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September 7, 1958 – on this date at the Area Service Assembly in Santa Ana, a new Delegate Area was carved out of the “California Southern Area.” The new Delegates’ terms to start in the even numbered years. This now gave California 5 Areas (5 Delegates). The new Area officially designated “California Southern Coastal”, or less precisely but more familiarly “Southern Coastal California.” Nicknamed “Panel 2” because of its even-year terms. Our first delegate was Art B., who served only a 1-year term, in 1959. The new Area started meeting in October, however it officially did not exist until January 1959. There were “10” Districts created (District 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10) with 105 AA meetings at this time with 105 GSR’s. The reason for this meeting so soon was to start forming plans for the A.A. International Convention to be held in Long Beach in 1960.

1959 - The first order of business for this new Area 09 was to create a host committee for the International Convention. Jack W. was in charge of the host committee and had help from AA members all over Southern California. In April, Art B. attends the Conference in New York.

1960 - The first full-term delegate was Jack W., Panel 10. That year the 3rd AA International Convention was held in Long Beach, Ca. Local AA’s got to see and hear Bill Wilson, Ebby Dr. Harry Tiebout and others. Local bars displayed signs: “Coffee Served Here” in honor of the occasion. Great drama in the closing meeting at the Veterans’ Stadium when all the lights were turned out during the Lord’s Prayer and all 14,000 AA’s lit a match to symbolize the 12th Step. During this year, District 8 was having problems with gathering all of GSR’s within District 8, which was the greater area of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Bob D. was the elected D.C.C. of District 8. Several members of the new area and others suggested about creating new districts. So, at an Area Assembly, new District’s were created from District 8.

1961 – At a January, 1961, three new districts' was created. District 11 created from District 8, District 12(1961 – 1963), and District 13(which merged with District 2 later on).
1962 – 1963: Panel 12 – Joe B., served as Area 09 Delegate.
1964 – 1965: Panel 14 – Tom A., served as Area 09 Delegate.
1966 – 1967: Panel 16 – Joe Ki., served as Area 09 Delegate.
1968 – 1969: Panel 18 – Warren S., served as Area 09 Delegate.
1970 – 1971: Panel 20 – Ellery S., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1971 - Area 09 changes its name from Southern Coastal California to Mid-Southern California Area 09 (MSCA 09).

The following year's through-out MSCA 09 history is as followings:

1965 – Court Cards was established in AA in So. California by Bud Mc and Judge Leon Emerson.

January, 1968 - the 1st Western General Service Assembly was held in Fresno, CA.

January, 1969 – at the 2nd Western General Service Assembly Was held in Reno, Nevada, which was re-named to the “Pacific Region AA Service Assembly” which is known today as “PRAASA.”

1972 – 1973: Panel 22 – John McA., served as Area 09 Delegate.
1972 - District 14 created from District 8.

1973 - 1st AA Area 09 Servathon in January, 1973.

1974 - 1975: Panel 24 – Genevieve L., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1975 – District's 15 and District 16 were created. District 16 merged with District 10 in 1989.

1976 - 1977: Panel 26 – Jerry F., served as Area 09 Delegate

1978 – 1979: Panel 28 – Goldene L., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1978 – District 17 created from District 8.

1980 – 1981: Panel 30 – Denver C., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1980 - District 19 created from District 8. PRAASA in 1980 was held in Anaheim, CA.

1982 – 1983: Panel 32 – Dyanne G., served as Area 09 Delegate.
1982 – The MSCA Archives Committee was formed to collect and preserve the Area 09 documents and history. Ellery S. is the first Archives Committee Chairman. The Area Newsletter begins to translate the English version into Spanish for each District’s to distribute to the Spanish Community.
1984 – 1985: Panel 34 - Frank S., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1985 – District 20 was created to cover all Spanish meetings with-in the MSCA Area 09 with Leopoldo D. as the first Spanish DCM.

1985- March – the 1st Orange County and Victor Valley Conventions begin.

