

Sierra Sage Regional Service Committee
November 12, 2017 in Carson City, NV

NEXT MEETING IN THE BLAW AREA ON 1/14/18 Location TBA

Opened at 12:15 pm with the Serenity Prayer. 12 Traditions: Jim G - 12 Concepts: Dawn S

POSITION	NAME	P OR A		POSITION	NAME	P OR A	
Chairperson	Karen R	P		BLAW RCM1	James C	P	
Vice Chair	Ami B	P		BLAW RCM 2			
Secretary	Lisa B	P		GOVA RC1	Scott P	P	
Treasurer	Ben S	P		GOVA RC2	Karen P	P	
RSO Rep	Jim G	P		RNA RC1	Abbey B	P	
Convention Chair	Ricky G	A		RNA RC2	Alfred M	P	
Convention Alt	Michelle V	P		CANA RCI	Dave S	P	
Regional Delegate	Dave B	P		CANA RC2	Misty S	A	
Delegate Alt 1	Vince P	P		NLT RCI	Darryl	P	
Gratitude Chair	Max (rep)	P		NLT RC2	Greg B	P	
Gratitude Vice	Donelle B	A		SLT RCI	Dawn S	P	
H & I	Hoppy	P		SLT RC2	Steve	A	
Literature Review	Terry J	A		WEB/PR	Walter S	P	
Outreach	Dylan C	A		BLAW ALT 1	Wallace	P	
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VISITORS:

MOTIONS TO PASS November 9, 2017 MINUTES: 1st–Lisa M 2nd–Vince P – No opposition~
BIRTHDAYS:) Wallace – 2 , Abbey – 6 , Jimmy – 10 , Darryl – 4 7th Tradition \$38.82

CHAIR: Karen – Nothing to report

VICE CHAIR: Ami - Nothing to report.

SECRETARY: Lisa - Nothing to report

TREASURER: Ben - See report

RSO: Jimmy - See report

CONVENTION: Michelle – Things went well at convention. Next meeting for the close out is 11/19 at 11 am Round table pizza 4th and Vine. Have leftover bright yellow shirts to transfer to RSO. (All merchandise has been returned to storage) A lot of leftover registration bags (30 pre reg) and about 200 more, may have been due to weather and also ordered 1200 bags vs 1000 the prior year. Like to get all areas involved this year. Need to be at 2 meetings in a row to have voting rights.

DELEGATE: See report Dave returned per diem check as WSLD did not include the “California Collaboration

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Vince – See report Decided to return the remaining hotel (RSC paid ½) as he was not able to attend Saturday and also feels that WSLD is not the venue for a delegate meeting.

GRATITUDE: Max rep: see full report Still need raffle prizes and desserts and sides for the event, having a potato peeling party the night before and family game night after Gratitude dinner 11/18 Fuji park.

H & I: Danny – See report.

BTWSP: Sheryl – See report

Literature Review: Terry - Absent

Outreach: Dylan – Absent

WEB/PR: Walter - See report Motion by Dave 2nd by Ben for Walter create youth ad hoc and look in to text msg info and Twitter, will follow up and report new ways to get info to the fellowship.

AREA REPORTS ~

BLAW – James – See report

CANA: Dave – See report

GOVA: Scott – See report

RNA: Abbey – See report

NLT: Darryl - See report

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SLT: ABSENT NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Cheryl, 2nd by James to increase the quarterly budget by \$20 to \$155 per quarter, motion passed. Motion by James, 2nd by Lisa for James to be reimburses \$11 for printing 50 zonal maps, motion passed. Motion to release funds for WCL for the airlines made by James, 2nd by Walter, motion passed.

