death every time he comes home drunk she decides its time she done something about it so she joins Al-Anon.

At the meeting they tell her to do the opposite of what she's been doing for the last few years and see what happens, so she takes this on board and heads home.

Saturday night comes: sitting at home watching TV she hears her drunken husband struggle to get his key in the front door. She gets up and opens the door and to her husband's great surprise she is wearing a see-through sexy nightdress! She then takes her surprised husband by the hand at leads him into the nice warm lounge where she sits him down on a comfy chair and removes his shoes and socks and puts his feet up on a stool by the nice log fire. She then heads to the kitchen and comes back with a nice bit of supper for him.

The drunk is still silent.

While the drunk's eating his supper half naked she leans over him and whispers ' and when you finish that how would you like to go up to the bedroom and have some fun?'

The drunk replies 'I may as well, because when I get home from here that crazy wife of mine's sure going to kill me!'



"I told him back in '68, 'Frank, if you leave AA, you are gonna die'. It took forty-one years, but I finally proved my point."

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

STEPS/TRADITIONS CORNER

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

I have a drinking problem. While I was drinking I had an obsession of the mind. My alcoholic life seemed the only normal one. I was restless, irritable, and discontent unless I could experience the sense of ease and comfort which came from taking a few drinks. Every time I drank, the phenomenon of craving was reinforced. I had very little hope of recovery. Self knowledge and will power did not overcome my drinking. I couldn't imagine life with or without alcohol. I came to a jumping off place; not sure I wanted to continue living if nothing was going to change but not knowing how to change.

I also have a thinking problem. I could not see how I could change my life and I hadn't learned to ask for help. I wasn't told that I couldn't ask, but in the environment I grew up in, it was quite apparent that communication was tricky. If I wasn't careful it could backfire making my life very uncomfortable. Out of fear, I quit trying to communicate early on; I decided that I needed to figure things out on my own and I hid within myself. Then, around age 8 or 9, I began altering my consciousness. I've heard that emotional growth

stops when we start drinking or using and this seemed true for me. I arrived in AA at age 38, missing 30 years of emotional development. I now have nine plus years of sobriety, which makes me 17 or 18 emotionally. I am early in my development and I'm not perfect; but I'm still learning.

This is not my first attempt at sobriety. I tried many times before reaching AA. I tried drinking beer only, never drinking during business hours, switching from tequila to vodka, swearing it off forever and more physical exercise. The first time I came to AA, on November 2, 1996 at my wife's suggestion. I went to meetings, and chose which of the 12 steps I liked. I wrote a personal

My sponsor said he was willing to help, if I was willing to go through the Steps with him.

mission statement listing the character traits and principals I wanted in my life, I read the Bible, prayed and didn't drink.

Life got better, but I did not stay sober. It wasn't a bad day, it wasn't a good day; it was just another day. I left work, went to a meeting, left the meeting and ended up in the bar where I used to drink. Page 24 of the Big Book explains the insanity behind our thinking when we choose to drink again despite

previous experience. We may rationalize the insane decision to pick up, "Or perhaps he doesn't think at all." the big book says. That was my story that evening. "The thought of those almost certain consequences did not crowd into my mind to deter me". That first day, I just had a beer and went home. I told my wife I had stopped for a beer. I'm not sure what she thought; maybe that AA was working, since I only had one beer! But it's not about how much I drank, or when I drank, but why I drank. I drank for the effect produced by alcohol. It loosened the knot in my stomach, the knot that had been there since childhood when I learned to hold my tongue and figure things out on my own.

After experiencing many negative consequences, in February of 2000 I was court ordered to treatment which required AA participation. I was not excited and had no real hope of change. My outpatient treatment was on Monday evening, so I drank all week long, stopped on Sunday and went to a Sunday night AA meeting. After treatment on Monday I would start drinking again. Sunday, March 19th I drank most of the day then went to the WFS meeting. For the first time in my life, the illusion that I would get things under control was replaced by the realization that things were not going to get

better. During the “burning desires” time, I spoke up. I don’t remember what I said, but afterward God did for me what I could not do for myself. I asked someone to be my sponsor and I have not had a drink since.

My sponsor said he was willing to help, if I was willing to go through the Steps with him. We set a time to get together which was the beginning of my journey in sobriety. My home group is WFS; the format we read at each meeting states that sobriety is freedom from alcohol through the teaching and practice of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. That is my experience.

