

Area 40 - District 72 Agenda – September 2025 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: [Saturday 9/27/25 4:30-6:30pm at](#) Community Protestant Church, 505 N. Electric St. in West Yellowstone [and via Zoom. Link information below.](#)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336233284?pwd=cFl6MWxQN0pXNlV6MXdSVk9qdjVFQT09>

Meeting ID: 843 3623 3284

Passcode: 371512

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

1. Open with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer
2. Read the District 72 safety statement:
 - If any person endangers another individual or disrupts the group's efforts to carry A.A.'s message, the group may ask that person to leave the meeting. Recognizing the importance of group unity, our group wishes to create a safe meeting environment in which alcoholics can focus on achieving sobriety.
3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions – Mike S.
4. Read Concept Nine:

“Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.”

5. Establish quorum: Voting members are group GSRs, District Committee Chairs, and District Officers. If you are an alternate GSR, please only raise your hand if your GSR is not present. (calculate 2/3s for quorum)

13 in room, 9 online = 22 Need 14 for quorum

6. Approve last month's meeting minutes – Passed (all in favor, one possible abstention)
7. Introductions of GSRs & Visitors: **3 MINUTE TIMER FOR GSR REPORTS**

If you are a GSR please come to the microphone to give your report.

Please briefly share:

- GSRs – *Your name, home group & anything you think might interest or benefit your fellow GSRs and/or District Chairs about your home group (e.g., events or activities your home group is hosting or doing, topics that your group is interested in or struggling with, etc.).*

Matthew R. (H.O.W. Group, Bozeman) – Speaker event on Oct 11, Chris R from Ingram, Texas. Show up at 1 for snacks and fellowship. Workshop 2 – 4. 7:30 is speaker story. Working with others is the topic.

Crystal B. (Pink Cloud, Bozeman) – Things going great, had wonderful speaker named Susan and loved it. All is well for Pink Cloud.

Nora D. (Wednesday Noon, Bozeman) – Nothing new really to report, meeting is getting bigger and bigger with only 3 homegroup members. Need to figure out who all has joined the homegroup or would like to.

Teresa R. (Women's Serenity Group, Bozeman) – Meet at noon Tuesdays and Fridays, hybrid meeting. Birthday last Friday of the month.

Brian W. (There is a Solution, Bozeman) – Every day meeting, Mon-Fri both online and in person are separate. Sat and Sun are hybrid. This Saturday have Troy H speaking. Fewer since tourist season dropped off. Looking into getting camera and microphone for hybrid meetings, wondering if can borrow one as test run before buying one for the group. Reach out if can help, thank you.

Tanya W. (6th Chapter, Bozeman) – Speaker meeting third Sunday of month, becoming quite the meeting, hope to see everyone there.

Susan H. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis) - Have 5 meetings a week. Do virtual hybrid on Monday and Friday nights, just elected new technology chair, have been run by Earl on his phone but are now upgrading, going to be getting new Zoom account. Will need help who to contact for changing that info about meetings online and schedule. Attendance 5-15 people. Birthday last Wednesday of Month.

Mike S. (West Yellowstone Group, West Yellowstone) – Not huge report, meet Sunday nights big book study at 6:30. Meet Wednesday nights on Winter schedule 6:30, doing Joe and Charlie tapes. All summer long been taking meetings into Old Faithful. And go to a campfire meeting on Tuesday nights, and then another campfire meeting on Saturdays. Core group 12-15 people.

Valerie K. (Young People, Bozeman) – Meet Tues Sun Thurs. Kickball went very well! Despite going through multiple kickballs, dogs and kickball don't mix.

- Visitors: Your name & your home group.

Jeff (West Yellowstone)

Kyla K

8. Introductions and Committee Reports 3 MINUTE TIMER FOR REPORTS

Treasurer, Tim K.