Next meeting in BLAW on January 14, 2018. RCM to schedule. Location TBA

MOTION TO CLOSE @ 2:13 pm: 1st Lisa - 2nd – All in Favor

Sierra Sage Regional Service Committee
September - October 2017 Treasurer Report

Total Income For This Period Is: \$1337.91

It breaks down as follows:

Hotel – AD Reimbursement	\$ 191.61	
7 th Tradition	\$ 39.00	Cash
BLAW donation	\$ 377.30	
Capitol Area Donation	\$ 200.00	
GOVA	\$ 40.00	
North Lake Tahoe	\$ 150.00	
Rural Area Donation	\$ 240.00	
Never Alone (RNA)	\$ 0.00	
What's the Solution (RNA)	\$ 0.00	
Reaching for Recovery (BLAW)	\$ 0.00	
Saturday Nite Special (RNA)	\$ 0.00	
New Beginnings (CANA)	\$ 100.00	
South Lake Tahoe Donation	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	

Total: \$1337.91

Deposits: 09/14/17 \$370.61, 09/22/17 \$317.88, 09/28/17 \$50, 10/16/17 \$200, 10/28/17 \$280, 10/28/17 \$119.42

Total Expenses For This Period Are: \$2841.88

Receipt Book/Schedules	\$ 97.97	Karen Rosselli #2371 09/09/17
H & I	\$ 205.25	William Hopkins #2372 09/09/17
Delegate Per Diem WSLD	\$ 150.00	David Baxter #2373 09/09/17
BTWSP Per Diem/Gas/Registration WSLDx2	\$ 450.00	Sheryl Miller #2374 09/09/17
PO Box BTWSP	\$ 90.00	USPS #2375 09/09/17
Hotel BTWSP (Ch & VC) 2nts/pkgWSLD	\$ 411.22	Embassy Stes #2376 09/14/17
Hotel Alt Del 2 nts/pkg (1/2 hotel reimbursed)	\$ 411.22	Embassy Stes #2377 09/14/17
Hotel PR/Delegate 2 nts/pkg	\$ 411.22	Embassy Stes #2378 09/14/17
Contribution	\$ 500.00	NAWS #2379 09/14/17
Delegate Registration-WSLD	\$ 25.00	WSLD #2380 09/14/17
PO Box for RSC	<u>\$ 90.00</u>	USPS #2381 09/14/17

Total: \$2841.88

The checking account was balanced on September 8, and October 5

The account balance: \$8266.96

There is one outstanding check, #2373 to David Baxter for the WSLD per diem

The Bank of America balance is \$8416.66.

As always, any questions are welcome and all documents are available upon request.

Please continue to send your donations to the Regional Post Office Box. The address is: SSRSC PO Box 11913 Reno, NV 89510

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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Karen

SIERRA SAGE REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE
12-12-17

Present:

Jimmy G – Chair
James C – Vice Chair
Karen R – Secretary/Treasurer
Vince P – Board Member
Bobby C – Board Member
Ami B – Board Member
Curt – Board Member
Danny H – Board Member
Dave B – Board Member
Mike S – Board Member
Abbey B – Board Member
Mark M – RSC Designate

Absent:

Dylan C – RSC Designate

Visitors:

Walter – BLAW
Sheryl – BLAW
Lisa M – BLAW
Wallace – BLAW
Richard – CANA
Max – CANA
Dave S – CANA
Scott – GOVA
Karen – GOVA
Kenny – GOVA
Alfred – RNA
Dawn – SLT

At 11:02, Jimmy G opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer in Carson City, NV. Curt read the Traditions – Mark read the 12 Concepts Minutes from September/October approved unanimously.