Step 10 says we “Continued to take personal inventory...” This suggests that I have learned about inventory taking in previous Steps. One of the differences between my first time in AA and this time, is that I no longer carry the shame and guilt from my past behavior. Taking inventory, sharing it with my Higher Power and another human being, becoming willing for my Higher Power to remove my defects of character, asking Him to removed them, becoming willing to make amends to those I’ve harmed, and making those amends has given me freedom from alcohol. Step 10 helps me make the 12 Steps a working part of my life. It is a commitment to my-self, to my emotional growth and wellness, to honesty and to remaining teachable.

Step 10 is also an active part of Step 9; my decision to make

direct amends wherever possible. By applying the AA 12 steps to my life, I’m making a living amends to everyone I’ve ever harmed. Somehow, I had acquired the ability to take YOUR inventory, but prior to sobriety, I did not know how to be honest with myself. I had honed the tools of justification and rationalization, but Step 10 reminds me that I am the problem. Every time I am disturbed, no matter what the cause, there is something wrong with me. I’ve become better and quicker at seeing my part in things, but I still need an unbiased person (my sponsor) to help me to see my true self. I naturally tend to exist on the negative side of ego. My mind tells me that I am less than, but Step 10 reminds me to include the things that I’ve done well in my daily inventory for a complete and accurate appraisal of where I am at this moment.

The Big Book suggests that I pause when agitated or doubtful, to ask for the right thought or action. It suggests a spot check inventory. I do this when I am feeling something, before acting or reacting, which saves myself and others from a “tornado”. The 12 and 12 says that one unkind tirade or willful snap judgment can ruin a relationship. Before sobriety, I was good at this. I was very afraid and quiet; I hadn’t learned how to tell you what I was thinking or feeling. As I grew older, I learned to mask my fear with anger and rage. I became exactly what I didn’t want to be; loud and intense. I had several disagreements with

people about my definition of yelling. I tried to explain to them that I was far from my full volume, that I was just passionate or that they were not listening. Through practicing Step 10, I’ve gotten better about my tone and volume. At times in sobriety, I’ve started falling back into silence or giving the cold shoulder. With Step 10’s continued inventory, I’ve spotted these defects creeping back in and I continue to ask my Higher Power to remove them. I’m learning to communicate honestly, and my relationships are improving.

Step 10 helps me look at myself honestly. I like how George used to say that he did not make mistakes, he just had learning experiences. I don’t need to beat myself up, I just need to be mindful of the true motives for my behavior, and change my actions. I cannot do this on my own. The Big Book says that after making my review, I ask God’s forgiveness and inquire what corrective measures to take. I see that Step 10 leads right to Step 11. In reviewing my shortcomings, I pray, asking for forgiveness. I then enter my day mindful of the challenges I create for myself and others. This knowledge and a High Power to redirect my thinking; give me a good chance of not running into myself! Practicing step 10 helps me face life without that knot in my stomach. It works-it really does!
Larry M.
Bend, OR

UPCOMING EVENTS

NNIG Annual Gratitude Dinner 2011



Where: Circus Circus
Mandalay Room
500 N. Sierra St. Reno

When: November 19, 2011

Doors Open 4:30

Buffet Dinner 6:00

Speaker 7:30



Admission \$ \$30
No charge for
speaker. Donations
greatly appreciated.

Ten to a table; Call
Central Office for
Tickets @ 355-1151

Get a table for your Home Group

45th annual
Las Vegas
ROUNDUP
presents...
a sober fun in the sun production
rule#
62
...don't take yourself too seriously...
November 24-27, 2011
Riviera Hotel and Casino
lasvegasroundup.org

2011 ZOMBIE PROM

CO-HOSTED BY NNIG & ANNYPAA

6:00PM-7:00PM
TRUNK OR TREAT

7:00PM-8:00PM
SPEAKER MEETING--JORDAN
T. FROM SACRAMENTO, CA

8:30PM-9:00PM
50/50 RAFFLE AND BEST
TRUNK PRIZE

9:00PM-MIDNIGHT
DANCE!! DANCE!! DANCE!!
KING/QUEEN ANNOUNCEMENT
WITH TROPHIES AND PLENTY
OF STUFF FOR THE LITTLE
ZOMBIES TO ENJOY!!!



