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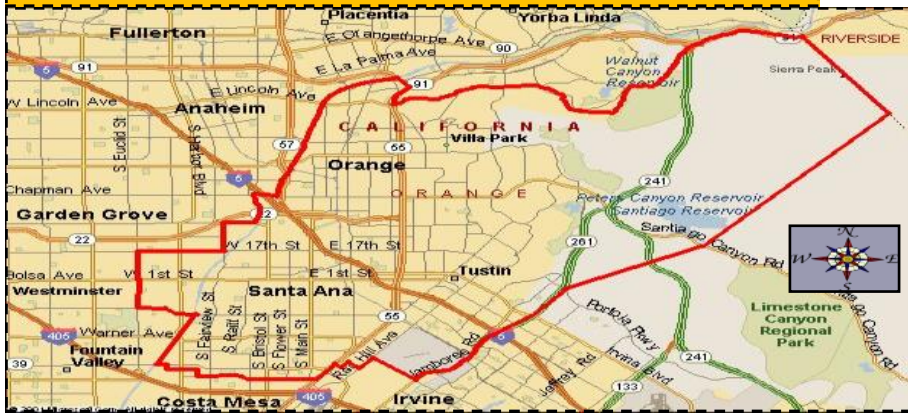
PLEASE NOTE:

Links provided throughout are accessible by reading newsletter online.

IS YOUR GROUP LINKED TO A.A. AS A WHOLE?

“DISTRICT 5 AREA ZONES”

Cowan Heights, Lemon Heights, Orange, Orange Park Acres, (parts of) Santa Ana, Tustin, and Villa Park



Below is a bit of the information provided in A.A.'s “SM F-104 Rev. 06/22” (https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/smf-104_en_0622.pdf)



“Most groups in the United States and Canada choose to be linked to A.A. as a whole by listing the group with the General Service Office, as well as with the Area Assembly, district and local central/intergroup office...”
 “...Groups listed with G.S.O. have their G.S.R.s or “group contacts”, who act as channels for two-way communication and shared experience...”
 “...In the spirit of our Twelve Concepts and World Service, each group linked to the local general service structure has the opportunity to participate via District meetings and Area Assemblies in the collective conscience of A.A. in the U.S. and Canada...”

On how to register your group, or for more information, contact District 5 at district5@district5msca09.com

Being of Service...

YOUR DISTRICT 5 PANEL 74 “2024/2025” TRUSTED SERVANTS/OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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****DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS (DCMs)**
(For District 5's Subdistricts)**

- ☛ WOMEN'S EVENING OPEN
- ☛ MEN'S GROUP Mitchell B.
- ☛ ORANGE FRIENDSHIP CLUB AM Chris D.
- ☛ ORANGE FRIENDSHIP CLUB PM Chris D.
- ☛ NORTH TUSTIN Tyson H.
- ☛ SOUTH TUSTIN Matt D.
- ☛ EAST ORANGE OPEN
- ☛ WEST ORANGE OPEN
- ☛ WOMEN'S DAY OPEN
- ☛ SANTA ANA (Parts Of) OPEN
- ☛ SANTA ANA ALANO CLUB OPEN

****STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS****

- ☛ ARCHIVES Mitchell B.
- ☛ CONVENTION LIAISON Matt D.
- ☛ GRAPEVINE Chris D.
- ☛ GSR SCHOOL OPEN
- ☛ H&I LIAISON Lana W.
- ☛ INTERGROUP LIAISON Lorne V.
- ☛ LITERATURE Steve C.
- ☛ NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE Vicki R. (Sub)
- ☛ ACCESSIBILITIES OPEN
- ☛ C.P.C. OPEN
- ☛ P.I. Chris W.

**** VOLUNTEER POSITIONS ****

- ☛ CAKE and COFFEE SERVICES .. Steve C.

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For more information regarding District 5's “Being of Service” positions:

<https://district5msca09.com/#ServPositions>



How can YOU “Be of Service”??

Attend a District 5 meeting and VOLUNTEER for one of the OPEN positions.

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STEPS, TRADITIONS, AND CONCEPTS OF A.A.

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STEPS: 1 thru 3

<https://www.aa.org/twelve-steps-twelve-traditions>

[1]

Short Form:

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”

[2]

Short Form:

“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

[3]

Short Form:

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”

STEP #1: *“We know that little good can come to any alcoholic who joins A.A. unless he has first accepted his devastating weakness and all its consequences. Until he so humbles himself, his sobriety—if any—will be precarious. Of real happiness he will find none at all.”*

(A.A. “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions - Step One” / Pg. 21 - Para. 4)

TRADITIONS: 1 thru 3

<https://www.aa.org/twelve-steps-twelve-traditions>

[1]

Short Form:

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

[2]

Short Form:

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

[3]

Short Form:

“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

TRADITION #1: *““Does this mean,” some will ask, “that in A.A. the individual doesn’t count for much? Is he to be dominated by his group and swallowed up in it?” We may certainly answer this question with a loud “No!”... “*

(A.A. “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions - Tradition One” / Pg. 129 - Paras. 3 & 4)



CONCEPTS: 1 thru 3

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/BM-31_2024-2026_AA_Service_Manual_12-2024.pdf

[1]

Short Form:

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

[2]

Short Form:

“The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.”