Please see full Treasurer's Report for details

Current Bank Balance as of 9/21/25: \$7,217.10

Total Income: \$1,134.97

Total Expenses: \$1259.58

Current Operating Balance: \$3,330.38

District 72 Treasurer's Report for period 8/24/25-9/21/25

Hello District 72, Attached is the current District 72 Treasurer's Report! Please let me know if you have any questions! Whew, so much easier and less time consuming!

See attached reports for reporting period 8/24/2025-9/21/2025 which shows all income and expenses for this period, YTD vs. Budget. Any questions or concerns please reach out to me.

District 72 contributions remains the same mailing address: PO Box 1538, Bozeman Mt. 59771-1538, *Please make checks payable to District 72 and * specify in memo if pink can contribution OR Group 7th Tradition contribution OR Literature purchases PLEASE.**

*To Contribute to Area 40 send contributions to Area 40 Inc. P.O. Box 43, Billings Mt. 59103.

*To contribute to G.S.O. send contributions to General Service Board P.O. Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407.

Some upcoming Pending Expenses still in the budget are DCM Hotel, Food and Uber and Registration for Forum will be in October report, as well as Fall Assembly expenses for Michael S for the Scholarship travel expenses.

Please Print a copy off for the District meeting on 9/27/25 as we will NOT have copies available since we now have multiple page reports. If you are signed up to receive emails from District 72 you will receive a copy in your email.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Tim K-District 72 Treasurer.

- Tim states need 7th tradition contributions from groups to keep coming in
- Mike asks what Pink Can is. Tim explains groups get container, label it. Pink Can person sends money either split to District and Area or just District, money used for Department of Corrections literature.

Answering Service, Wendy

Absent, Lila gave report

REPORT FROM DISTRICT 72 ANSWERING SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Glad to report we've got women volunteers in place for all 12 months and men for 9 months. We had TEN calls total in August. There were two calls reported as missed, but in reality both were reached by volunteers, so there were no missed calls.

I will not get the Area answering service report from Lance (Area chair) until early October, so I cannot report on how many calls came in September.

I learned quite late that I was expected to attend the area assembly. I had no idea, and couldn't be there physically, but did attend the answering service portion of the meeting via Zoom on Saturday, September 13th. Sadly, the Answering Service committee report was not given when scheduled, so I missed it.

Everything seems to be going smoothly! Some calls were missed by volunteers but in all cases we were able to find a volunteer to reach out and successfully connect with each person who called in. Thanks to everyone for their help in getting me up to speed in this role!

Gratefully,
Wendy C.

Archives, Joanne M.

D72 Archives Report - Joanne M. - September 2025

- I attended the Area 40 Fall Assembly in Great Falls. This was my first time attending and I had a great experience. As a non-voting member it was so helpful just to observe and learn how things work. Everyone made me feel welcome.
 - I attended the Area 40 Archives breakout session, Jody T. is the standing committee chair.
She led the meeting, reviewed her job description, and conducted business.
 - Area 40 Archivist, Rick H, also shared. He maintains and secures the years of archives collected, along with many other responsibilities in his job description.
- Apparently there has been some confusion about who to contact when a group has an archives question; the Archives Committee Chair or the Archivist. Their job descriptions are very different. So please take a quick look at their job descriptions posted on the Area 40 website before you email or call. Knowing who to contact for the answer to your question will expedite the process.
- I also had the opportunity to meet other Archives Chairs from other districts and hear what they were doing. I feel good about what I've been focusing on at the moment and realize there is always more to be done.
- The only agenda item requiring detailed discussion was an item the archives committee was given as an "extra" assignment.
 - *Consider the proposal to revise the BTG Chair guidelines.....for clarity and alignment of the non-rotating Alternate BTG Chair position.*
See 2025 Fall Assembly Notes from our DCM, Lenore, for more detail.
- I highly recommend more folks from D72 attend Area 40 Assembly and see what it's all about.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Betty M.