OCTOBER 29TH, 2011

ODDFELLOWS LODGE
1300 STARDUST ST.
RENO, NV 89503

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION

OPTIONAL ZOMBIE
MAKEOVERS WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT THE
DOOR!!!

Contacts: Kyle B. 775.225.4290 Amber W. 775.857.7226
ANNYPAA, PO Box 11311, Reno, NV 89510
annypaa.group@gmail.com <http://www.annypaa.org>
...Yes, I am one of those too. I must have this thing.: AA Big Book

NNIG Monthly Speaker Meeting

Grand Sierra Resort 2500 East 2nd St. Check monitors for room location. Second Saturday of every month at 7:00 P.M

Next Meeting on Nov. 12th.

Host Group: District 4 (Reno)

Speaker: Cindy B. from Carson City

44th Annual Carson Valley Gratitude Dinner

Friday November 18th, 2011

St Gall Catholic Church

1343 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville, NV

Doors open at 5:00.

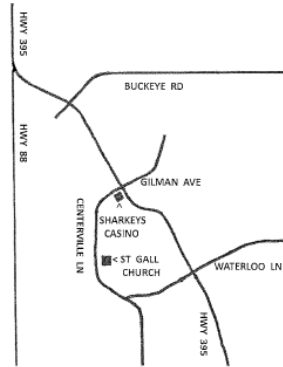
\$5 buffet dinner from 5:00 to 6:30

Kids under 10 eat free.

A.A. speaker Pete L. from Reno at 6

Al-Anon speaker (to be announced) at 7:15.

Raffle drawings at 8:00.

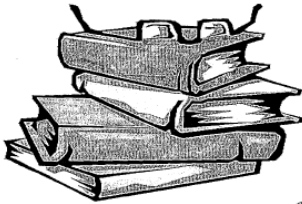


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Help us fill our meditation library!

Self-Help books

12- Step Books



THE EMPOWERMENT CENTER
 LOCATED AT 7400 S.VIRGINIA ST.
 CONTACT US BY E-MAIL AT
INFO@LAUNCHINGPADNV.COM
 OR BY PHONE AT 775-853-5441

DVD's

Speaker CD's

Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps



"Another cornucopia malfunction."

48th IWC



Washington D.C.



Language of the Heart Will Be Spoken Here

48th Annual International Women's Conference

February 16th-19th, 2012

Washington Marriott Wardman Park
 2660 Woodley Road NW
 Washington, DC 20008

Ph: (202) 328-2000 Toll Free: (800) 228-9290

Website: <http://www.internationalwomensconference.org/>

Book online: <http://cwp.marriott.com/wasdt/iwconference/>

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.

Northern Nevada Intergroup Committee Meeting

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

All Intergroup Representatives from groups registered with Northern Nevada Intergroup Central Office are strongly encouraged to attend

Sunshine Committee

Bring a meeting to those that can't get out to a meeting
Triangle Club 635 S. Wells Ave Reno, NV

Monthly Way Out West Committee Meeting

Meeting is held on 2nd Sunday of each month.
Triangle Club 635 S. Wells Ave., Reno, NV
4:00 pm upstairs
Several Service Positions Still Open

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
Trudy 49th.iwc@gmail.com

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



NNIG Business Meeting - September 6, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of minutes

Minutes were approved without dissenting vote.

Chairpersons Report (Van) - The most important issue on my mind tonight is the resignation of our Central Office Manager. Darlene is headed back to Texas for personal reasons. She has done a marvelous job and certainly an inspirational asset to the office. She will be missed by many. Because of this, the Steering Committee is on a very short fuse to announce the vacancy, rate applications, sit on an advisory panel and train the selectee before Darlene leaves on September 23rd.

New subject: I apologize for not addressing old or new business during last month's meeting as we spent much time with more pressing issues. At our Steering Committee meeting on October 30 we discussed time critical mandates such as our IRS and State obligations, bills, cost reduction initiatives, Central Office merchandise inventory, Activities Chair as a voting member of the Steering Committee, Area 42 Archives reading area, target prudent reserve, and the process of revising the NNIG Operating Procedures coupled with an Ad-Hoc committee to perform the revision. We are not a glum lot.