1. Phoneline balance is \$790.08. All areas are current and payments are being received regularly.
2. Next convention meeting is November 19, 2017 at Round Table Pizza (4th and Vine) in Reno at 11:00 am. Michelle (VC1) was in attendance and reported that the convention went well. There was approximately 200 – 250 registration bags left over. There was a feeling that the weather may have been the cause; however, there were 1200 registration packets purchased rather than 1000. Merchandise went well, but there were many of the yellow T-shirts and tank tops left over. There was an email complaint by a member who had an issue with the way their shirt looked after washing. (There was a comment from one of our members that it looked as though it had been washed and perhaps left in the washer for too long – wrinkled and kind of wadded up). Curt would like to see some “tall” sized shirts again at future conventions. There was an issue with Marathon’s being unmanned during part of the late night hours. There are no numbers in for Michelle as of yet.
3. Gratitude Dinner: Max gave the report as Misty and Donelle was not in attendance. There will be the usual potato-peeling party on Friday! The committee is asking that all areas provide raffle baskets and all should try to bring a side dish. November 18, 2017 at Fuji Park in Carson City, beginning at noon with dinner at 2 pm.
4. Treasurer – RSO general account - \$15,184.22 of which \$790.08 are phoneline funds. Karen has provided an insurance certificate for a Bishop facility. \$700 was sent to Donelle for the Gratitude Diner (\$200 of which was contributed by BLAW). \$740 paid to Carson City Parks & Rec for Fuji Park, and \$132 was paid to USPS for PO Box 7324 for the year. Convention account has \$44,155.35. Karen doesn’t have the final breakdown and hasn’t been able to get the information from the convention treasurer for the cash deposits from the convention yet. She should be able to a final report in January. RSC has \$8266.96.
5. Curt brings up the area motion at BLAW to sell literature outside of ASC and this is a lead in for his request to investigate the creation of a physical RSO. A lengthy discussion ensues with many pro and cons – where, would be used, etc. There is no opposition to the creation of an ad-hoc committee to begin this research. There are many logistical needs to be addressed such as insurance, rent, special workers, inventory..... Curt will spearhead this ad-hoc committee.
6. Elections - James asks Jimmy if he is willing to continue as chair for another year. Jimmy states that he is willing but he and Lisa may be moving. This is acceptable to all. James then states that he would like the executive body to remain that same. There is no opposition and the body will be: Jim G – Chair, James C – Vice Chair, and Karen R Secretary/Treasurer
7. Abbey asks that Sheryl Miller be accepted as a board member. She has been in attendance at the past several meetings. No questions, no opposition. Welcome, Sheryl!!!

Next meeting to be held on **Sunday January 14, 2018 aaat 10am** Location – TBA Reno, NV

These minutes subject to review, amendment, and approval by RSO in January 2018

REGIONAL DELIGATE REPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to go to WSLD 31 in Monterey. Because of the fires in California the California Collaboration was cancelled. I had the opportunity to focus on the learning days and soak up some mentorship on how to better perform my service position as well as provide insight; background and more well rounded solutions for members of this region. It really is true, never alone, even in service.

I went to the regional delegate round table. The discussion was about the zonal system as inevitability for the U.S. The discussion was more about HOW it would work here not IF it would work here. The pros are a more even representation of U.S. members compared to international members, however through the discussion of how international zones perform I saw that the U.S. has its regions perform those duties. The benefits of zonal representation will only be benefital through a total restructuring of service structure, as we know it here as well as addressing the fears and concerns of U.S. members.

Service structure overview part 2

This was the second session was present at and the zonal discussion continued, this time from world board members leading it. Their presentation was encouraging to see the work and progress NA is making internationally and once again reinforced their choice for a switch to the zonal representation with a call to members to look at the benefits more and to find a way to make it work.

Applying our principles to technology and social media.

This was a round table discussion of how technology can help or hinder our primary purpose and service. Facebook was seen as a double edged sword and was extremely helpful in getting announcements out however it was viewed as highly negative when it came to discussions and needed to be monitored by a member who had a firm grasp of traditions closely.

11th Concept for conventions and events

I attended this session as a response to our challenges and found a pamphlet is being developed to assist with this area of service. I have included in package. Once again, real stimulating conversation with creative ideas that people are using to overcome challenges.

I have attached handouts I received during the conference for to be encouraged and better informed with. Thanks for this much-needed informative mentorship that helps me help others. The sessions were great and the talks with experienced members were so valuable, informative and helpful. It really dose take a fellowship to raise an addict. One theme that ran through all the discussions was a need to attract old timers back to meetings and then to get them to mentor the next generation. I received that at this conference and was overwhelmed with gratitude for this unselfish sharing and caring.

Thanks for the opportunity once again.

In loving service

David B.

Sierra Sage Regional Delegate Alternate Report

11/12/17

This month I attended the WSLD that was held in Monterey California. Because of a conflict of scheduling with another NA event, I reached out via email and asked if it would be okay to try and do both events. Because I was not able to fully attend the WSLD, I would like to return to the body, the funds that were given for my participation.

That being said, I was able to make an observation of the event and have to be honest with the group. I do not see where this venue is viable benefit to the Region. It is focused more towards the education of H&I, PR, BTW, and Hotline Committees. Although there were two workshops at the venue that were focused on the Delegates, I don't see where there was an educational value. It seems to me in my opinion, that the region would much better served using the funds towards the WSZF, which is right around the corner.

