

CNCA COMMENTS



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CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PRESENTS:

"THE AREA INVENTORY" FALL ASSEMBLY

Saturday November 9, 2013

The Event Center at St. Mary's Cathedral 1111 Gough Street San Francisco, CA 94109

Registration: 9:00-9:30 a.m. Orientation: 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Area Inventory: 1:15-2:45 p.m. Serenity Break: 2:45-3:00 p.m.

Area Inventory (continued): 3:00-4:30 p.m. What's On Your Mind? 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Panel 63 Inventory Questions

- 1. Do we practice humility in service?
- 2. Do we grant trusted servants sufficient authority to match their responsibility?
- 3. How can we be more effective in communicating the spiritual value of self-support?
- 4. How can we communicate the role and purpose of General Service and CNCA to our fellowship?
- 5. Is the business conducted in CNCA important to the groups and the future of A.A.?
- 6. Can we be more inclusive in meeting the needs of our diverse membership?
- 7. How can we strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?

BRING YOUR FM RADIOS FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

Greetings Fellowship!

It's the beginning of "Fall" and that means its almost time for our Area Fall Assembly!

I truly look forward to our November 9th Fall Inventory Assembly in San Francisco. It will be great to spend time with you and our Past Pacific Region Trustee Madeleine P., who will be the facilitator. Check out the flyer in your newsletter or cnca06.org Also at this assembly we will be electing by "Third Legacy" procedure, CNCA's candidate for Pacific Region Trustee. At the 64th GSC I will present our candidate to Pacific Region delegates and we will elect the new trustee from candidates of the 15 different areas in our Region.

I have received emails from the GS office and Grapevine and forwarded these to your DCMC's but I wanted to share one I feel is of great importance for our fellowship!

The Special Needs/Accessibilities committee GSO staff member sent us a letter of request. Reporting the AA Grapevine is looking for stories from AA members who have participated in Access/Special Needs committees or those who have personal experiences to share about their own Access/Special needs challenges. Your experience is so important! Many events happen in our sober lives some might bring a need for extra help. Please consider writing about your experiences and help us do a better job in serving AA as a whole! The deadline is Dec. 1st, so no time to procrastinate! For additional information please visit www.aagrapevine.org/contribute or ask our area GV/La Vina/ Literature chair Ray or me.

I am excited about the upcoming Area inventory, and want to mention how important it is for GSR's and officers to participate in this process. Inventory is one of the greatest personal twelve step tools we use. The same can be said when our Groups, Districts, Areas and the GS conference make good use of this principle. As inventories bring about a better way of living in own sobriety, they can bring to a group a better view for AA's future. Our primary purpose hasn't changed. How we manage to carry the message needs to continue evolve in order to share our Hope with others. At the GS Conference we had discussions and heard presentations that really brought home the belief; that inventory is a "Universal AA" principle that brings us incredible Unity and Singleness of Purpose.

Just as in our personal experiences, changes can be of profound recognition an "Ah Ha" moment, or one that requires time. Changes after an inventory can come quickly or slowly. Inventory results often benefit from discussion and evaluation before taking action. I have had profound experiences with every personal, group, district, officer, and area inventory.

I lovingly welcome this opportunity for growth, and look forward to sharing with you the challenges our area and conference inventories will bring.

With Trust in the Process!

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PREVIEW OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING—OCTOBER 2013

Peek-a-boo,

As you may have already noticed this month the chairs preview is on page 3 and on page one, we have the flyer for the Assembly which will be held on November 9th hosted by District 06 and 16. We will be nominating a candidate for the Pacific Region Trustee followed by an inventory of our Area 06. Our facilitator will be our Past Pacific Region Trustee Madeleine P. Flyers including the inventory questions have been sent out to all DCMCs. We would like to thank all of those who participated in submitting questions for the Assembly; personally I feel that this is the best way our fellowship can participate by letting us know how we can better serve to reach out to those who are still out there.

"This is true particularly in the area of Twelfth Step Work, in which nearly all of us are actively engaged. Every sponsor is necessarily a leader. The stakes are about as big as they could be. A human life and usually the happiness of a whole family hang in the balance. (S40)

Last month's ACM we tabled a bid from Marin to host the 2014 Summer Assembly due to over budget. The Assembly is still open for all Districts willing to bid. We generated some discussion with a couple of discussion topics in our business meeting. We encourage you to participate by sharing these topics with your groups: Inventory-A Guiding Tool to Our Future:

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Also we will have an item of Old Business at the Fall Assembly on November 9th; "That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of CNCA Comments/Comentarios except when individually requested." -Web Committee

Don't forget to bring your FM Radios and don't forget to take them back with you along with your personal belongings, feel free to check out the lost and found. Also it would be great if you bring a copy of Septembers Comments/Comentarios to use the past Assembly minutes at the Assembly on November 9th.