1986 – 1987: Panel 36 – Bill S., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1986 – January – the “GSR Preamble” is written by Goldene L. and accepted by the MSCA 09 Area Assembly.

1987 – Goldene L.’s writing’s on “on the 7th Tradition” are accepted and included in the first publication of the “Daily Reflections.” A new Spanish District 21 was created from District 20. District 21 now covers the South Bay area or Districts 1- 4 of the English Districts.

1988 – 1989: Panel 38 – Maxine C., served as Area 09 Delegate.
1988 - District 30 was created from District 9. Spanish District 22 was created from District 20.

1988 – MSCA 09 Archives holds it’s ‘First’ Heritage Day event with Old Timers with more then 20 years of Sobriety.

1990 – 1991: Panel 40 – P.J. D., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1990 – MSCA 09 Area Assembly approves the participation on MSCA 09 on a Tri-Area PSA Project.

1991 – Spanish District 23 was created from District 20.

1991 – The MSCA 09 Archives moves into its 1st Repository in Colton, Ca. next door to the Inland Empire Central Office.

1992 – 1993: Panel 42 – Jim C., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1992 - MSCA 09 Archives holds its 'First' Open House event.

1992 – The 1st Annual FORO de MSCA was started by the Spanish Districts of MSCA Area 09 on General Service.

1994 – 1995: Panel 44 – Manuel Y., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1994 – 1996: Panel 46 – Lona W.-P., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1994 – MSCA 09 sends a letter to GSO requesting the Grapevine be translated into Spanish. This leads to the creation of “LaVina” in 1995.

1995 – Spanish District 24 was created from District 20.

1996 – District 31 was created from District 30, merged with District 9 in 1996.

1997 – 1998: Panel 48 – Nick M., served as Area 09 Delegate.

1998 – Pasted MSCA 09 Delegate (Panel 42/1992-1993), Jim C. is elected at the General Service Conference to be the new Pacific Region Trustee. He served from 1998 – 2002.

2000 – 2001: Panel 50 – Al P. served as Area 09 Delegate.

2002 – 2003: Panel 52 – Pete B., served as Area 09 Delegate.

2002 – MSCA Area 09 Archives hosted the “7th National A.A. Archives Workshop” in San Bernardino along with Area’s 5, 8, and 93. A total of 135 Archivist from around the United States and Canada attended.

2003 – The MSCA 09 Archives moves into its 2nd Repository on Brockton Avenue in Riverside, CA.

2004 – 2005: Panel 54 – Nancy J., served as Area 09 Delegate.

2004 – PRAASA was held in Irvine, Ca.

2006 – 2007: Panel 56 – Bruce H., served as Area 09 Delegate.

2008 – 2009: Panel 58 – Joe B., served as Area 09 Delegate.

2008 – At a January, 2008 Area Assembly a new Spanish District 25 was created from District 24.

2009 – Jan, 09, MSCA Area 09 celebrates “50” Years of General Services since its birth in January, 1959. The New MSCA Archives Repository is acquired in March, 2009 and ready for the Annual Open House with the theme of MSCA 09 “50” Years of Service. This is its 3rd Repository that it has moved into off of Arlington and Aviation Avenue in Riverside, CA.

July 12, 2009, at the 2009 MSCA de Foro, a MSCA Spanish Archives display was presented for this event that was hosted by District 23(Spanish) and District 11(English) for the first time. All so in July, 09, District 1 celebrated there “50” Years of General Service since District 1 was one of the original 10 District created in Jan. 1951. Their celebration had 150 attendees, both present and pasted General Services Reps and Officers, with assistance the Archives Committee researching for their District from pasted Area rosters. **Oct. 10th, 2009, MSCA Area 09 celebrates their “50” Years of General Service since it’s creation in January, 1951.**

2010 – 2011: Panel 60 – Linda Cl., served as Area 09 Delegate.

2010 – Feb, 2012, the MSCA 09 Archives began hosting “Sorting Parties” for volunteers from the Fellowship of the MSCA Area 09. Volunteers were assisting the Archives Committee to sort Area 09 materials to be later catalog, data base reference, preserved and conserve all the Mid-Southern California Area 09 records.