[3]

Short Form:

“To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

“COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE” (Concept #1): *“the ideas, beliefs, and feelings that are shared by people in society and that help unite it.”*
(Cambridge Dictionary)

*** DISTRICT 5 - AREA 09 - OCAA / O.C. CENTRAL OFFICE ***

DISTRICT 5

Website: <https://district5msca09.com/>

D5's GSR Meetings are held 2nd Thurs. of the month.
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*** STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS ***

DATES: (Mondays) Jan 6 / Feb 10 / Mar 10 / Apr 7
 TIME: 6pm

ZOOM:
 Member ID: 897 037 1755
 Password/Passcode: 06101935
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*** GSR BUSINESS MEETINGS ***

2nd Thursday of the Month

DATES: (Thursdays) Jan 9 / Feb 13 / Mar 13 / Apr 10
 TIME: 6:30pm - "New" GSR Orientation
 (In-Person Only)
 7:00pm - GSR Meeting (Hybrid)

IN-PERSON: Church of the Foothills
 19211 Dodge Avenue
 Santa Ana / N. Tustin, CA 92705

ZOOM:
 Meeting ID: 897 037 1755
 Password/Passcode: 06101935

*For safety and security reasons, please
 be sure your first name, last initial, and
 meeting group information is reflected.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DISTRICT 5 WILL BE HOLDING
 OUR MSCA09 DELEGATE'S
 "SHAREBACK" REPORT
 ("REPORT BACK")
 EVENT ON:

THURS., JULY 10, 2025

More Info to Follow...

DISTRICT 5 WEBSITE...

CHECK IT OUT!

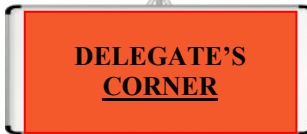
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 Website
 \(district5msca09.com\)](https://district5msca09.com/)



DISTRICT 5 WEBSITE'S
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MSCA09

Website: <https://msca09aa.org/>



[Delegate's Corner - Mid-Southern California
 Area 09 \(msca09aa.org\)](https://msca09aa.org/)

**You can find all our Delegate's
 reports on her webpage.**

Feb 9 (Sun): 9am - 3pm (Registration @ 8:30am)

*** AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) MTG. ***
 Hosted by District 19

IN-PERSON: Victor Valley College
 (Community Center / Gym)
 18422 Bear Valley Road

ZOOM ID: 896 6166 6203
 PASSCODE: P74service

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*(Thurs.) Feb 20 / Mar 20 / Apr 17 / May 15 — VIRTUAL
 Meeting ID: 873 6607 8505 // Passcode: Area09p74*

*** CONCEPTS ***
 6pm - 7pm

*** MSCA09 COMMITTEE SHARING SESSION ***
 7:15pm - 8:15pm

Mar 9 (Sun): 9am - 3pm (Registration 8am-9am)

*** AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE (ASC) MTG. ***
 Hosted by District 2

IN-PERSON: El Camino College (East Dining Room)
 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506

ZOOM ID: 896 6166 6203 // PASSCODE: P74service

Apr 12 (Sat): 10am - 12pm — VIRTUAL

◆ PRE-CONFERENCE ◆

ZOOM ID: 896 6166 6203 // PASSCODE: P74service

Apr 13 (Sun): ◆ PRE-CONFERENCE ◆

To Be Determined

*More information will be found on [MSCA09's website](https://msca09aa.org/)
 once it becomes available.*



Mid-Southern
 California Area 09



**PLEASE BE SURE TO CONFIRM
 ANY AND ALL MEETINGS
 BEFORE ATTENDING /
 PARTICIPATING.**

**Looking for
 a meeting?**

OCAA / O.C. CENTRAL OFFICE /

H&I

Website: <https://oc-aa.org/>

H&I Website: ochandi.org

**ORANGE COUNTY
 ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS /
 O.C. CENTRAL OFFICE**

1526 Brookhollow Dr., Ste 75
 Santa Ana, CA 92705-5466
 (714) 556-4555

ORANGE COUNTY INTERGROUP

*Meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month at
 7:00pm - 8:30pm PT.
 6:30pm: Orientation of New Intergroup Reps*

Location (In-Person Only):
 Norma Hertzog Community Center
 1845 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA

For more info:

Email: Chair@oc-aa.org

Website: <https://oc-aa.org>

**ORANGE COUNTY
 HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS (H&I)**

Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Meeting Times:

4:00pm: Institutions Committee
 (Orientation at 3:15pm)
 6:00pm: Hospitals Committee
 (Orientation at 5:15pm)

Location: Garden Grove Alano Club
 9845 Belfast Dr., Garden Grove, CA

For more info: (714) 926-9573 'or' ochandi.org

 Orange County Intergroup Association's monthly
 publication of "Lifeline" is filled with great information
 and, most importantly...

EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, and HOPE!!

You'll definitely want to read each issue.

Website: <https://oc-aa.org/newsletter/>



Looking to "Be of Service"?
 Contact O.C. Central Office or H&I for ways you can be.

Visit www.oc-aa.org for
 additional information and links.

Meeting Guide App:
<https://www.aa.org/meeting-guide-app>

GSR and DCM Apps:
 GSR APP: <https://msca-gsr-kit.glideapp.io/>
 DCM APP: [https://dcm-dcmc-school-
 app.glideapp.io/](https://dcm-dcmc-school-app.glideapp.io/)

*These are great and useful apps that can be download-
 ed to your computer, laptop, tablet and/or netbook!*

A.A. GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE (GSO) ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

AND A.A. GRAPEVINE NEWS









A few of the “What’s New on AA.org”

(If viewing digitally, just click on the individual listed titles for the complete information.)