With Gratitude, Raymundo L, Area Chair

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2013

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBR 28, 2013

The monthly committee meeting of CNCA was held on September 28, 2013, at the Petaluma Community Center. Raymundo L opened the meeting, followed by the Serenity Prayer,12.32PM. The AA Preamble was read by Tim D of District 14. Angela H of District 11 read Tradition 9, and Rigo L of D 20 read Concept 9. There were 5 past delegates present: Diane O, P35, Bob K, P47, Sharon A, P57, and David N, P59, and current non-trustee director of AAWS board, and Ken M, P61. There was 1 new GSR and 2 DCMs. Aug minutes and financial statement were accepted as printed in CNCA Comments. Birthdays 7/111. Registered attendance: Voting= 61; Nonvoting =42.

OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE Padee M: sent out emails to DCMCs and committee chairs and officers: see me if you are not receiving. Rob B, AAWS board and reg'l trustee sent out some comments; letter from Phyllis, mgr of GSO regarding new anonymity documentary: both are translated into Spanish. New One on One is in 2nd printing; 64th conf will have a cake; deaf and hard of hearing had a photo and Spanish speaking mtg had photo in GV. Conf reports have arrived; officers have distributed at dist mtgs. If copies needed, see me later. Still looking for conf theme and pres topics: deadline Dec 13. Special needs questionnaire has generated new interest; it's exciting to see us try to reach out and do more work. NCCAA: Oct 11-13, Modesto. Panel set for Sat am at 9:30. Only two more conference reports to make. Emails from people to find mtgs elsewhere so thanks to all districts with web sites. Your showing up at our assembly in San Francisco is part of your 12 step work. Check your AA calendars for all our events: PRAASA in March in San Diego. Pre-conf assembly in Monterey is very important; one on one communication to carry the message to NY. Spanish edition of Language of the Heart is being looked at here to make sure the translation is good.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE Jeff O: Pub info desk sent out a memo on a documentary being screened but not put out by AA. The best defense is no defense: we have no opinion on outside issues. Workshop on anonymity on Oct 12. Chair: Raymundo L: Madeleine P will facilitate our area inventory. Please submit your questions today. We have some lost and found items and a new sign! Treasurer: Agustin L: August income \$10,557.70. Expenses: \$8902.70 Net: \$1,655.00 We will be spending about \$8500.00 today. Please consider sending your contribution as a money order if you are closing your checking account as we have had 3 bounced checks. REGISTRAR Michael Q: Lots of changes to DCMC roster; printed out 8-10 this past month and the new one is not current this morning: have to add Ted's new name. I need help in keeping track of over 2000 groups: DCMs please monitor your sub districts. See me if ?s: GSO email project. RECORDING Secretary Judy W: Happy to be here; it's been a hectic week so I am listening hard today. Thank you all

for being here.

ASSEMBLY COORDINATOR Phil B: Marin is resubmitting a new assembly bid Working with some other districts on bids. San Francisco is on fire for Nov assembly. Pre-conf is on fire: Monterey has a new assembly chair, and three new DCMs. Don't forget DCM sharing session here at 10am.

LIT/GV/LV Ray W: Newest book, "No Matter What" has been out for a month. Latest version of GV; cover seems to be controversial.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

01 Monterey Scott P: Very excited: 4 new DCMs, new registrar, new young people's liaison. Lots of volunteers for pre conf assembly. Nov 2: Dining with the Delegate. 02 Salinas/San Benito Mark C: discussed our 2nd upcoming Gratitude Dinner on same Sat as assembly. More people are getting involved. Visiting officer was very helpful in discussing fall inventory assembly and the process. 03 SANTA CRUZ Scott B (Chair read emailed rept): Excuse absence; we are co-hosting Unity Day today; filled our PI/CPC

Looking for Something?

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AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

position; Oct 19: Old Timers Speaker Mtg; working with D01 and 02 on pre-conf assembly.

04 Santa Clara North *Robert E*: Discussing what and how a GSR should take info to group; new business: to delete opposite sex from p117 of the 12+12. Groups have issues with buying/selling items before and after mtgs, and dealing with non-AA announcements. Working on recorded archive records from members with 35+ years.