That being said. The WSZF is being held at the end of January, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The dates are January 25th- 28th. I have tried to reach out to the contacts of the event to get an itinerary, but have not heard back yet. I will continue until I find some information out. This meeting is scheduled to start on a Thursday and I think it would be nice to see exactly what is scheduled to see when the Delegate team needs to be there. With that being said, I would like to submit a budget for the WSZF.

\$225 for Hotel

\$400 Per Diem

\$600 Flight, this is an approximate value.

In Loving Service

Vince P

Gratitude: Everything is going well. We will be having a family game night after the Gratitude Dinner- Large Jenga, Dominos, cards, Pictionary, limbo, cards against humanity to name a few – if you have any favorite games you want to bring please do. We will be hosting a potato peeling party 11-17-17 at 8:00 pm after the Need to Read Meeting- if you want to join bring your potato peeler and join the fun!

We are still in need of raffle prizes, side dishes and desserts! We would like to schedule time to get into the storage?

Thank you for allowing us to be of service

Misty & Donelle

RSC H & I REPORT

11/12/2017

Hi Family,

H & I

- 1) We have 3 NA meetings in 2 facilities. Warm Springs has (1) one English which Lou Z., Rob E. and I go into on Thursday's at 6 pm. We rotate going in on Thursday so we don't get burnt out. We also had requests for Spanish literature in Warm Springs. I purchased Spanish literature, it will be taken in to the facility this next week. NNCC in Carson City has (2) meetings both are English. One is on Friday at 6pm (needs outside sponsor) and the other is on Sunday at 12:30. Charles B; Lou Z. trade off every other Sunday. We are looking for more men to step up to get cleared. I do have clearance forms for anybody interested. Please take this back to your Area's.
- 2) Please step up, Regional H&I makes a difference, help us move forward with a healthier Regional H&I program in our Sierra Sage Region!! Mike C. from BLAW is the new Vice Chair, I am working with him and any new people to carry on this awesome service. I will continue to work towards developing a closer (PR/H&I) relationship with NVDOC (Nevada Dept. of Corrections).
- 3) I received/replied to two H & I requests since our last RSC. Both were looking for information on getting literature into facilities. One was for a family member and the other was looking for suggestions to lower their cost on purchasing literature for their facility.
- 4) BUDGET

Received check from RSC	\$200.00
H&I literature from NAWS	- \$187.70
Reimburse	\$ 12.30

REGIONAL H & I NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are presently working on building what will become a sustainable H&I service for our Area's servicing NVDOC (prison's) facilities within Sierra Sage Region. We are presently servicing, Ely state prison, Lovelock correctional ctr, Northern Nevada Correctional Ctr, Warm Springs, Stewart Camp, with either literature or Addicts cleared as volunteers doing H&I service in these facilities. Our goal here is to make these services functional/attractive inside our fellowship as well as to NVDOC.

We are hoping to find some other people that would like to help nurture and grow our H&I services here in Sierra Sage. Other positions that could help our H & I efforts would be:

- 1) Helping coordinate people getting cleared/staying cleared/in service.
- 2) Literature distribution to facilities.
- 3) PR/Communications with DOC and other facilities as we are able.

I'm planning to stay and work directly with NVDOC administration, developing our relationship with the state facilities within NVDOC, both women and men. The women's side is a little more challenging due to the geographical locations of these facilities. There are women in many of our area's within our Region that are interested, but the locations of these facilities make them a little reluctant to get involved due to travel. Developing an NA program that will help them thru the mail and/or develop a meeting within their facility is possible and available. Here are a few:

- 3) A NEW WAY TO LIVE, is a program conceived to help facilities develop their own NA meetings within their facilities without outside sponsors.
- 4) REACHING OUT, is a quarterly H & I publication that our region/area's are using now.

Communicating this information thru Administration is key at this point so they know we have services available for them.

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**BTWSP * Behind The Walls Sponsorship Program
Sierra Sage Regional Report * NOVEMBER* 2017**

Hello Everyone:

Sierra Sage Regional SubCommittee of BTWSP is doing well and meeting all of its needs. We are up to date on all request for packets and information on our program. We ALWAYS need male sponsors, and we got 11 (6 males/5 women) sign-ups at the Convention. Although we lost 4 males this last quarter. There is NO ONE on the waiting list at this time. Thank you Higher Power!!

