

NORTH VALLEY INTERGROUP NEWS

District 15 Needs Representatives! Below is a description of GSR. This is a great way to be of service to your meetings and our General Service District.

**District 15 Online Business Meeting
4th Monday of every month, 6:30pm
Monday: September 27th 2021
Meeting ID: 552 880 9650 Passcode: 4PYU4U**

General Service Representative (GSR)

"First let's remember that the base for our service structure rests on the dedication and ability of several thousand General Service Representatives (G.S.R.'s), several hundred area Committee Members, and nearly a hundred Delegates. These are the direct agents of the A.A. groups; these are the indispensable linkage between our Fellowship and its world service; these are the primary representatives of A.A.'s group conscience. Without their support and activity we could not operate permanently at all."

"When making their choices of G.S.R.'s, the A.A. groups should therefore have such facts well in mind. It ought to be remembered that it is only the G.S.R.'s who, in Group Assembly meetings (or in caucus) can name Committee Members and finally name the Delegates. Hence great care needs to be taken by the groups as they choose these Representatives. Hit-or-miss methods should be avoided. Groups who name no G.S.R.'s should be encouraged to do so. In this area a degree of weakness tends to persist. The needed improvement seems to be a matter of increased care, responsibility and education." *(Reprinted from Twelve Concepts for World Service, Concept IX, pg.36,37 with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.)*

For more information download the pamphlet "P-19 G.S.R. General Service Representative(link is external)" from **aa.org in PDF format.**

The GSR "...may be the most important job in AA. By choosing its most qualified man or woman as GSR, a group helps secure its own future - and the future of AA as a whole." -*Bill W.*

The General Service Representative has the job of linking his or her group with AA as a whole. The GSR represents the group at the district and area levels, bringing the groups' thought, news and problems to the District committee member and to the Delegate, who then passes them on to the conference. In return, the GSR brings back to the group the information and remedies that affect AA-unity, health, and growth. To the extent that a GSR keeps the group informed, then expresses the group conscience, only then can the Conference be assured it is acting for AA as a whole. Ideally, all groups should make every effort possible to have an alternate GSR.

- Suggested qualifications for this 2 year commitment are:
- Has the confidence of the group
- Is an active member of his or her group
- Has 2 to 3 years of continuous sobriety
- Has experience in service work and held group officer positions
- Has learned that AA offers growth through service work and has become aware of the meaning of our Traditions

The Duties of the GSR Are:

- Serve a 2 year term, often beginning on January 1
- Attend the district meetings with other GSRs and DCMs, the Spring and Fall assemblies, and the Round-Up
- Be a voting member at their district meetings and area assemblies
- Serve on special committees as a bonus of being a GSR
- Become knowledgeable about AA material available from GSO
- Learn everything they can about the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts and become familiar with the Service Manual

MONTHLY AA SERVICE MEETINGS

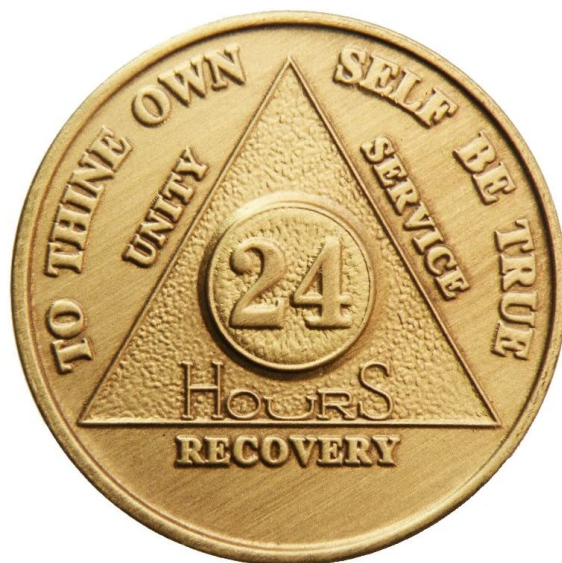
A DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that: **I am responsible.**



Butte County H&I Meeting Information:

1st Monday of every month at 6PM

Monday: September 6th 2021

St. John's Episcopal Church

2341 Floral Ave Chico CA 95926

Area: 31 Butte https://www.handinorcal.org/contact-us?recipient=area_31

Region: 30 Northern Interior https://www.handinorcal.org/contact-us?recipient=region_30

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Chico Central Business Meeting

1st Tuesday of the Month at 06:45 PM

Tuesday: September 7th 2021

Chico Central Building 1102 Mangrove, Chico, CA 95926

Zoom Meeting Info- Meeting ID: 805 883 0205 Passcode: central

North Valley Intergroup

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM

Tuesday September 14th 2021

Zoom Meeting Info- Meeting ID: 984 2942 1830 Passcode: 7xH3hB

<https://aabutte-glenn.org/>

BUTTEYPAA (Butte County Young People in AA)

Last Sunday of the Month at 9:00 PM

Sunday September 26th 2021

Zoom Meeting Info- Meeting ID: 539 759 619 Passcode: 532511

<https://www.butteypaa.org/>

SEPTEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Many service opportunities here!