40 Santa Clara South *Jim A*: Intergroup having a take your sponsor to brunch event next week. Co-hosting a post conf workshop: email me for info. Area officer discussed importance of group, dist, and area inventories. Past delegate helped us start on our inventory. Elected a new GV/LV chair. 05 San Mateo *Joseph D*: All went well and nothing extraordinary to report. Becky did an admirable job of running mtg. as I was on vacation.

06 SAN FRANCISCO Teddy B-W: Visiting

area officer spoke in a beautiful fashion on leadership in AA. Dinner/speaker mtg with Madeleine P on Nov 8 prior to Assembly. Great discussion on group inventory; decided to break into 3 groups: need 3 facilitators/3 note takers. Talked about having a closed fb presence for group: resounding no. 07 ALAMEDA NORTH Eric A: Collaborative Court Services wants us to donate 75 books: lovingly discussing this. Still talking about moving, and having an exploration of new web site. 7 new GSRs

70 ALAMEDA SOUTH *Byron B*: Looking at funding travel expenses for archives, PI, BTG. We are looking at doing our inventory of 6 questions in Oct and Nov.

08 CONTRA COSTA *Robert S*: Created a new position: D20 liaison; will have 3rd legacy election in Oct. Will have an inventory skit also at mtg. Gathering inventory questions for Nov. Unity Day, Nov 16: see flyer.

09 SOLANO SOUTH Renee S: Had first mtg at new location. DCMC is filling BTG/Archives positions so attended workshops in ILL. More coming to service.

90 SOLANO NORTH *Laurie J*: Unity Day: Nov 2. Break out sessions for inventory workshop. Dist and officer inventories scheduled for Dec. New PI chair is on fire. Training GSRs on presenting new business.

10 Marin *Rebecca S:* Missed Unity Day: I was on honeymoon. Working to get GSRs involved. Doing an inventory. Spirituality and transformative spirit of service was shared by visiting officer. Formed finance committee/budget. 11 Napa *Thom H:* Now have alt DCMC/PI/CPC chair. Our inventory of 5 questions will be held next week. Anniversary party with service booths: Oct 26.

12 SONOMA Joann L: Unity Day is Oct 12. Special

Needs committee holding a workshop on Oct 2. Wonderful presentation on job of non-trustee director. Working on whether we should have scholarships to PRAASA. 13 LAKE John O: Recovery Happens happened. Visiting officer gave us conf reports and a detailed explanation. 64000 people in county, 22% drink excessively: We have about 140 members (1%). Unity Day is tomorrow. 14 Mendocino Robin T: Planning dist elections for several vacancies. Talking about inventory questions. Doing some preplanning for 2014 post conf assembly. 15 Humboldt/Del Norte John L: (Mary A): Visiting officer was really helpful. A visiting DCMC helped focus on working with our GSRs. Annual Redwood Roundup was successful. Sobriety by the Sea this week. Inventory coming up for dist and groups. 16 Spanish Central Mario S: Area officer shared on motion at assembly: pros and cons and necessity of inventory. Dist recommended 3 questions that came out of GV and will hold inventory in Nov. People being motivated. 17 Spanish South Eric M: Inventory Nov 15; visiting groups without GSRs to try and motivate. Trying to fill vacant service posi-

18 Spanish North *Hector A*: Elected LV rep. Visiting groups. Trying to motivate people for service. Unity Day and participating in intradistrical, Nov 17.

Thanks to visiting officer. Working on anniversary for dist and

tions. Health Fair in East Palo Alto. Will have lit available.

19 Spanish South Adrian C: New sec and new treasurer. Archives is working on group history. Thank you area officer for helping us with our inventory on Sept 20. 20 Spanish East Martin V: Participated in health fair. PI/CPC had a workshop and pass it on. Great attendance. Visiting groups to motivate. Liaison for D08 elected.

AREA SUB-COMMITTEES:

LV next year.

ARCHIVES *Laura W*: Alberto A gave a fascinating presentation on the history of the Spanish Big Book. Looking for copies of past delegates' reports to complete our collection/other projects ongoing Next workshop in Walnut Creek: Nov. 2.