Or Visit:

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/whats-new-on-aaorg

DECEMBER 2024 THRU JANUARY 2025

-  [A.A. Service Manual, Revised and Updated 2024–2026 Edition NOW IN PRINT!](#) - December 2025 (https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/EN_Service_Manual_Update.pdf)
-  [Back in stock! Plain Language Big Book: A tool for reading the book Alcoholics Anonymous](#) - January 2025 ([Back_in_Stock_PLBB_Announcement_V1.pdf](#))
-  [Press Release: Alcoholics Anonymous Launches Our Primary Purpose Podcast](#) (<https://www.aa.org/press-release-011425>)
-  [Introducing Our Primary Purpose Podcast](#) - (https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/OPP_aa.org_announcement_EN.pdf)
 - [Episode 1: Flipping the Triangle](#) (<https://www.aa.org/gso-podcast>)
 - [Episode 2: Welcome to GSO](#) (<https://www.aa.org/gso-podcast>)
 - [Episode 3: Behind the Mic](#) (<https://www.aa.org/gso-podcast>)
-  [Announcing AAWS Discount Packages: List Price Increases Effective January 22, 2025](#) (<https://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements?page=0>)
-  [Tips for sharing about the 2025 International Convention event](#) (https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/EN_Tips_for_sharing_2025IC.pdf)
-  [AAWS Highlights – December 2024](#) (https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/AAWS_2024_December_Highlights_V2.pdf)
-  [New 2025 AAWS Literature Catalog now in print!](#) - January 2025 (<https://www.aa.org/node/8506>)

A.A. Audiobooks, CDs and eBooks

Audiobooks & CDs: <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/audiobooks>



eBooks: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/store/ebooks>

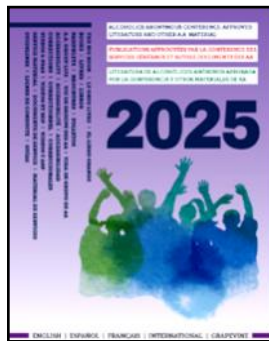
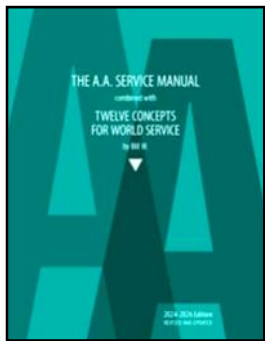


GRAPEVINE SPECIALTY ITEMS

A Resource for Grapevine Reps and Others in Service



[GV Workbook Jan-2023.pdf \(aagrapevine.org\)](#)



A.A. GRAPEVINE NEWS...

AVAILABLE:

“The Grapevine and La Viña Apps”



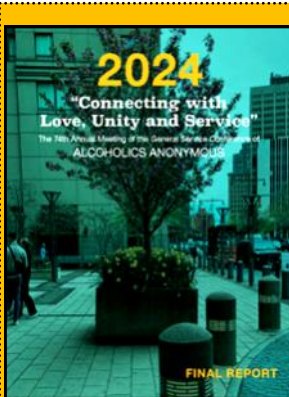
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FINAL REPORT: 2024 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE



“The 74th General Service Conference was held April 14-20, 2024, in New York City at the Marriott Hotel at the Brooklyn Bridge. With 134 Conference members the 74th General Service Conference provided the culmination of a year’s worth of engagement and discussion on topics integral to A.A. members, groups, districts, areas and regions across the United States and Canada, and ushered in the beginning of another year of sharing.”

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/z_2024_FINAL_REPORT_anonymity_EN_830.pdf

AAGrapevine YouTube Channel
www.youtube.com/c/AAGrapevine

AAGrapevine’s Podcast
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>

AAGrapevine - Instagram
[@alcoholicsanonymous_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv)

HAPPY 'SOBRIETY' BIRTHDAY

to the following
District 5 Group Members!



**** SEPTEMBER 2024 ****

- 📅 Matt D. - 3 Yrs. - GSR "Hart Park Newcomers Group" / D5 DCM South Tustin & Convention Liaison
- 📅 Mitchell B. - 15 Yrs. - D5 DCM Mens Groups & Archives Chair
- 📅 Will G. - 17 Yrs. - GSR "We Got a Coffee Pot Mens Stag"

**** OCTOBER 2024 ****

- 📅 Greg A. - 39 Yrs. - D5 Treasurer

**** NOVEMBER 2024 ****

- 📅 Lily W. - 20 Yrs. - GSR "(The) Other 12 & 12 Group"

**** DECEMBER 2024 ****

- 📅 Ryan P. - 5 Yrs. - GSR "Name in the Hat" / D5 Treasurer & Technology Chair

**** JANUARY 2025 **** No Birthdays Celebrated

**** FEBRUARY 2025 ****

- 📅 Eric S. - 3 Yrs. - GSR "Forever Non-Professional"
- 📅 Scott S. - 3 Yrs. - GSR "Sober & Crazy"
- 📅 Lien L.G. - 4 Yrs. - GSR "Ladies Night Book Study"
- 📅 Isaac M. - 10 Yrs. - Past D5 DCMC - Panel 72



Celebrating your sobriety birthday is a way to show others it can be done if they're willing to work for it...

By doing it "ONE DAY AT A TIME", all together they have...