Hi District 72! I apologize that I cannot be here tonight to share this report with you. I had my left hip replaced in mid-September, and I am very limited in terms of the safe distance I can be from home. I'm hoping to be more mobile next month. Also on our small team, we had several members who were out of town and unavailable frequently this month.

Anyway, as fascinating as my personal health issues might be, I am here to talk about what's been going on in the CPC committee. This month, we worked with Al-Anon to deliver another presentation - this time, for 2 hours - to the MSU nursing students. This is a big time commitment for MSU and it signifies how important they regard the work of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon in the lives and well-being of their patients. We are grateful to be there. Thank you to Thomas O for tag teaming with me on sharing the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the students and increasing their knowledge of how instrumental their role is in patient care/teaching.

We also met with a representative from Eagle Mount to discuss seeing if we might be useful in helping their families to understand more about alcoholism and how specifically we and Al-Anon could help. We will continue to follow up with them, Bozeman Health, CHP, Haven and the Bozeman Business Association about future presentations.

Our next meeting is **October 15 at 5pm in the North Room of the Fellowship Hall and over Zoom:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85846970402?pwd=atdZ82rb3RaeErjZuRzMMwaa0tKnUX.1>

I will have roughly \$100.00 expenses and itemized receipts to present before the October business meeting. My apologies for not getting them in on a more timely basis.

Thank you so much for the honor of serving as your CPC Chair,
Betty M

Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C.

Hello District 72. I apologize I was not able to make it to West Yellowstone, it is the end of my busy season. I was able to get some Grapevines delivered to a meeting that wanted to have a few on hand and I will continue to keep the display in the hall at the Hall stocked. Other than that I really don't have anything to report. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bob C.

Literature, Steven R.

Absent, Lila read report.

Hello all! Limited activity this month for lit.

Two invoices for one order because GSO sent the wrong materials. The second invoice was because of a mistake on their end and picking the incorrect item. We now have a dozen extra 12 Traditions flyers.

Three sales, one for cash (\$10.75), another sending a check to D72 for roughly \$287, and the last to remove from CPC budget

As always, please email any order to (First.last@gmail.com) Texting is okay but it's harder for me to lose track of emails.

Thanks -

SR

- Nora D group members had concerns about getting literature, tried emailing but not responded. Tried texting him but no reply. Wanted to know if he could have some kind of literature specific email so it doesn't get lost. Maybe not a personal email. Overall difficulty in contacting and getting literature.

- Meghan says we can just ask Steven if he can do that. Propose having an email specific for literature. Tim's experience is that he replies, but he was also gone for 2 weeks. May be a one off thing.

PI (Public Information), Ashley H.

The PI Committee met yesterday with 4 out of the 14 members present. We banded the new schedules and deliveries to the same locations are starting again. We are still mailing to 18 locations and are emailing a pdf to two.

Last month, the PI Committee had the idea of taping rack cards to the back of pamphlet locations. If all the pamphlets are taken at a certain spot, the rack card will remain that has a QR code so the meeting listings can still be accessed. I ordered 100 of these to be distributed with this quarter's deliveries. GSR's, please take one if you would like to add it to your pamphlet rack.

The meeting schedules for the October-December quarter were updated with a few changes. Common Solution in Belgrade now has a new meeting time, 6pm on Sundays. The Wednesday evening Veteran meeting was added to the schedule as well. I ordered 1100 this time because the hall drop off person ran out last month. They took more than usual in hopes that this won't happen again.

Sharon still updates the online meeting listing and changed Common Solution's time and updated the description for the Thursday Noon Big Book study.

I checked in with the two places I email schedule pdf's to. Love Inc said they hand them out, reference it throughout the month, or email a copy to those that need it. Kimberly from Bozeman Deaconess uses it to print copies that are available in the Emergency Department lobby and at her desk. She goes through 30 to 40 copies per month.