Vice Chair Report - (Paul E.) — **Working** on committee interaction. Attended last NAGSC meeting and spoke with PI, CPC, Corrections, and Treatment chairs. Discussed getting in touch with and working with the like chairs here in NNIG. We are looking into creating an Area 42 small archives display and reading area at central office.

Treasurer Report (Elisa R.) - Elisa resigned as NNIG Treasurer so she could devote more time to the 2013 National Women's Conference. This was a planned action and coordinated with the Steering Committee. Dan S. (long term sobriety coupled with CPA experience) was voted in as Elisa's replacement. Dod D. will continue to co-chair this function. The IRS 990 was completed and mailed to the IRS. The 2010 tax return is scheduled to be completed and mailed this week. Letters have been mailed requesting the abatement of previous errors in filing payroll taxes.

LR. Report - (Sean N. & Linda T.) - Steering Committee voted to have the Activities Chair as a voting member on the steering committee. The Steering Committee is bringing this service structure position change to the group. NNIG representatives approved the position being added to the steering committee. To make this change official it must now go to the groups for a vote. This has been placed on the agenda as new business. The Steering Committee is reevaluating the costs associated with the Bracer to explore more efficient means of delivery.

Central Office Report - (Darlene C.) Central Office Report - Volunteers worked a total of 199.75 Hours. Calls 7,5 for A A Help, 7 for Alanon/Alateen/AOCA/ 130 - Meeting Information, 135 - 12 Step Programs and 120 - Other for a Total of 285 Calls. The Fall Round Up generated \$1,003.00 in sales. Gratitude dinner tickets are now available and have sold \$2,250.00.

Darlene says that she has chosen to resign her Central Office Manager position due to personal reasons. Her last day is September 23rd.

Central Service Committee Reports

Answering Service (Steve M.) - All of the slots are currently filled and things are going well.

Public Information - No report

CPC (Noel W.) - 8/18 Meeting on drug court protocols for A A meetings with Rory Plantet (sp?) Dept of Alternative Sentencing Chief and Diane Crow legal counsel for drug court clients are expanding referrals to more area meetings. September 1 received the CPC/PI Area 42 CPC/PI report of activities for the Tonopah Fall Assembly. September 8 Telephone conference with NAGSC-CPC committee members which they will present results at the Tonopah assembly. Making progress generating new contacts at schools, with social workers, and with the nursing board. Setting up presentation schedules with existing school contacts and attempting to get invites from new schools for the fall. We are continuing to keep our literature rack at Parole and Probation stocked

which seems to be successful based on quantity of pamphlets.

Corrections, Treatment Bridging The Gap (Judy MS) — Thank you all for your donations this month (\$803.49.) As you know, we have been making several changes other than working on keeping track of where the books going coupled with expenses. Things are really looking good. Thank you for your help. We will be back on track soon.

No losses thanks to the changes made at Central Office.

Sunshine Committee (AJ C.) - Active month. 12 visits were made by committee members during August. We added one committee member for a total of 76 Sunshine Committee members. More volunteers are always welcome since the Sunshine Committee covers most of Northern Nevada. The requirement for a volunteer is a minimum of one year of sobriety. Sunshine committee flyers are posted at the Driars' Club, Triangle Club, and AA gathering places in Carson City.

Bracer (Ted G.) — Computer back up and running. September issue close to publication. Need the August financial report and minutes to put in Bracer. Looking for articles, meeting information, upcoming events, and anything members would like to see in upcoming Issues. Thanks to Tracy for her outstanding help in getting the August issue out last month.

Speaker Meeting (Co-Chair Mark.) - Serenity on Sunday is the host group for September. Steven from California will speak at the October meeting. Lunch Bunch (Brown Bagger) group is hosting the October event. Please announce the Speaker Meetings at the Grand Sierra Resort the second Saturday of every month at your meetings during the announcement break.

Activities Chair (Dan M.) - Halloween Event meeting 6pm 9/12 Central Office. Gratitude dinner: next meeting will be 9/15 at the Triangle Club 6pm. New Years Gala next committee meeting 9/20@ 6pm at Roundtable Pizza on 4th & Vine.

Web Master (Ollie K.) - Sean N. and I have updated the meeting schedules for rural California and Nevada. I have turned in to the NNIG Steering Committee a rough draft of the operating procedures for the webmaster position. I have been keeping up on the events but much work exists in finalizing the meeting schedule updates.