BRIDGING THE GAP *Claudia N*: Chicago was wonderful: fun informative and inspirational. Forum on Nov 3: San Jose. Joint committee mtg in April 2014. Dists reporting: 10 Presentations: 40 Requests for contact: 162.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *Bob K*: Reviewed Aug financial results; launched into long and loving discussion on 2014 budget. Looked at draft presented by Agustin: he is to be commended for all his work. By Oct we have to deliver a draft budget and by Nov must discuss/vote at this meeting.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

PI/CPC Jeff O: CNCA mentioned in the latest Box 459 in article called "Working Together" p10. BTG/PI/CPC/H&I joint mtg: April 26, 2014. Visitor this year discussed the message we are carrying: we need to be inclusive: this month: Is AA a religion? Some Spanish speaking members making presentations to Mayan community. Need to work on our message so we don't promote or make extravagant promises.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE *Mary Lou M:* Held closed mtg and discussed rules and responsibilities of committee members, parallel content between test and real sites and establishing a shared drop box; update on Spanish content review.

Interpretation and Translation *RICHARD H:* Found radios and have about 27; see Nick. Suggested donation: \$10. Getting ready for Nov assembly. Problems with wireless mics: trying to get replacement cost estimates. Working on having a BTG workbook translated.

CNCA COMMENTS *Richard W:* Lick and stick met on Sept 5; 1180 comments; issues with printing have been resolved. Oct 10: next lick and stick: free pizza.

COMENTARIOS DE CNCA *Ramon G:* 175 mailed out.

DCM SHARING SESSION *Barbara S:* Discussed group and dist inventories. Maricio gave great presentation. Facilitator and note taker should always come from outside of the group.

Lit/Grapevine: Ray W: Talked about GSC report's value as a resource to the group. Can use document to show that things do happen. Data and summaries for area always interesting. Will discuss role of Lit/GV/LV person in dist.

NCCAA *Diane O:* We put on 3 conferences per year Next one in Modesto Oct 11-13. 9:30 am on Sat is our panel. H&I *Diane O:* Held steering committee mtg in Sept and are ready to take reimbursement idea to meeting in Modesto: first vote Oct 13. Ad hoc committee is revising the pink pamphlet. We are the luckiest committee in the whole world. Thank you for your support. In May: conference in Chico.

HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS: None

Principles before personalities. .

Assembly Bids:

Dist 10 Marin (summer 2014) Submitted new bid: \$7682. Q: They're going to charge us \$500 on Fri? Are they going to allow us to come in? A. I don't know. Q. What is the \$675 other? A. Stage technician. He will be there all day. Q. Set up: that is \$500 for set up and tear down? A. This is a new bid. Q. Has the finance committee weighed in on how this expense fits into the 2014 budget? A. I don't know. Finance chair: we have reviewed this bid and we feel it is more than we can afford. It's too expensive. Q. \$675 is for stage tech and stage rental of \$200. A. Yes Q. What is the bid you had last month? A. \$6,907 Q. I have prayed about this. We are looking at pre-

senting a bid but are not yet ready. I need to respect my GSRs and let them take it back to their groups. We may be ready to bid in Nov. Oh, I'm sorry it will be ready in Oct. **Q.** We should probably wait until next month to see if another bid comes in. **Q.** What is the average cost of an assembly? **A.** \$4-5,000. Chair suggested that maybe we should wait until next month and asked if that was ok with everyone. (Unanimous applause.) **Tabled until Oct.**

(SEVENTH TRADITION AND BREAK 2:10-2:20)

OLD BUSINESS: None

Discussion Topics: Inventory is coming:

1. Using an inventory to encourage improved participation; are we emphasizing all the steps...

We are encouraging step sponsors to emphasize what step 12 means and what service is and the importance of "giving it away". Are you going to keep this program if you don't give it back?//The part of using inventory to increase participation. That sounds like a powerful way to increase participation.// One of the complaints I hear from GSRs is that dist mtgs are a lot of announcements and reports. They are not getting a message of what service does for them.// People think we are doing politics, not serving the groups/members. The wording of the question is not good: general service is only one aspect of service. There are different service entities where people can get involved.//Instead of just facts; we are letting GSRs come to the mike to talk about their concerns. We are going to do a presentation on how to take info back to group. What to do seems to be getting a great response//I was just asking myself how I felt. At first I didn't want to continue: initials and acronyms confused me. Is there any way that we can use different language? I know it's cumbersome, but it's just an idea.