YEARS.....	119
MONTHS.....	1,428
WEEKS.....	6,205
DAYS.....	43,435
HOURS.....	1,042,440
MINUTES.....	62,546,400

WWW

A.A. RELATED WEBSITES

WWW

- ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous www.aa.org
- ♦ District 5 <https://district5msca09.com/>
- ♦ Mid-Southern California Area 09 ... <https://msca09aa.org>
- ♦ OCAA/OC Central Office..... www.oc-aa.org
- ♦ Hospitals & Institutions (H&I)..... <https://ochandi.org>
- ♦ A.A. Service Manual Combined with 12 Concepts (2024-2026 Edition) <https://www.aa.org/aa-service-manualtwelve-concepts-world-services>
- ♦ AA Grapevine www.aagrapevine.org
- ♦ OC A.A. Convention..... www.ocaac.org
- ♦ All O.C. Young People In A.A.... www.ocypaa.org
- ♦ Bridging the Gap..... <https://area9btg.org>
- ♦ Online Intergroup of A.A. <https://aa-intergroup.org>

Thank You



Thank You

NEW GSRs / Alternate GSRs / District 5 Position Holders

A big *WELCOME* and *THANK YOU* to the following for taking on these commitments:

NAME	MEETING GROUP	CITY
♦ Mike H. (GSR)	9:02 Group	Villa Park
♦ Tisha A. (GSR)	Tustin Rush Hour	Santa Ana / No. Tustin
♦ Al G. (GSR)	Sunday Night Speakers of Orange	Orange

AA RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

"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."



Let us Know



MEETING GROUP INFORMATION

In order to keep our applicable database records up to date; GSO, Area 09, District 5, and O.C. Central Office need to be advised whenever there are the following meeting / group changes:

- Name — Date and Time — Location
- General Service Representative (GSR) and/or Contact Information (i.e. Secretary)
- New Meeting/Group 'or' Disbandment of Meeting/Group

If there are any changes, please notify District 5's "Registrar" or "GSR School" Standing Committee Chair. District 5 will then make sure the information is forwarded on.

The

75TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

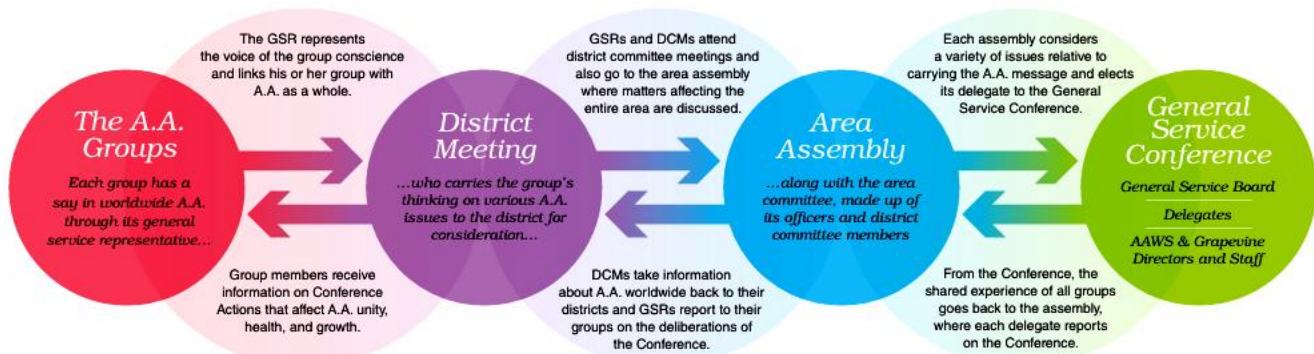
(April 27 – May 3, 2025 / New York Hilton – Midtown, NY)

AGENDA ITEMS

Season has begun!

From AAWS's "Circles of Love and Service" leaflet (P-45 6/24) - Copyright © 2018 by A.A. World Services, Inc.

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." —Tradition Two



All parts of our Fellowship — group meetings, committees, offices, Conferences, and group jobs — share one common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

A.A. is made up of interconnected circles of people within the Fellowship, who work together to carry A.A.'s message of hope. But in order for A.A. to run itself without bosses or rules, in accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate.

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. This starts with a group's general service representative (GSR), who represents the voice of the group conscience and has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole. GSRs make sure their groups receive services from the U.S. and Canada General Service Office (GSO) and help groups stay informed about worldwide A.A.

For every district of about ten groups or so, the GSRs elect a district committee member, or DCM, to communicate the

districts' conscience to the area assembly, which elects an area delegate to attend the annual A.A. General Service Conference for the U.S. and Canada (other countries have their own separate structure).

Every group in an area is encouraged to send its GSR to its area assembly. The DCMs help to make up the area committee — a sort of steering committee for the assembly.

Each group sends its own ideas or problems to the assembly, where other groups can share their experience and provide help and support. From the assembly, each GSR can take back to his or her group the shared experience of the rest of the assembly.

Every area elects a delegate to the General Service Conference, held each spring in New York. Delegates serve a two-year term only and, like GSRs, DCMs, and trustees, Conference delegates are never paid for A.A. service.

The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada. The Conference

meets for six days a year, yet the 135 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

DELEGATE: The 93 elected area delegates make up over two-thirds of the Conference, but there are others at the annual Conference session.

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD: The 21 trustees of A.A.'s General Service Board (U.S. and Canada) are part of the Conference. Fourteen trustees are alcoholics (Class Bs); seven are nonalcoholics (Class As).

A.A. WORLD SERVICES: The directors of A.A. World Services, Inc. (the legal entity responsible for the business of the General Service Office), and the A.A. staff members at GSO are Conference members.

AA GRAPEVINE: Directors of AA Grapevine, Inc., and its A.A. staff, are members of the annual Conference.