2010 – June 29, Roger S., the New Zealand GSO Manager and Conference Chair, along with his Peter, from Auckland, New Zealand, visited the MSCA Area 09 Archives Repository. Diana Foster, from Auckland, New Zealand visited the new MSCA Archives. They were given a tour by the MSCA 09 Archivist, Pete B., MSCA 09 Archives committee members and met several Area Officers. All of the AA New Zealanders were on their way to the 2010 International Convention being held in San Antonio, Texas. A special MSCA 09 Newsletter article for the Area 09 August, 2010 edition was written by Joseph H., the MSCA 09 Archives Chair, entitled “Visitors from New Zealand.”

2010 – Aug 27 – August 29, 2010, the MSCA Area 09 hosted the

2010 Pacific Regional Forum with US/Canada General Service Broad members of Alcoholics Anonymous in Torrance, CA. General Service members from MSCA Area 09 got the opportunity to meet Rod B., the new Pacific Regional Trustee from Utah. The First Native American Indian from the Pacific Region.

2011 – January, 1961, District 11 was created from District 8. District 11 is celebrating 50 years of General Service as part of MSCA Area 09.

2011 – January 23, 2011, the MSCA Area 09 Delegate, Linda C., Held a special Delegate’s Sharing Session on the 2011 GS Conference agenda items with General Service members of MSCA 09 at the Archives repository before attending 2011 – PRAASA and the MSCA 09 Pre-Conference for constructive questions and answers before she attends the 2011 General Service Conference.

2011 - February 27, 2011, the MSCA 09 Registration Committee held its “First” ever Registration Workshop held at the MSCA 09 Archives repository.

2011 – April 15 – April 17, 2011, the MSCA 09 Archives was request to have a Archives presentation and displays at the 30th Annual Southern California Hospital and Conference held in Valencia, CA.

2011 – June 19, 2011, The MSCA 09 Grapevine Committee held its “first” ever AA Grapevine Writer’s Workshop held at the MSCA 09 Archives Repository.

2012-2013: Panel 62, Jeryl T. was elected Area 09 Delegate.

2012 – January 14, 2012, the MSCA 09 Registration Committee held its “2” Annual Registration Workshop at the MSCA 09 Archives Repository.

2012 – February 4, 2012, the Panel 62 Orientation for newly “Elected” Area 09 Standing Committee Chair’s and DCM/DCMC’s was hosted by the Panel 62 Area Officers at the MSCA 09 Archives Repository.

2012 – March 9 – March, 2012, The MSCA 09 Archives was invited to participate at the Annual High Desert Convention held in Victorville, CA.

2012 – March 16 – 18, 2012, the MSCA 09 Archives was invited to present a archives presentation and displays at the ACOYPAA Conference and Convention for the Young People of A.A. at the

Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA.

2012 – April 21, 2012, the MSCA 09 Archives was once again invited to present displays and presentation at the Annual Inland Empire Newcomers Round-up.

2012 – June 30, 2012, the Spanish Archives committee from Area 05 tour the MSCA 09 Archives Repository.

2012 – From January to December of 2012, the MSCA 09 Archives repository had 1107 visitors to their Area Archives.

The Area Archives Committee had fulfilled 67 Archives commitment during the year 2012, this include District presentation's, Round-ups, Conference workshop's,

Convention's, special movie showings, this also include Archives committee members visiting 12 District's to

encouraging the each District to elected a District Archivist, who in-turn would take care of the District's History.

Training would be provided from the Archives Chair, the Area Archivist, and the Collection Committee Chair.

January 12, 2013 – Area Finance Committee Sorting Party.

January 19, 2013 – Special Movie Night of the “NEW! BILL W Documentary.”

January 26, 2013 to May 4, 2013 – District Sorting Parties by District 8(Fellow AA Group), District 15, and District 11.