The Drop In Center meeting is still on hold. It was previously held at the Warming Center, but will now be in the new HRDC building. Valerie has a list of volunteers ready to speak once this gets going again. GSR's: if you know of anyone needing more service, this would be a great opportunity. It involves speaking for 15 minutes and answering questions about what AA can offer. This meeting isn't a formal AA meeting, it is a recovery-based meeting that is typically held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at noon.

We created a Holiday sub-committee that will make a plan for the 2026 Holiday announcements. This usually involves a radio ad, a couple newspaper plugs, and additional flyers announcing extra meetings that we hang on bulletin boards throughout the area.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Ashley H.

- Lila asked if Pathway to Freedom Group contacted her about dissolving cause they had called Lila. Ashley said yes, did not respond to follow up call though.
- Betty asked if a place is on her Distribution list has been contacted The Behavioral Health Unit at Bozeman Health Clinic in Belgrade (? Note: I was struggling to hear Ashley unfortunately despite her efforts to thwart technological difficulties)

Roundup, Catherine J

Roundup Spring 2027 Report September 27, 2025

Updates: The Bozeman Roundup Planning Committee met on September 20, at 10:00 am to continue preparations for Spring Roundup 2027 to be held on April 30 - May 2, 2027. The committee is moving forward finalizing a theme and logo, listening to potential speakers, and preparing registration and publicity materials. We have a total of 14 volunteers.

ATTENTION GSRs AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Share with your Group

1. Vote for your Favorite Logo. All who vote get the chance to win 1 complimentary Roundup Ticket and Dinner. GSRs please complete this form by Oct 15! with other <https://forms.gle/zk7cQW6deAu1P3f47> or take a picture of the link via the below QR code with your phone.



2. Open Committee Chair Position: We still have several Committee Chair positions to fill: ___ Speaker Chair, ___ Public Information Chair, ___ Hospitality Chair, ___ Entertainment Chair, ___ Display & Literature Chair (Archivist/Archives ChairGrapevine reps), See general job description from AA <https://www.aa.org/aa-guidelines-conferences-conventions-and-roundups>

Other Updates from the Roundup Committee:

- The Roundup Committee will take steps to set up a bank account independent of the District's general account with the District EIN; \$500 in seed money from D72 will be deposited for initial expenses such as registration materials, venue deposits, and publicity. Approved Bank Account signers include, Treasurer Kristi W., Alt Treasurer Amy K., Registration Chair Jake C., Co-Chair Tim K., and Chair Catherine J.
- The Roundup Registration Chair will use the District's EIN to set up a Zeffy Account for registration.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have shared their time and talents towards making this event happen!

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine J.,
On behalf of the Bozeman Roundup Planning Committee

- Susan H are we voting today about logo or taking back to our groups. Catherine says yes please bring back to groups. Ask groups to fill our survey.

- Betty loves the logo ideas, how they be used? Catherine says Marketing Chair person will be working to organize that (which hoping to elect). Betty says may be worth considering if specify that D72 is putting it on, or if there's any other information to put on. Is it D72, A40?

Special Events, Amy K.

Hello District 72,

The next special event will be on October 25th from 1-4pm before the regular District Business Meeting. It will be The Triumphant Arch. Some GSR's will share on a few key notes such as The Bedrock, The Foundation, The Cement, The Cornerstone, The Keystone, The Path to Freedom, The Foundation Stone which will end with Recovery, Unity and Service.

This will be a potluck and so I am asking people to bring anything layered such as chip dip, cake, etc. Or just bring anything so we can eat all day.

We will be doing a craft for the Arch so be ready to have some fun just like we did when we were kids.

It should be a great time, I emailed Alex the webmaster and it is on the Area 40 Calendar of Events already and I have reserved the room we usually meet in at the hall.

Any questions, just let me know.

I will wait to find out when the November/December meeting will be and then I will start planning that one.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Amy K.

Bridging the Gap, Michael S.