"What does "informed group conscience" in A.A. mean?"

From aa.org's "FAQs" webpage...

"The "group conscience" is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully "informed" requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind. On sensitive issues, the group works slowly — discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a "yes" or "no" count — precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term "informed group conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes."

"75th General Service Conference Agenda Items" continued on next page...

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The

“75TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE” (April 27 - May 3, 2025 / New York Hilton - Midtown, NY)

AGENDA ITEMS

season has begun!

Once again, WE (as A.A. fellowship members) are being given the opportunity to give our MSCA09 Panel 74 Delegate, Alex W., the chance to **hear our voices** on this year’s final agenda items so that she has an overall ‘area’ consensus to take to the 75th General Service Conference (“GSC”).

As of the issuance of this newsletter, not all has been revealed. Meaning...the FINAL agenda items have now been released by the GSC Board / Committee Members, but not all of the background information. Here’s the link to the current information as provided by our Delegate on February 21, 2025: [y2-EN-Final-75-GSC-Agenda-Feb-11-2025 \(https://msca09aa.org/general-service-conference-2/gsc2025-75th-gsc-materials/\)](https://msca09aa.org/general-service-conference-2/gsc2025-75th-gsc-materials/). Updates will be made as available, so be sure to check it out frequently. Another helpful option is to attend the Area’s March 13, 2025 ASC either in-person or virtually!

Here is the direct link to the agenda list only: [y2-EN-Final-75-GSC-Agenda-Feb-11-2025.pdf \(https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/EN-Final-75-GSC-Agenda-2025.pdf\)](https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/EN-Final-75-GSC-Agenda-2025.pdf).

Below is the agenda schedule that was previously provided:

✓Nov. 2024:

- “Preliminary” Agenda Items released: [EN-UPDATED-75-Preliminary-General-Service-Conference-Agenda-List.pdf \(https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/EN-UPDATED-75-Preliminary-General-Service-Conference-Agenda-List.pdf\)](https://msca09aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/EN-UPDATED-75-Preliminary-General-Service-Conference-Agenda-List.pdf)

✓Jan. 31 - Feb. 3, 2025 (GSC Board Meeting):

- Final Agenda Items to be determined.
 - 📖 *“Agenda item — The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by individual A.A. members, groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, area committee members, and directors/ staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine. Whatever its origin, any agenda item follows the same path to the Conference agenda: the A.A. staff studies it in the light of previous Conference actions, then passes it on to the trustees’ Conference Committee or the appropriate Conference committee to determine when, where and whether it will appear on the Conference agenda.” THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL (Page 85)*

Feb. 17 - 25, 2025:

- ‘Final’ Agenda Items will be available and distributed to all US/Canada Delegates.
- MSCA09 Delegate will provide Final Agenda Items and background information to MSCA09’s “Agenda Item Summary Volunteers”.

Feb. 24 - 28, 2025:

- MSCA09’s “Agenda Item Summary Volunteers” to return summaries to MSCA09 Delegate for review and distribution to MSCA09 Communications Committee for Spanish translation.

Mar. 1, 2025:

- MSCA09 provided Agenda Item and their summaries to be available and distributed to MSCA09’s DCMCs for distribution to District members.

Mar. 1 - 3, 2025:

- MSCA09’s District DCMCs to provide the applicable Agenda Item and summaries to their District members.

Mar. 4 - 19, 2025:

- District GSRs to provide the applicable Agenda Items and summaries to their meeting group.

APRIL 20, 2025 - DEADLINE ** FEEDBACK OF AGENDA ITEMS TO MSCA09 DELEGATE **

APRIL 27 - MAY 3, 2025 ** “75TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE” IN PROCESS **

“75th General Service Conference Agenda Items” continued on next page...

A.A.’S FIRST GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

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“The first General Service Conference, orchestrated by chairman of the Alcoholic Foundation Bernard Smith, is held in April 1951 at the Commodore Hotel in New York. Bill W. later writes of its significance to A.A.: “The delegates . . . listened to reports from the Board of Trustees and from all of the services. There was warm but cordial debate on many questions of A.A. policy... [It was proved] as never before that A.A.’s Tradition Two was correct: Our group conscience could safely act as the sole authority and sure guide for Alcoholics Anonymous.”

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The

“75TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE”

(April 27 - May 3, 2025 / New York Hilton - Midtown, NY)

AGENDA ITEMS

season has begun!

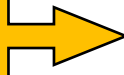
WHERE SHOULD WE START? WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO PREPARE?

- ⇒ The best place to start and to prepare will always be our [A.A. Service Manual](#):
Link: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/BM-31_2024-2026_AA_Service_Manual_12-2024
Chapter 6 - Page 39: “THE ANNUAL GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE”
Note: This information is located in the same chapter and on the same page number of the “2021-2023” edition.

Other suggestions...

- ⇒ Visit our Delegate’s [“GSC2025 - 75 GSC Materials”](#) webpage, and continue to frequently do so, for the latest and most current info.
Link: (<https://MSCA09aa.org/general-service-conference-2/gsc2025-75th-gsc-materials/>)
- ⇒ Participate in one or more of the Area’s related Pre-Conference/Mock Conference events noted in flyer below.

MARCH 16TH:
MSCA09 ASC
El Camino College
(East Dining Room)
16007 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90506



PANEL 75 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE: "WORKING TOGETHER, INCREASING TRUST"

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MARCH 16TH
 PRE-CONFERENCE SHARING SESSION AND "MOCK CONFERENCE" PREP AT THE AREA MEETING - SEE WWW.MSCA09AA.ORG/EVENTS FOR MEETING DETAILS.