February 23, 2013 – MSCA 09 Registration Workshop hosted by the MSCA 09 Area Archives Repository.

May 11, 2013 – MSCA 09 Literature Workshop hosted by the MSCA 09 Area 09 Archives Repository.

June 22, 2013 – Special Movie Night at the Archives, the showing of the movie “FLIGHT.” In attendance for this special movie night showing were 75 AA members.

2014-2015: Cesar F. elected Panel 64 Delegate

2014: Events held at the Area Archives Repository during the year of 2014 –

1) Jan. 25th – Panel 64 Orientation

2) March 22nd – Archives Orientation

3) May 17th - The Area Literature Committee Workshop

4) May 30th - MSCA Annual Archives Open House

5) September 6th – Grapevine Writing Workshop

2014: MSCA Archives Services events and presentations:

1) April 12th – Inland Empire Round-Up

2) April 25 – 27th – H & I Conference

- 3) June 13th – Archives presentation at the Joshua Tree Fellowship
 - 4) July 26th – District 5 Movie Night
 - 5) August 16 – 17th – Mountain High Round-Up- Bear Big City
 - 6) September 6th – District 18 Pancake Breakfast Round-Up
 - 7) October 17 – 19th – Inland Empire Convention
 - 8) October 30 – 2nd November – SOCALYPAA Convention
 - 9) November 6th – District 12 Archives presentation
 - 10) Nov. 14 – 16th – Congress de Coachella Valley Spanish Convention
 - 11) “How Hall” Archives presentation of “The History of A. A.”
 - 12) Area 93 – Archives presentation on “The Big Book.”
- 2015: Service Events held at Area Archives Repository**
- 1) March 7th – Grapevine Writer’s Workshop
 - 2) March 28 – Literature Workshop
 - 3) April 25th - Registration Workshop
 - 4) November 21st – Corrections Committee Workshop
 - 5) November 22nd – MSCA 09/ DCM School Workshop

2015: MSCA 09 Archives Commitments:

- 1) February 21 – Archives Workbook Workshop
- 2) March 22 – Annual Archives Open House
- 3) April 18 – Annual Inland Empire Round-up
- 4) May 15 – 16 – Annual H & I Conference
- 5) June 12 – 14 – High Desert Conference – Victorville
- 6) August 14 – 16 – 12th Annual Big Bear Mt. High AA Conference
- 7) October 4th – District 20(Spanish District) Archives Presentation
- 8) October 24th – 27th Annual HERITAGE Day hosted by District 22
- 9) November 6 – 8 – Inland Empire AA Convention

2016-2017: Joe C. elected Panel 66 Delegate

2016: MSCA 09 Archives Commitments:

April: Inland Empire Convention

H&I Archives, Pre-Conference workshop
Woman's Traveling Group met at the Archives
ACYPA.A. – traveling exhibit and presentation
May: Archives Open House
San Diego District 6 Archivist visit to the MSCA Area
09 Archives
June: High Desert Convention
District Archivist Workshop – attendees from Area 09,
Area
08 (San Diego)
August: Mountain High Convention (Big Bear CA)
Traditions Workshop, Anaheim (traveling exhibit)
September: Traditions Workshop, Friendship Club
(Joint District 5, North Orange County Central Office,
Friendship Club event) – every Sunday
October:
District 4 Sorting Party. An opportunity for A.A.
members to visit the Archives, tour the collections,
and participate in conversation work on current A.A.
collections.
November.
Inland Empire Convention, Nov.4-6, 2016. Archives
exhibits and convention memorabilia archives.

2017-18: Jesus O. elected Panel 68 Delegate
2017

January 2017 - Archives Presentation - District 4 –
February 25, 2017 - Registration Committee Workshop and
presentation
March 11, 2017 - KISSAR 2017 in Long Beach.
March 18, 2017 - Corrections Committee –Pre-Release &
Correspondence Workshop
March 25, 2017 – Open House: “Bringing Meetings to Those Who
Can't Get to Them:
History of Hospitals and Institutions in Southern California”
July 17 and August 27, 2017 - In-person training at the Area 05
Intergroup Archives in Los Angeles, by request
October: elections for Panel 68.