Northern Nevada Area 42 Liaison (Roger H.) - The September Area 42 assembly is scheduled for September 9 - 11. We will discuss and vote on many issues and will report the result at our next NNIG business meeting.

ANNYPAA (Co-Chair Jordan ¥.) Upcoming - Panel meeting Traditions 4, 5, 6, Reno Triangle Club 9/17/11 from 4pm-6pm.

Old Business

Storage Facility: The economics regarding the storage unit was not addressed at this meeting; more is being revealed.

New Business

- Adding the Activities Chair as a voting member to Steering Committee (tentatively approved, but now must be taken back to groups for the final consensus vote.
- Revisions to the Prudent Reserve was discussed at the October 30 Steering Committee but needs to be discussed further pending some new and relevant reformation.
- Ad Hoc Committee for Revision of NNIG Operating Procedures (not addressed)
 - Paul E. is drafting a feasibility study regarding creating an Area 42, Northern Nevada Archives reading area in the back room at Central Office. Space appears to be a limiting factor.

Announcements (NONE)

Meeting adjourned in the normal manner at 8:20 PM

NNIG FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Northern Nevada Intergroup Profit & Loss September 2011

	<u>Sep 11</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Birthday Contributions	20.00
Bracer Subscriptions	5.00
Event Revenues	
Gratitude Dinner	
Revenue	5,430.00
Expenses	-3,000.00
Total Gratitude Dinner	2,430.00
Speaker Meeting	
Speaker Meeting Revenue	686.50
Speaker Meeting Expenses	-133.43
Total Speaker Meeting	553.07
Total Event Revenues	2,983.07
Faithful Fivers	80.00
Group Contributions	2,636.48
Individual Contributions	451.55
Merchandise Sales	4,197.85
Other Uncategorized Income	6.30
Total Income	10,380.25
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	2,493.68
Total COGS	2,493.68
Gross Profit	7,886.57
Expense	
Cash Over/Short	4.60
Storage Unit	-67.00
Compensation & Benefits	3,519.18
Copier Lease	242.34
Insurance	84.30
Membership, Dues & Publications	10.50
Office Supplies	363.91
Payroll Tax Expense	-12.80
Postage	63.29
Rent	671.00
Telephone	184.75
Trash	22.78
Utilities	181.58
Total Expense	5,268.43
Net Ordinary Income	2,618.14
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Other uncategorized expenses	2.00
Total Other Expense	2.00
Net Other Income	-2.00
Net Income	<u>2,616.14</u>

4:27 PM
 10/04/11
 Accrual Basis

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

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Group Contributions					
Sales Receipt	9/2/2011	Cash Sale	Group Contributions	6.00	6.00
Sales Receipt	9/6/2011	Almost Heaven	Group Contributions	65.00	71.00
Sales Receipt	9/7/2011	NNIG Business Meeting	7th Tradition	25.00	96.00
Sales Receipt	9/7/2011	Hoppers/Serenity Group	Group Contributions	61.50	157.50
Sales Receipt	9/7/2011	Serenity on Sunday	Group Contributions	198.10	355.60
Sales Receipt	9/7/2011	Portola Group	Group Contributions	40.00	395.60
Sales Receipt	9/9/2011	Mammoth Lakes Group	Group Contributions	42.30	437.90
Sales Receipt	9/9/2011	End of the Road Group	Group Contributions	160.00	597.90
Sales Receipt	9/12/2011	Sat Night Fever	Group Contributions	20.00	617.90
Sales Receipt	9/15/2011	Women on Wednesday	Group Contributions	67.60	685.50
Sales Receipt	9/16/2011	Spring Festival	Group Contributions	200.00	885.50
Sales Receipt	9/16/2011	Silver Springs	Group Contributions	10.00	895.50
Sales Receipt	9/16/2011	Mt Rose Recovery Room Group	Group Contributions	108.94	1,004.44
Sales Receipt	9/16/2011	Slide Mountain Serenity	Group Contributions	100.00	1,104.44
Sales Receipt	9/16/2011	AA Golden Group	Group Contributions	258.87	1,363.31
Sales Receipt	9/20/2011	Keep It Simple Group	Group Contributions	50.00	1,413.31
Sales Receipt	9/20/2011	Ladies of the evening	Group Contributions	100.00	1,513.31
Sales Receipt	9/20/2011	Not A Glum Lot	Group Contributions	50.00	1,563.31
Sales Receipt	9/20/2011	AANNYPA	Group Contributions	50.00	1,613.31
Sales Receipt	9/20/2011	Southside Group	Group Contributions	283.87	1,897.18
Sales Receipt	9/20/2011	Southside Group	Group Contributions	100.00	1,997.18
Sales Receipt	9/21/2011	Afternoon Delight Reno	Group Contributions	89.00	2,086.18
Sales Receipt	9/26/2011	Faithful Fivers	Group Contributions- Faithful Fivers	10.00	2,096.18
Sales Receipt	9/27/2011	Happy Hour/Reno 02010	Group Contributions	50.00	2,146.18
Sales Receipt	9/30/2011	Femely KISS Group	Group Contributions - Femley KISS	440.00	2,586.18
Sales Receipt	9/30/2011	Cash Sale	Group Contributions	2.00	2,588.18
Sales Receipt	9/30/2011	Carling & Sharing in Stead	Group Contributions	33.30	2,621.48
Sales Receipt	9/30/2011	Grupo La Nueva Luz	Group Contributions	15.00	2,636.48
Total Group Contributions				2,636.48	2,636.48
TOTAL				2,636.48	2,636.48