MARCH 23RD
 PRE-CONFERENCE BOOTCAMP - 06.18.12 - AT NORMA HERTZOG CENTER (HYBRID) - 8:00 AM TO 12:30 PM PST - SEE WWW.MSCA09AA.ORG/EVENTS FOR MEETING DETAILS.

MARCH 30TH
 SPANISH INTERDISTRICT PRE-CONFERENCE - HOSTED BY D21 @ 16407-1/2 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE. GARDENA, CA 90247

APRIL 12TH
 GSR GROUP CONSCIENCE WORKSHOP- 10:00 AM - 12:00PM (ONLINE ONLY)
 MEETING ID: 870 5276 5457
 PASSCODE: Panel74

APRIL 13TH
 AREA 09 PRE-CONFERENCE MOCK CONFERENCE 9:00AM - 3:00PM PST (HYBRID) - SEE WWW.MSCA09AA.ORG/EVENTS FOR PHYSICAL LOCATION DETAILS
 MEETING ID: 870 5276 5457
 PASSCODE: Panel74

APRIL 17TH
 LAST PRE-CONFERENCE SHARING SESSION 7:00 PM-9:00PM PST (ONLINE ONLY)
 MEETING ID: 870 5276 5457
 PASSCODE: Panel74

ACCESS BY MARCH 10TH 2025:

- PANEL 75 MSCA 09 SUMMARIES
- FINAL AGENDA ITEMS
- BACKGROUND ACCESS PASSWORD PROTECTED: *Panel74*
- SURVEY MONKEY - GSC FEEDBACK DOCUMENT
- MARCH DELEGATE REPORT
- BOARD WEEKEND REPORT

CONTACT ALEX W., PANEL 75 MSCA 09 DELEGATE (954) 654-3149 MSCA09.DELEGATEP74@GMAIL.COM
FOR ALL AGENDA ITEM FEEDBACK VIA SURVEY MONKEY, PHONE CALL, TEXT, EMAIL, OR AT THE PRE CONFERENCE.

FEEDBACK DEADLINE IS APRIL 20TH, 2025 AT MIDNIGHT!

**ALL MEETING TIMES ARE PST
 **SPANISH INTERPRETATION WILL BE AVAILABLE

UPCOMING 2025 SOBER EVENTS

(Sat) March 22, 2025

**MSCA09 ARCHIVES
“OPEN HOUSE”**



Mid-Southern California Area 09 Archives Committee Presents:
MSCA ARCHIVES OPEN HOUSE

Saturday March 22, 2025
Doors open 10 am until 3 pm

“Friends of A.A.”

You’ve probably heard about these early friends of AA from your sponsor – come hear them for yourself
11 am to 2 pm

See memorabilia such as: Temperance Movements - Washingtonians - Oxford Group - Co-founders - Calif. AA History - Early AA Pioneers - Early AA Books & Literature - Come learn something about AA History

Join us for Fun & Fellowship

DIRECTIONS: Take the 91 FWY to the Adams St. Exit. Proceed North on Adams to Arlington Ave. Turn Left on Arlington. The Archives is located in the Riverside Airpark directly across the street from the Arlington Lanes Bowling Alley and behind the first row of businesses on the east side complex.



*Come Early
&
Stay Late*



**More Info call:
The Archives
(951) 785-0845**

(Fri-Sun) May 2 thru 4, 2025

**40th Annual
“OCCA CONVENTION”**

40th

Annual OCCA Convention
with AI-Anon Participation

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2025
Hilton Orange County Costa Mesa, CA



The OC AA “Juicer”
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first convention
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Room Rates: \$149 Register EARLY!

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Parking: \$15.00 overnight—\$10 In & Out

All Registrations are online at OCAAC.org.

You can also register at the convention starting May 2nd, 2025.

(Price list on back)



SOME MORE “2025” EVENTS...

2025 MSCA 09 MONTHLY SERVICE MEETING

THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL
combined with
TWELVE CONCEPTS

WHEN: Third (3rd) Thursday of Every Month
WHERE: “Virtual Only”
Meeting ID: 873 4407 8505 Passcode: Area09p74
TIME: 6:00pm — 7:00pm PST SERVICE STUDY
7:15pm — 8:15pm PST MSCA 09 COMMITTEE SHARING SESSION

JANUARY 16, 2025: CONCEPTS 1 and 2
Concept 1: Adlin O., Panel 74 Alternate Delegate of Area 09 (Imperial County and San Diego)
Concept 2: Stacey A., Panel 74 Alternate DCMC of District 8 / Area 09

FEBRUARY 20, 2025: CONCEPTS 3 and 4
Concept 3: Kevin R., Panel 72 Past DCMC of District 4 / Area 09 and Past Area 09 Archives Chair
Concept 4: Spencer D., G58 of District 18 / Area 09

MARCH 20, 2025: CONCEPTS 5 and 6
Concept 5: Brian S., Panel 74 DCMC of District 18 / Area 09
Concept 6: Larry B., Panel 74 DCMC of District 09 / Area 09

APRIL 17, 2025: CONCEPTS 7 and 8
Concept 7: Tara F., Panel 74 DCMC of District 12 / Area 09
Concept 8: Francine W., Panel 74 Area 09 Grapevine Chair