WSLD

Thank you for making it possible for Abby and I and for allowing us to go to Western Service Learning Days in Monterey California. We had a most wonderful time. We went to as many workshops, meetings, and small group discussions as humanly possible and we learned a whole bunch, took lots of notes, and got lots of flyers and hand-outs, and met tons of great contacts. While we were at the many great meetings and workshops we met many great people and swapped email addresses, phone numbers to help us in the future.

WSLD BUDGET

We are returning \$144.88 back to Region. We have all the receipts. We spent 716.36/Out of a proposed budget of \$1000.00 we under 138.76. Under our proposed Budget Thank you again.
See our Budget print-out.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We plan to discuss with the fellowship what we learned at WSLD at the Pancake Breakfast on December 10th. We have been asked to join in Service and we will share some of the items we learned about, with hand-outs, and hopefully we can teach our SubCommittee how to have a webinar within the next few months.

WORKBOOK PROJECT

We STILL believe BTWSP's across the USA are in a growing process, and we look forward to the Workbook Project in the future. We learned it will be a big project and just to start at the beginning by drafting something and then sharing. It will take many hours of typing over the next 6 months to 2 years. We will be moving forward with the Workbook project and will have webinar seminars many more times in the next year and we will be emailing and sharing with brainstorming sessions in between webinars with the 12 Regions who seem interested.

Subcommittee REGULAR BUDGET:

We are asking for our new Quarterly budget of \$155.00. We are out of stamps, and almost out of Laser ink. We stretched it an extra quarter. We sent out 72 packets/136 letters/ and did a lot of filing, brainstorming, and small group discussion about ways to cut our costs. Unfortunately when we had gone to the bathroom, or were in a meeting, Our BTWSP Raffle Basket was stolen, we are not claiming the loss in our budget of \$11.87. (+ a Movie Certificate for \$25.00) We are however getting some items together and sending it to our winner. Thank you to those that are helping.

Thank you for letting us be of Service in this Region,

ILS

Sheryl and Abby

Chair and Vice Chair.

Behind the Walls Sponsorship Program.

BLAW RCM Report



The Area continues to see an upswing in newcomers and new members with a year or more becoming Trusted Servants. This speaks to the growth in the Fellowship and many younger addicts joining and staying clean one day at a time.

Many attended their first NA Convention for the first time and it was exciting to see so many newcomers on stage for the first time.

The BLAW has Marathon Meetings for Thanksgiving and Christmas and a New Year's Eve Event with Pat from Carson as our speaker.

December 10th we have our H&I and Public Relations Pancake Breakfast and this year we have Speakers sharing their experience and presenting the information from Western Service Learning Days.

We are in the process of re-opening the Herlong Prison H&I meeting. Wallace and Area Chair Ray have been traveling to the Susanville Prison Camp weekly carrying the message in. the inmates have been quite receptive.

North Lake Tahoe Trusted Servants attended the workshop and asked for some help with Drug Courts and we mentioned we went as far as Winnemucca and would be more than happy to help.

Flyers are being distributed for all these events please attend and join us. We would love to spend our holiday season sharing our recovery with you.

The Area is sound financially and we are starting the discussions on how to spend our income prudently. The IP Money Matters was copied and handed out to every GSR at the last meeting.

Please help

Thanks for letting us serve,

James & Wallace BLAW RCM's

CAPITOL AREA REPORT 11-12-17

Capital Area has 15 meetings now. All meeting are in the black. All bills are paid

Our new chair is working hard to get to know about each position and is working individually with anyone new to see if they need any assistance with their new service commitment. We recently had a GSR workshop unfortunately not a lot of the new GSR were there- I hope is to do some more workshops throughout the year. GSR reports now include line items for how area better serve the groups. New area budget in process.

Activities: We just had October fest event – it was well attending, and everything went smoothly

PR- Will go around to all the community agencies we have racks at and introduce her self and see about forms new relationships.