NNIG ENDING CASH BALANCE

September 30, 2011

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Goal Reserve</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Cash on Hand	150.00	150.00	0.00
General Checking	7,796.00	TBD	
Savings	1,035.00	TBD	
CD	5,136.00	TBD	
	<u>14,117.00</u>		

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SPECIAL announcement

The following is a copy of proposed changes to the NNIG Operating Procedures. This information is provided for you to take to your groups for discussion and group conscience. The NNIG Steering Committee has proposed these changes, but no action can be taken until this is voted on. Thank you.

Proposed Additions to the NNIG Operating Procedures dated May 2009

Section 16.1.7 and Section 16.23 below are proposed additions: To be published in the BRACER thirty (30) days prior to vote by the Northern Nevada Intergroup Representative Business Meeting.

1. Section 16.1.7 adds the Activities Chairperson as a voting member to the NNIG Steering Committee. This addition stems from the important role of the Activities Chair as it relates to financial planning event budgets, overseeing event chairpersons, attending all event committee meetings coupled with the continual and necessary contact with Steering Committee members for essential coordination regarding the group conscience suggestions/recommendations.

16.1 COMPOSITION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE:

- 16.1.1 NNIG Chairperson
- 16.1.2 NNIG Vice-Chairperson
- 16.1.3 NNIG Treasurer
- 16.1.4 NNIG Recording Secretary
- 16.1.5 Two (2) Intergroup Representatives
- 16.1.6 Central Office Manager
- 16.1.7 Activities Chairperson (New Addition to the Steering Committee for NNIG

Review)

2. Section 16.23 adds the webmaster to the NNIG Operating Procedures. The procedures were written prior to the creation of the webmaster position. This is a mere formality.

16.23 WEB MASTER

- 16.23.1. Shall have two (2) years of continuous sobriety, shall have served as Group Secretary, Group Representative or Officer/Committee Chairperson to NNIG.
- 16.23.2. Chairperson shall be elected at the regular June Representative Meeting each year and assume office at that time. The term of Office shall serve one (1) year and no more than two (2) years in succession.
- 16.23.3. Is a voting member and should have knowledge of the Twelve Traditions, NNIG Intergroup By-Laws and Operating Procedures.
- 16.23.4. Requirements: Access to a computer, general computer knowledge, time to work on the website.
- 16.23.5. Recommended skills: Knowledge of web technologies like HTML, Cascading Style Sheets, FTP and image manipulating tools (Photoshop, The Gimp, etc.). Cell phones, laptops and other mobile devices are desired for the webmaster to be reached if the site is down. Spanish speaking is helpful.
- 16.23.6 Responsibilities include: Maintaining up-to-date NNIG meeting schedules consistent with the hard copy printed by Central Office, add and remove events from the event schedule page, add and remove committee meetings from the committee meeting schedule, post the BRACER on the website as new editions become available, respond to all e-mails, monitor and maintain as necessary the existing site and present a report at the monthly NNIG Business Meeting.

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