MAY 15, 2025: CONCEPTS 9 and 10
Concept 9: Francine W., Panel 74 Area 09 Grapevine Chair
Concept 10: Ed L., Panel 70 Past Delegate / Area 09

JUNE 19, 2025: CONCEPTS 11 and 12
Concept 11: Sharon K., Panel 74 DCMC of District 8 / Area 09
Concept 12: Vicki R., Panel 74 DCMC of District 5 / Area 09

JULY - DECEMBER 2025
Service Manual Workshop hosted by various members within 92 Areas

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42nd Annual
Southern California Hospitals & Institutions
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Banquet - Comedy Show and Magician
With Alumni Participation - Lunch & Speakers
Register at: socalhandi.com \$30 by May 4, \$35 day of
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Le langage du cœur

90TH ANNIVERSARY!!
July 3 - 6, 2025
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

**“2025 A.A.
International Convention”**
<https://www.aa.org/international-convention>

My GSR
report is...**- GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) CORNER -**What does...
mean??

GSR

GSR

GLOSSARY OF GENERAL SERVICE TERMS: “D THRU S”**THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL (2024-2026) // Pages 90-91**

- ◆ **Delegate** — The A.A. member elected every other year to represent the area at the annual Conference meeting in New York and to bring back to the area the results of that meeting.
- ◆ **Director** — A person who serves on the corporate board of directors of either AAWS or Grapevine. Nontrustee directors are A.A. members selected for business or professional experience that relates to the activities of the corporation. The directorate of both corporate boards also includes trustees and A.A. staff
- ◆ **District** — A division within an area, represented by committee member(s).
- ◆ **DCM** — District committee member. An experienced GSR elected by other GSRs to represent the groups of their district in area committee meetings and to coordinate service activities in the district.
- ◆ **District meetings** — Meetings of the DCMs and GSRs of groups in a district.
- ◆ **General services** — Movement-wide services, performed by anyone in the general service structure (GSR, DCM, delegate, etc.).
- ◆ **General Service Board (GSB)** — A board composed of fourteen A.A. trustees and seven nonalcoholic trustees that serves to safeguard A.A.'s Traditions and funds. The board has the responsibility of overseeing the General Service Office (GSO), A.A. World Services, Inc., and the AA Grapevine, Inc.
- ◆ **General Service Conference** — A conference linking the A.A. groups to the General Service Office and the General Service Board. It serves as the group conscience for A.A. as a whole. Although the Conference only meets for six days a year, the Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Conference members are elected as representatives from each of 93 area assemblies. The assemblies themselves are elected by General Service Representatives (GSRs) from all A.A. groups.
- ◆ **General Service Office (GSO)** — The General Service Office — which provides services to groups in the U.S. and Canada and publishes A.A. literature.
- ◆ **GSR** — General service representative. The link to A.A. as a whole and group contact with the General Service Office; voting member of the area assembly.
- ◆ **Grapevine (GV)** — The international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous is available online and in print. AA Grapevine, Inc. is one of the two operating corporations of the General Service Board and is responsible for Grapevine operations and finances.
- ◆ **GVR** — Grapevine representative: the group or district contact with the Grapevine office.
- ◆ **La Viña** — Bimonthly Spanish-language magazine published by AA Grapevine
- ◆ **Loners-Internationalists Meeting (LIM)** — A confidential bimonthly bulletin sent to Loners, Homers, Internationalists, Port Contacts and Loner Sponsors.
- ◆ **Nontrustee director** — An A.A. member who serves as a director on one of the corporate boards (AAWS, Inc. or AA Grapevine, Inc.) who is not a trustee. They also serve as members of most standing committees of the General Service Board. Each corporate board has three nontrustee directors.
- ◆ **Panel** — Refers to a group of delegates elected to begin serving at the General Service Conference in a particular year. Each panel is numbered for the Conference at which the area's delegate will first serve. The two-year cycle frequently applies to area committee officers and committee members, as well.
- ◆ **Public information (PI)** — Committees at the district, area, trustee and Conference level help carry the message by working with the media
- ◆ **Region** — A grouping of several areas from which a regional trustee comes to the board of trustees. There are six regions in the U.S., two in Canada.
- ◆ **Regional Forum** — Weekend sharing and informational sessions held in each region every two years that improve communication at all levels of the Fellowship.
- ◆ **RLV** — La Viña representative; the group or district contact with the Grapevine office. Rotation — The spiritual principle of sharing the responsibility for A.A. through changing leadership.
- ◆ **Service Manual** — Full title: The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service. The manual explaining the general service structure and its year-round importance; includes the Conference Charter, General Service Board Bylaws and Twelve Concepts.
- ◆ **Sharing session** — A group, district, area or Conference meeting in which everyone is invited to contribute ideas and comments on A.A. matters, and during which no actions are taken.