Bridging the Gap report
September 2025

Numbers

Bridging the Gap (BTG) requests for a temporary contact: 73 since start of January and 8 in month of September

- 1 identified their gender as female, 7 as male
- 8 matched with a temporary contact.
- 4 from detention centers, 4 from treatment facilities.

BTG volunteers

- Working on getting more volunteers to call upon. Have not received most volunteer signup sheets that were distributed to district gsr's (Appendixes C & D). Please pass around your groups and return to me.
- Working on the BTG committee. Sign up list for volunteer committee member volunteers handed out at the district meeting.

Updates

- Got a call list from Nancy for the women's serenity group.
- Received West Yellowstone Volunteer signup sheet and entered into the database.
- Attended Corrections committee.
- Attended Area 40 assembly in Great Falls
- Continuing work with Dennis and Rebekah P - working on getting volunteers into the hospital for treatment meetings. Still Figuring out CPC, and getting the word out for volunteers.

Contact email: **District72BTG@gmail.com**

- Michael (not chair, different Michael) asks are you looking for committee members? Description? Michael S says need people for legwork, picking up volunteers, reaching out to treatment facilities. Dennis has been very helpful.

Corrections, Tony B

We meet second Monday of the month in north room + zoom. Two new male volunteers for GCDC!!! Mini reorientation coming up in November!!!! Stay tuned...

- If volunteer status has lapsed, do we need to fill out the whole thing again. Tony has applications in car if needed.

- Crystal asks can we check if we are lapsed? Probably go through Misty.

Treatment, Rebekah P.

The MCDC meeting went well with three male volunteers and three female.

There were six women who attended the meeting.

The hospital IPU meeting was held for the first time last week!!!

Thanks for your opportunity to be of service.

Rebekah

Technology, Russell V.

The tech committee met for our monthly meeting on September 18. Present were myself, Bradley G., And Jake C. I changed the name on the Go Daddy website at the behest of Google in order to get clearance for Google workspaces. It worked and we now have a nonprofit Google workspace. It's discussed that we would provide email and storage for the round up committee at the request of Jake C.

- Literature email definitely possible, still need to be checked.

- Jake C asked about setting up Roundup email and Drive.

Alt. DCM (Alternate District Committee Member), Meghan R.

- Doesn't have anything to share, just echo what has been said. Thank you West Yellowstone Group for hosting!

DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

DCM REPORT: September 2025

NEW TO REPORT:

Hi fam! I got to have a full, busy, AA packed month in September! I got to attend the Fall Area 40 Assembly which was a blast as always! We had 12 people from our District attending in person (GSR's, visitors, and Committee chairs) and more online (but I couldn't see who all was on there!). Thank you all for serving! I serve as a voting member on the Area 40 finance committee, and we made several increases and decreases to the proposed 2026 Area 40 budget. The 75th General Service Conference Report was not available for the Area Committees to review during the Assembly, but it should be available soon!

I also got to attend the West Central Regional Forum in Omaha, Nebraska which was really awesome! It was awesome to get to meet and hear presentations from GSO staff, AAWS, and the Grapevine staff/employees. I got to see/hear a lot of presentations and information about how AA is doing on the larger scale.

Please see my additional notes from each of these events.

FOLLOW UP INFORMATION:

1.

NEWS FROM GSO:

1. AAWS Publishing Committee approved expanding the use of QR codes to all new Conference-approved pamphlets making it easier for members to access digital versions on aa.org

NEWS FROM AREA:

1. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GROUPS HAVE THE CORRECT ADDRESS FOR AREA 40 FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR AREA PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS BECAUSE THE POST OFFICE WILL NO LONGER FORWARD ANYTHING SENT TO THE OLD ADDRESS!

For Area 40 Contributions: Area 40. Inc.