2. How can the inventory help?... I think in panel 59 dist 6 had its inventory, one of the things that came out of it was that people expressed many things that we hear here at area and this takes a lot of time. We found we had less and less time when we needed to discuss real business/concerns. As a result of that dist inventory we decided to make changes to our dist inventory: unless you provide a written report we will actually focus on the business of the area/dist. That has been our practice. We have found less engagement on the part of our trusted servants so we are looking at our upcoming inventory. We've noticed some other consequences over time// Thinking about questions for assembly and thought about questions that might be more appropriate here. Why not an ACM inventory?//The minute a topic is put on the table and discussion begins I notice a lot of self-correcting begins just as a result of the conversation about a topic. I've seen people

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

start taking responsibility and making changes. We can emphasize the steps but someone has to have worked the entire 12 steps.//We are strong; have a lot of support. Let our inventory stress what we do right, not wrong. We have a lot more to work with than any area in the world.//Why do we bother doing this because nothing ever happens? That is such a misconception. We have to act on. We need to identify our inventory: in SF 4 yrs ago, ask how many brought radios? (in Spanish) few people raised hands. That's part of why I made motion to supply radios. If we can't communicate, we can't help each other. I brought radios, and all are gone.//Taking inv is valuable tool. I'm a "what's wrong with the pic?" learner. If I can't go to what's wrong, I can't fix it. What we're doing right can be improved, but we also need to look at what we're doing wrong: see how people feel in order to know: We do so to bring a better balance and to meet the needs of every member of the group.

Report from BTG rep to Schaumberg, Ill national workshop: Thank you We are so lucky to have support here. It was an amazing experience. I went with our BTG chair: we went early and took advantage of doing sightseeing and finding and experiencing fellowship. There were 99 people in attendance more than in the past: 3 from our area and a number of other CA members. Presentations included traditions, funding, local corrections correspondence program. We are now looking at implementing a similar program. LINM (loaners int'l mtg.); Corrections panel focused on drug courts; two judge friends of AA supported us. "Court system treats alcoholism acutely rather than chronically as AA does: that is the answer." The role of treatment should be to educate people and to get them in the right place. It reminded all of us to be kind and patient with

newcomers and educate them. Another panel discussed how to incorporate BTG in Gen Service: another reminder of how fortunate we are here; Claudia gave an awesome presentation on our joint committee meetings, a concept not known in other areas. Our business mtg was held on Sun; www.btg.org approved sample guidelines; held elections: Matthew from CNIA will be alternate chair.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? Finance is on my mind: I've been waiting for the finance committee report from the conf. Thank you.

We are by far and away the most supportive area in the country. We increased in every area, but need to improve on % of groups contributing. It's an ongoing thing and we need to continue to talk about it; need to establish a spiritual connection with every group and AA as a whole. Everyone else discussed how changes in publication industry is going to impact our operating costs.//I was able to experience the play "What our experience has taught us" and had a spiritual experience. Someone asked me if we had ever considered a linguistic district for ASL in our area.//PICPC chair is having a speaker workshop on Sun Nov 3, from 1-3: flyers up front//Remember to bring your fm radios wherever you go. Keep them in your car so you always have them//I still have beaucoup conf reports and some officers have some extra also. I haven't gotten a GSR

packet in a while and I'd like some info on those packets and the info which comes with the DCM packet for the DCMs who help the GSRs: but all does not come. My question is I don't believe the GSRs are getting all the guidelines. How important do you think these are? I think this is important and helps the GSRs guide their groups. This **is** conference approved lit. I want some feedback and if you think these are valuable please get back to me.//Yes we are the hugest contributor financially to GS but not the highest per capita. We are wonderful but we are not always #1.

Meeting closed at 3:08 pm with Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted with Love and Gratitude, Judy W. CNCA Panel 63 Recording Secretary

NOTES FROM CHAIR

Please remember to bring your FM Radios to all CNCA events for Translation & assisted listening for the hearing impaired.

Balance Sheet August 2013

	Aug 31, 13	Aug 31, 12	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
B of A Checking	13,180.62	9,972.93	3,207.69
B of A Savings	9,485.16	8,889.88	595.28
Total Checking/Savings	22,665.78	18,862.81	3,802.97
Other Current Assets			
Assembly Deposits	9,148.00	3,365.45	5,782.55
Prepaid Insurance		368.29	(368.29)
CNCA Comments	427.98		427.98
Total Other Current Assets	9,575.98	3,733.74	5,842.24
Total Current Assets	32,241.76	22,596.55	9,645.21
TOTAL ASSETS	32,241.76	22,596.55	9,645.21
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
3900 · Operating Funds - Adjusted	9,025.20	14,282.48	(5,257.28)
Prudent Reserve	9,485.16	8,887.00	598.16
Net Income	13,731.40	(572.93)	14,304.33
Total Equity	32,241.76	22,596.55	9,645.21
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	32,241.76	22,596.55	9,645.21