Phonelines- With lots of help we finally have the passwords- our chair is working on making sure everything is updated on the site

Literature- We are revisiting our budget for literature

Gratitude: Everything is going well. We will be having a family game night after the Gratitude dinner- Large Jenga, Dominos, cards, Pictionary, limbo, cards against humanity to name a few – if you have any favorite games you want to bring please do. We will be hosting a potato peeling party 11-17-17 at 8:00 pm after the Need to Read Meeting- if you want to join bring your potato peeler and join the fun! We are still in need of raffle prizes, side dishes and desserts! We would like to schedule time to get into the storage?

Area Service Body – Meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:30

Thank you for allowing us to be of service -

Dave Stewart RCM 1

GOVA 11-12-17

Current Balance is \$1059.29

activities:

1. I have 10 flyers for our new years eve Bingo Night
7pm Meeting 8pm Bingo
621 West Line st. (Salvation Army)
2. Thanksgiving dinner: contact Kim (activities)
3. Christmas dinner:

Sunday meeting needs support

Literature: Books are moving well
currently, new meeting schedules
are printed & available

WSLD: Ami & Melissa attended & Reported Back
Regarding useful info for area.

Donation to Region: \$20.⁰⁰

Gratefully Submitted;
GOVA RCM Scott T.

North Lake Tahoe Area Report, November 12, 2017

Meeting attendance has been better than average. We still have one meeting every day of the week, for in Truckee, and 3 and Kings Beach. The meeting schedule has not changed.

We are still waiting to hear back from officer Anderson about setting up a meeting in the local jail.

We have around 6 newcomers and we are hoping they will stay. We are supporting them and are encouraged by their regular attendance.

We have one event coming up, our area's holiday dinner, which will be December 2nd in Kings Beach.

We donated one basket to Convention and two baskets for gratitude. Our area is donating \$200 to region, and \$25 to the Behind the Walls program to help pay for postage, leaving us with a usable balance of \$838.16.

Thank you for letting us be of service.

RNA Report

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11-12-17

* Literature is Full

* Bills ARE Paid, We are in the black.

* We had our Nominations at our Last Meeting on NOV. 4th And our Elections will Be Held on December 16th at ^{Senior Center in Silver Springs} ~~Hixy's Hall~~ & following our Meeting we will be having our Annual X-Mas Dinner from 1pm - 4pm. (Location is tentative until we get our confirmation from Senior Center on Monday 11-13-17) possible other location will be at 500 Clemens in Dayton)

* Dayton plans on Having a BBQ during the Region Meeting the Second Sunday in March 2018. Our Area

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RNA REPORT

* Will be providing \$200 to them for meat & supplies for this BBQ. We are suggesting our members to attend the Region Meeting so they can get a feel for what they are like and then to stay for BBQ after. Trying to get members in our Area involved in service.

Helpline

* Our ~~Hotline~~ Committee is going good. We are holding regular training for our ~~Hotline~~ ^{Helpline}. The last training was held on October 22. They discussed Do's & Don't's, donating Helpline T-shirts to Raffles within our Area to get numbers out there, having future training meetings, taking sections out of manual & reviewing them during training & rotating to an Auto Attendant when calls are not answer.

RNA Report

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* Donating \$60 for November ^{Bill Ripps will send in 4 or 5 days}

* Discussing Rewrites of our Area Guidelines
We are putting up some proposals to our groups & once they approve we will notify Region of our changes.

* Also our Silver Springs "What's the Solution?" Group is looking for speakers. If interested please contact Abbey 720-5351 or Alan 980-7314. It is a meeting that is run by the Idaho House and we have newcomers who need to hear the message of ~~Recovery~~ Recovery.

Thank you for letting
be of service this
will be my last meeting
as your RCM from
RNA - Alfred will be taking
over at next Region - Abbey

South Lake Tahoe Report

Meetings had low attendance in September (end of Summer)

There was no area in October due to weather

Changed all meetings to Winter schedule

H & I coming back online. It looks like we will now be allowed back into Douglas County Jail.

Mountain High Campout will be at Meeks Bay, deposit has been paid. All cabins are sold out.

Unity Sisters Masquerade Ball at The Brewery arts center in Carson City (flyers)

Unity Sisters Registrations are available along with webpage and paypal option!

Next Area meeting will be a double and should have a donation for Region.