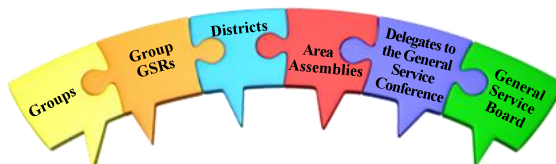
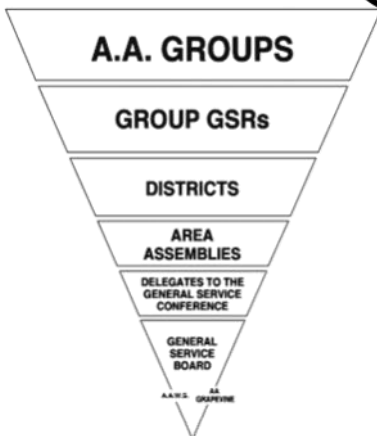
MEETING GROUPS WHOSE GSRs ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE “DISTRICT 5 MEETING” IN THE “4th QUARTER” OF “2024”

MEETING GROUP	GROUP #	GSR	ALTERNATE GSR
9:02 Group	131258	Angelique Y.	
12:00 P.M. Step Study Group	606997	Angelique Y.	
777 Newcomers Mens Stag Group	649516	Loren V.	
Forever Non-Professional	725120	Eric S.	
Hart Park Newcomers Group	649516	Matt D.	
It's In the Book	700349	Gloria Z.	
Keep It Simple Group	126635	Paty R.O.	
Ladies Night Book Study	718618	Lien L-G.	
Monday Night Mens B.Y.O.B.	686410	Tyson H.	
Name in the Hat Group	722902	Ryan P.	
Saturday Night Visiting Speakers Mtg.	100561	Joey P.	
Serenity Sunrise	149952	Bob M.	
Sober & Crazy	616357	Scott S.	
Sunday Morning B/B Study Group (F/Club)	146970	Jadwiga H.	
(The) Other 12 & 12 Group	655929	Lili W.	Chris W.
Tustin (6AM) Attitude Modification	130429	Scott P.	
Tustin Acceptance Meeting	696177	Curt B.	
Tustin Big Book Study	678232	Jim L.	
Tustin Rush Hour	168129	Tisha A.	Kendra C.
We Got A Coffee Pot	725707	Will G.	
Wed Nite Womens Solutions Grp	179495	Lana W.	
Women's Emotional Sobriety	687314	Lisa H.	
Women's Unity Group	618742	Pam T.	

Does your meeting group have a GSR? If not...why not?

UPSIDE DOWN TRIANGLE

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada)



Principles before Personalities...



“By choosing its most qualified member as G.S.R., a group helps secure its own future—and the future of A.A. as a whole.”

General Service Representative Pamphlet P-19.

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In keeping with our 7th Tradition.....

“2024”

Meeting Group Contributions to District 5



GROUP NAME	CITY	“2024” GROUP TOTALS
D5 GSR Meeting Contributions	No. Tustin	\$ 220.00
Personal Contributions	N/A	\$ 20.00
Friendship Club Contributions / Event 4-21-24	Orange	\$ 173.00
12:00 P.M. Step Study Group (F/Club) / Crawl Before No One	Orange F/C	\$ 20.00
12:00 P.M. Discussion Group / Thursday Noon Discussion Group	Orange F/C	\$ 180.00
6 A.M. Foothill Early Risers	Tustin	\$ 17.66
9:02 Speakers Meeting	Villa Park	\$ 65.00
Alkies Winners Circle Group	Tustin	\$ 142.00
Conscious Contact (Monday 6:00 pm)	???	\$ 19.70
Early Birds Group	Orange	\$ 126.00
Forever Non-Professional	Orange	\$ 55.50
Friday Morning Men’s Coffee	Tustin	\$ 13.90
Hart Park Newcomers Group	Orange	\$ 43.00
It’s In The Book	Orange	\$ 181.18
Keep It Simple Group	Orange	\$ 61.13
Monday Night Mens B.Y.O.B.	Tustin	\$ 18.00
Quality Serenity	Orange F/C	\$ 90.00
Rush Hour Discussion Group	Orange F/C	\$ 470.00
Sat. 2:00 P.M. Discussion Group	Orange F/C	\$ 55.00
Serenity Sunrise / Sunrise Serenity (aka 24 Hour Book Group)	Villa Park	\$ 331.51
Sober & Crazy Speaker Meeting	Tustin	\$ 91.47
Spiritual Experience Group	Tustin	\$ 60.00
Sunday Morning B/B Study Group	Orange	\$ 88.00
The Name in the Hat	Orange	\$ 56.00
Thursday Big Book Study		\$ 50.00
Tuesday Night Newcomers Meeting	Santa Ana	\$ 20.00
Tustin Acceptance Group	Tustin	\$ 179.81
Tustin (Gam) Attitude Modification Group	Tustin	\$ 626.54
Tustin Big Book Study Group	Tustin	\$ 15.00
Tustin Women’s Big Book Study	Tustin	\$ 45.00
Tustin Mon Evening Womens 12&12 Group	Tustin	\$ 53.33
Tustin Rush Hour Group	Santa Ana	\$ 50.00
Two or More Group	Santa Ana	\$ 21.00
Wed Nite Womens Solutions Grp	Tustin	\$ 80.39
Wednesday Morning Donuts Group (Early Bird Discussion Group ??)	Orange F/C	\$ 200.00
Wednesday Night Step Sister’s Book Study	Virtual	\$ 100.00
Womens Step Study Group	Tustin	\$ 20.00
Women’s Unity Group	Tustin	\$ 30.00
TOTAL		\$ 4,089.12

If your meeting group, or you as an individual, would like to make a 7th Tradition contribution to District 5, here are the choices:

- CHECK—CASH—MONEY ORDER** (Please be sure money order can be ‘mobile deposited’).
 Mail To: District 5, P.O. Box 3374, Tustin, CA 92781-3374
 Hand Carry: District 5 Monthly Meeting (We’d love to see you!!)
- ZELLE INFO:** district5treasurer@district5msca09.com




When making contributions to District 5, please notate your meeting group name and GSO number. If number is not known, please notate the day and time of meeting.

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GROUP #: _____

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