P.O. Box 43

Billings, MT 59103

For Area 40 Pink Can Contributions: Area 40 Pink Can Fund

P.O. Box 232

Missoula, MT 59806

2. In my DCM report, I shared that we decided as a District to stop using Quickbooks, a suggestion was made (from Gerry R.) for an accounting software called Wave, just in case we are interested in trying something new other than a spreadsheet.
3. Our Area Hotline chair, Lance, is looking for any volunteers who would be willing to help him as an alternate. He is overwhelmed with all the calls coming in. He did say that previously the Answering Service did not provide a location (where the call was coming from), so he asked them, and moving forward, they will let us know the District that the call is coming from.

If anyone is interested in helping Lance out at the area level, you can email him at

area40hotline@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS: See all events on Area 40 calendar:

<https://aamontana.org/calendar.php>

1. If you are a volunteer at the Gallatin County Detention Center to bring meetings into the jail, they are having a retirement party for Jackie (who has been very helpful over the years to assist us with bringing meetings into the jail) on Monday, September 29th at the Detention Center Community Room from 4-6pm
2. October 3rd-5th will be the Round up in Helena, at the Great Northern Hotel. The theme is "Willing to Believe".
3. The H.O.W. Group in Bozeman will have their annual speaker event on Saturday, October 11th at the Fellowship Hall here in Bozeman.
4. Saturday, October 25th we will have a District Special event called "The Triumphant Arch" that starts at 1pm, then we will have our usual District meeting at 4:30
5. The 2026 Spring Assembly will be at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls April 17th-19th

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or needed information:

EMAIL: dcm72@aa-montana.org

PHONE NUMBER: -----

- Mike asks we are below our threshold contributions for District? Do we need to ask our members to contribute directly to the District? Tim says we're going to be ok, we are just behind our year to date contributions for our spending plan, but we are also behind on our spending plan. Still have some checks out that need to go through. Tim shares that consider that \$1 is way less than what it used to be in 1940's.

- Lenore states in terms of Area level \$226.49 per group annually would make suggested increases doable. Please read her notes. Also wanted to say that at the Forum, only about 41% of groups are contributing to the GSO and that's not a lot.

- Betty asks about Lance needing help as alternate, Betty went to A 40 site where used to have email addresses, can't figure it out. His email is area40hotline@gmail.com

Reminder: send all reports to Lila at district72.secretary@gmail.com

PLEASE COME TO THE MICROPHONE FOR ALL REPORTS, QUESTIONS,

COMMENTS.

9. Immediate Business – for SEPTEMBER 2025: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR

QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

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10. Old Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

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11. New Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Meghan - vote on a date for combined November/December District Business Meeting

- December 13th as proposed date for meeting. It's after Christmas stroll. Do we still need to confirm availability of Fellowship Hall for that date?

- Motion that we hold the combined November/December District 72 Meeting on December 13th pending approval of availability. (Seconded)

- 9 online, 15 in room. 24 yes so motion passes.

- Will get in touch with Jeff to confirm availability.

- Clarify Roundup Budget Item approval

- Got clarity around whether Roundup Chair needs help. Gave approval that Roundup Chair has permission from District to open separate Bank Account for Roundup Committee using District 72's EIN, as has been done previously by Roundup Chairs and is in guidelines.

Miscellaneous talk:

- Mike asks should he bring back to group that we need to contribute more? Meghan suggests yes worthwhile for groups to increase contributions.

- Betty suggests we have a consistent message to send to groups.

- Lila shares that groups were told before to send money to GSO or Area instead of District

- Catherine shares the Where Money and Spirituality Mix pamphlet link

- Motion to close

If you have items for next month's agenda, please email Meghan at: meghan.rauber1@gmail.com at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting date (when possible). Remember there is a form on the Area 40 District 72 mini site to help in writing agenda or discussion items

***Please send any items to be screenshared & displayed at the next D72 meeting to: area40.district72@gmail.com

Next district meeting: 4:30 p.m., Sat. October 25, 2025 at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman

See Area website for happenings in our District and the rest of Area 40 as well as current District information: <https://www.aa-montana.org/> Our District 72 mini site: <https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/index.php>

12. Close with: Responsibility Statement