Reach out to Kristy C (Chair) or Zak K (Co-Chair) or visit web site butteypaa.org

Positions Open: GSR, Events, Programs, H&I



Chico Central Birthday Meeting

Celebrating September Milestones

Saturday September 25th 5:30 PM

1102 Mangrove, Chico, CA 95926



Workshop

September 19 and 26

October 3 and 10

3 PM to 4 PM

Zoom ID

526-156-7797

password 3ADL5j

more info call or

text Tommy@

(530)353-5037

BUTTEYPAA & CO-HOSTS PLAYPAA & REDYPAA PRESENT:
But we aren't a glum lot.
 GET READY TO LAUGH YOUR BUTTEY OFF!
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021, 6PM

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHT 2.0

SPEAKER MEETING, COMEDY SHOW, (HEATED) POOL PARTY
 5486 SOUTH LIBBY RD, PARADISE, CA

\$10.00 REGISTRATION • DINNER PROVIDED • BRING A CHAIR
 \$8 PRE-REGISTRATION, VENMO @BUTTEYPAA FOR "COMEDY SHOW"

7PM PST SPEAKERS	8:30PM PST COMEDIANS
WARMUP ASHLEY C. PLAYPAA (PLACER COUNTY)	WARMUP NINA G. OAKLAND, CA
MAIN GABE C. EBYPAA (EAST BAY)	MAIN MEAN DAVE NEWARK, CA

CAN'T ATTEND IN-PERSON? JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR SPEAKERS & COMEDY:
 ZOOM MEETING ID: 539 759 619 • PASSWORD: 532511 • SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5.00

NVIG QUARTERLY SPEAKER MEETING COMMITTEE PLANNING SESSION!
 September 21st 6:30 PM
 Paradise Central Zoom
 ID: 893 2425 6509
 PW: PCAA95969

LITERATURE AND CHIPS!

If your group needs Literature or Chips please reach out to:

Jan F 530-592-0200

NVIG ANSWERING SERVICE COORDINATOR

Email, Call, or text if interested in Service

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Stephanie (530) 781 2814

BUTTE/GLENN AA MEETINGS

There are updated lists for In-Person and Online Meetings on our website

www.aabutte-glenn.org



Step 9

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Ninth Step Prayer

Higher Power, I pray for the right attitude to make my amends, being ever mindful not to harm others in the process. I ask for Your guidance in making indirect amends. Most important, I will continue to make amends by staying abstinent, helping others, and growing in spiritual progress

Tradition 9

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”



August 1948

The least possible organization, that's our universal ideal. No fees, no dues, no rules imposed on anybody, one alcoholic brining recovery to the next; that's the substance of what we most desire, isn't it?

But how shall this simple ideal best be realized? Often a question that.

We have, for example, the kind of AA who is for simplicity. Terrified of anything organized, he tells us that AA is getting too complicated. He thinks money only makes trouble, committees only make dissension, elections only make politics, paid workers only make professionals, and clubs only coddle slippers. Says he, let's get back to coffee and cakes by cozy firesides. If any alcoholics stray our way, let's look after them. But that's enough. Simplicity is our answer.

Quick opposed to such halcyon simplicity is the AA promoter. Left to himself, he would “bang the cannon and twang the lyre” at every crossroad of the world. Millions for drunks, great AA hospitals, batteries of paid organizers, and publicity experts wielding all the latest paraphernalia of sound and script; such would be our promoter's dream. “Yes, sir,” he would bark. “My two-year plan calls for one million AA members by 1950!”

For one, I'm glad we have both conservatives and enthusiasts. They teach us much. The conservative will surely see to it that the AA movement never gets overly organized. But the promoter will continue to remind us of our terrific obligation to the newcomer and to those hundreds of thousands of alcoholics still waiting all over the world to hear of AA.

We shall, naturally, take the firm and safe middle course. AA has always violently resisted the idea of any general organization. Yet, paradoxically, we have ever stoutly insisted upon organizing certain special services; mostly those absolutely necessary to effective and plentiful Twelfth Step work.

If, for instance, an AA group elects a secretary or rotating committee, if an area forms an intergroup committee, if we set up a foundation, a general office or a Grapevine, then we are organized service. The AA book and pamphlets, our meeting places and clubs, our dinners and regional assemblies - these are services, too. Nor can we secure good hospital connections, properly sponsor new prospects, and obtain good public relations just by chance. People have to be appointed to look after these things, sometimes paid people. Special services are performed.

But by none of these special services has our spiritual or social activity, the great current of AA, ever been really organized or professionalized. Yet our recovery program has been enormously aided. While important, these service activities are very small by contrast with our main effort.

As such facts and distinctions become clear, we shall easily lay aside our fears of blighting organization or hazardous wealth. As a movement, we shall remain comfortably poor, for our service expenses are trifling.

With such assurances, we shall without doubt continue to improve and extend our vital lifelines of special service; to better carry our AA message to others; to make for ourselves a finer, greater Society, and, God willing, to assure Alcoholics Anonymous a long life and perfect unity.

Wilson, William. *The Language of the Heart*. New York: AA Grapevine, Inc., 1988. Print. Reprinted.