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ASK-IT BASKET: HIGHLIGHTS

#1. Who is receiving royalties from the Big Book and 12 and 12?

Answer: Treasurer, Paul T.

#2. Last night we heard that one of the functions of a DCM is to bring Traditions problems to the attention of the Delegate. I would love to hear how that might work. For example, if a DCM reported that group XYZ is using the Seventh Tradition funding for online gambling, what would be the next step? How might that scenario unfold?

Answer: Alternate Delegate/Literature Chair,
Drew W.

#3. How come in the agenda package at the South Ridge Fellowship Church can be acknowledged but the Indigenous land we gather on can not?

Answer: Chair, Monica M.

Thank you for your question. South Ridge Fellowship Church is listed on our agenda as it is the name of the facility we are meeting in, no different than the name of an arena or community centre.

Area events are closed A.A. meetings held to conduct the business of A.A. Depending on the local community protocol and local A.A. group conscience, a host District may choose to do or not do a land acknowledgement.

January Quarterly
Attendance

352



January Quarterly
7th Tradition

\$1624.25

Statement of Purpose

The *Grassroots Forum* is a newsletter by and for the members of Alcoholics Anonymous in BC/Yukon Area 79. It is compiled and edited by the Grassroots Chairperson with the assistance and input of the Grassroots Committee. This newsletter is a vehicle for communication within Area 79 with the aim of strengthening unity and participation. Grassroots is also the means of distribution of the minutes, financial statements and all reports from our Area Quarterlies and Assemblies. It is the aim of the *Grassroots Forum* to fulfill its purpose with the greatest possible consideration of fiscal prudence and to practise A.A. principles in all of its affairs.

GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

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HERE AT HOME:

If you haven't done so already, please check out our digital Literature Tool. This resource was developed and created by your Panel 71 Literature Committee in hopes to provide members easy access to digital versions of our literature so that our Fellowship can have quick access at their fingertips from their devices. Copies of the QR Code are displayed at the Literature table this weekend and were also included in each of the DCM packages.

All new GSRs – did you know that we have our very own BC/Yukon Area 79 *GSR Handbook*? This handbook is to help guide you in your role and aims to give a more in-depth idea of the duties of the GSR and the Service Structure of A.A. in Canada and the United States. You will find these bright green newly printed handbooks at our literature table. Printed copies are \$2 each or you can download the PDF version of the handbook from our literature page on the BC/Yukon website

Corrections: Gerry H.

You know, when I received the call from Monica about my appointment to Corrections, I was really taken aback, as this is the assignment that I know least about. My first thought was “I can't do it, I know nothing about Corrections”. Monica assured me that I am right where I need to be. She was right. I come into this position with no preconceived notions or biases. I simply have a desire to serve and to learn.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

District 7

Cedar, Ladysmith, Gabriola Island,
Lantzville, Nanaimo

My game plan is to motivate, inspire and encourage District 7 in any ways I can to better carry the message.

District 41

Haney, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows,
Webster's Corner, Whonnock

I'm Dawnn and I'm an alcoholic. I'm actually a visitor from D41, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, but have found myself acting as DCM this weekend. While there are approx. 20 groups in the district, there are very few that have an active GSR and we are currently without a DCM, for a while now. However, the four GSRs in attendance this weekend have been doing an absolutely amazing job of keeping things on track and staying united

District 59

150 Mile House, Alexis Creek, Alkali Lake,
Anahim Lake, Bella Coola, Horse Fly Lake,
McLeese Lake, Redstone, Soda Creek,
Williams Lake

As I'm sure many of you are aware, District 59 has been without a DCM for some time. The pandemic threw a wrench into our district, with a majority of our meetings held in facilities we were not (and still not) allowed to access, some of our groups did not survive the restrictions and have folded. We currently have six meetings running in Williams Lake, and others in McLeese Lake and Alkali Lake.



Alternative layout

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January Quarterly - January 6-7, 2023 - District 43 - Langley, BC (Hybrid)

WRAASA - February 24-26, 2023 - Edmonton, AB

April Pre-Conference Assembly - April 14-16, 2023 - Duncan, BC (Hybrid)

June Quarterly - June 23-25, 2023 - District 71 - Kelowna, BC (Hybrid)

September Voting Assembly - September 8-10, 2023 - District 54 - Smithers, BC (Hybrid)

Check out the Events page on our website for upcoming District events!

Letter from the Editor

Hello Panel 73!!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve and grow with you!! The Grassroots Forum is difficult to summarize with its wealth of information and shared experience. It is something you do not want to miss!! For many, this is their first exposure to General Service, here in Area 79. Why wouldn't we want to share it? Let's get excited about the work we will do together!! Please share the Grassroots Highlights with your groups, districts, and anyone you think may be interested in getting involved in service! My service sponsor says that in General Service, we learn where the business of A.A. meets the joy of service.

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In peace and loving service,
Sha-nnon H.

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