Revised Expense Report August 2013

Jan - Aug 13	Budget	\$ Over Budget
6,610.62		
66,403.84	51,333.36	15,070.48
2,327.56	4,000.00 2,000.00	(1,672.44) 342.06
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500.00		
18.00	30.00	(12.00)
16.00	2,433.36	(2,417.36)
0.30	4.68	(4.38)
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78,218.38	65,458.00	12,760.38
4,394.54	4,557.33	(162.79)
20,377.41	20,523.33	(145.92)
14,168.75	19,392.66 30,731.33	(5,223.91) (5,312.11)
25,419.22		
64,359.92	75,204.65	(10,844.73)
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AREA AND ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

CNCA Motions - October 2013

Area Committee

Assembly Bids:

2014 Summer Assembly

Housekeeping Motion:

Guidelines:

Presentation of New Business:

Other:

Old Business at Area Committee Meeting:

New Business at Area Committee Meeting:

Discussion Topics:

Inventory-A Guiding Tool to Our Future:

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Area Assembly Motions

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New Business at Area Assembly:

DCM SHARING SESSION

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Phil B opened the meeting at 10:00 with the serenity prayer.

Presented by Mauricio – District 12"How to do a group/district inventory." Mauricio started with opening questions for inventory. Group's main questions are "What are our weaknesses and strength. Districts are asking "How well are we carrying the message?" There are a couple of ways to get some general questions for the group, from the pamphlet "The AA Group", The Traditions and/or Concepts Check list, or the ask it basket with specific questions from the Group. Announce ever week, over and over to get the best turn out from the group. Be sure to have a facilitator from outside the group. The facilitator should bring a note taker with them also. The facilitator should be flexible to all and remember they are not there to take the groups inventory but for the group to take their inventory. Facilitator should keep the group on topic and make a safe "Tradition Twelve Zone", safe for all.

- Wonderful description of the inventory process and who does what.
- Love that there is points of interest. Biggest thing I have encountered is that the group always wants to go to the solution. Facilitator needs to keep the group on track.
- Be sure to be aware of the gorilla in the room. It has been my experience that if the facilitator does not keep everyone on track, anger and resentment become present. This will stop the inventory process in the room.
- Our inventory at District was split over a number of months. This did not work for us we need to keep it all done in one night.
- When GSR is giving the notes to the group it should be done a little at a time.
- My fear is that nothing will come of the process. I think we could handle a little at a time.
- It's hard to leave my ego at the door. I am always thinking "how can I get my job done" not "it's about getting my job done."
- Copies of the notes should be given to all not just the GSR
- Outside facilitators calms the room it's like having a guest at home, the whole family is on their best behavior.
- Important to have inventory in the as manor as a sharing session. Encourages all to participate.

Next month "How to give examples of the concepts working in my/our life" – presented by Bob K. – District 8. Submitted with Love and Service

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Barbara S

Recording Secretary- DCM Sharing Session

CNCA CALENDAR

2013—Pane October November	l 63 26 9	Area Committee Mtg Fall Inventory Assembly	2014—Panel January	63 25 22	Area Committee Mtg
Movember	9	San Francisco, (H. Dist. 06/16)	February March	7-9	Area Committee Mtg PRAASA San Diego
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December	21	Area Committee Mtg	April	5,6	Pre Conference Assembly,
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			May	10	Post Conference Assembly
			Мау	10	_
				0.4	Ukiah (Hosted by District 14)
				24	Area Committee Mtg
			June	28	Area Committee Mtg
			July	11-13	Pacific Regional Forum
			•		(Area 18, Idaho)
				26	Area Committee Mtg
			August	02/09	_
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				00 -	San Jose (Hosted by District 40/04)
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ASSEMBLY DATES CALENDAR

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2013 Fall Assembly

Nov. 9; St. Mary's Cathedral 1111 Gough St. San Francisco, CA Hosted by District 6 and 16

2014 Pre-conference Assembly

April 5-6; Monterey Fairgrounds 2004 Fairground Rd. Monterey, CA Hosted by District 01

2014 Post-conference Assembly

May 10; Redwood Empire Fairgrounds 1055 N. State St. Ukiah, CA Hosted by District 14

2014 Summer Assembly

August 9 or August 2.

2014 Fall Election Assembly

Nov. 8; San Jose Scottish Rite Center 2455 Masonic Dr. San Jose, CA Hosted by District 40

December 20 Area Committee Mtg

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