2018

Panel 68 Orientation by Alt Delegate, Ed L.

PRAASA, Sparks NV – hosted by District 42

March 25, 2018 - Open House “Women Pioneers of Alcoholics Anonymous & Friends of the Fellowship” by Mary G., Archives Committee. Introduction by Archives Committee Chair Ryan R. and Archives Presentation by MSCA 09 Archivist Mitchell B.

Pre-Pre Conference

Pre-Conference

FORO

Pacific Regional Forum, Santa Clara CA

Servathon

La Viña Celebration – 20th Anniversary.

November 20 - Inland Empire Convention, Nov.4-6, 2016. Archives exhibits and convention memorabilia archives. * Orange County Central Office Open House. Archives presentation on origin history of Area 09, 1959-1969. * Archives Presentation at District 4 Service Workshop at Garden Grove Alano Club.

December 4 – Presentation: “Women Pioneers of Alcoholics Anonymous” by Mary G., Archives Committee to District 6.

Presented three folio of profiles of women in A.A. and recovery.

2019

February: 4-Area DCM Sharing Session – Irvine CA.

Fifth Symposium on A.A. History, Los Altos, February 1-3, 2019

March: PRAASA, Irvine Marriott, Irvine CA (March 1-3, 2019) – hosted by District 5

Pacific Regional Forum, Santa Clara CA

Pre-Pre Conference

Pre-Conference

April: Presentation by Mary G. of Women Pioneers in A.A. at Garden Grove Alano Club - Saturday, April 27.

May: Open House on May 18 - “History of MSCA 09”.

Presentation also at Area 09 ASC in Garden Grove.

June: District 17 – June 8 - Central Office presentation at District Founders’ Day in Temecula.

Spanish Districts celebrating 84th anniversary of Spanish Interdistrict groups across Area 08 and 09 in Buena Park.

- Presentation June 23 on History of MSCA 09 at District 20 meeting in Tustin.**
- July: FORO in Buena Park.**
Presentation and display at Area 05 AA Unity Forum/ Foro de Unidad de AA in Pasadena – July 13-14.
- Aug: Publication of *Pioneer Women of Alcoholics Anonymous*.**
Published 1,148 copies in 2019.
- Oct: Inland Empire Convention, Oct.18-20, 2019. Archives exhibits and convention memorabilia archives.**
Heritage Day – October 20 – District 25.
Display at District 15 Octsoberfest.
Election – Panel 70 – Delegate Ed L.
- Nov.: Servathon in Twentynine Palms**
Mary G. gave presentation and display Pioneer Women of Alcoholics Anonymous at District 12 - November 7
- Dec.: Display at 4th Hispanic Womens Workshop in Placentia – Dec. 7.**

2020

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April: Pre-Conference (online)

May: Recorded delegate Shareback (online) to share on MSCA 09 Website

MSCA 09 Archives website work completed with source material (<http://msca09aa-archives.org/>)

June: Spanish translation of *Pioneer Women of Alcoholics Anonymous*. Printed 124 copies in 2020.

Recorded 4-Area DCM Sharing Session (online)

July: FORO (online)

Aug:

Sept: Heritage Day – September 27 – District 4 (online).

Oct: District 19 members tour of MSCA 09 Archives.

Nov.: Servathon (online)

**Dec.: 5th Hispanic Women's Workshop (presented online) –
Dec. 5.
Pacific Regional Forum (Dec.19), US/Canada Forum**

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FORO (online)

Archives Committee began meeting at MSCA 09 Headquarters in-person.

Oct: Archives presentation at Riverside Men's BBQ by Bob

Nov.: Servathon – Torrance ; Presentation Women Pioneers of AA – Garden Grove Alano Club – Nov. 6

**Dec.: 6th Hispanic Women's Workshop (presented online) –
Dec. 6.**

**33rd Annual Heritage Day – December 18 – District 24 –
Santa Ana.**

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