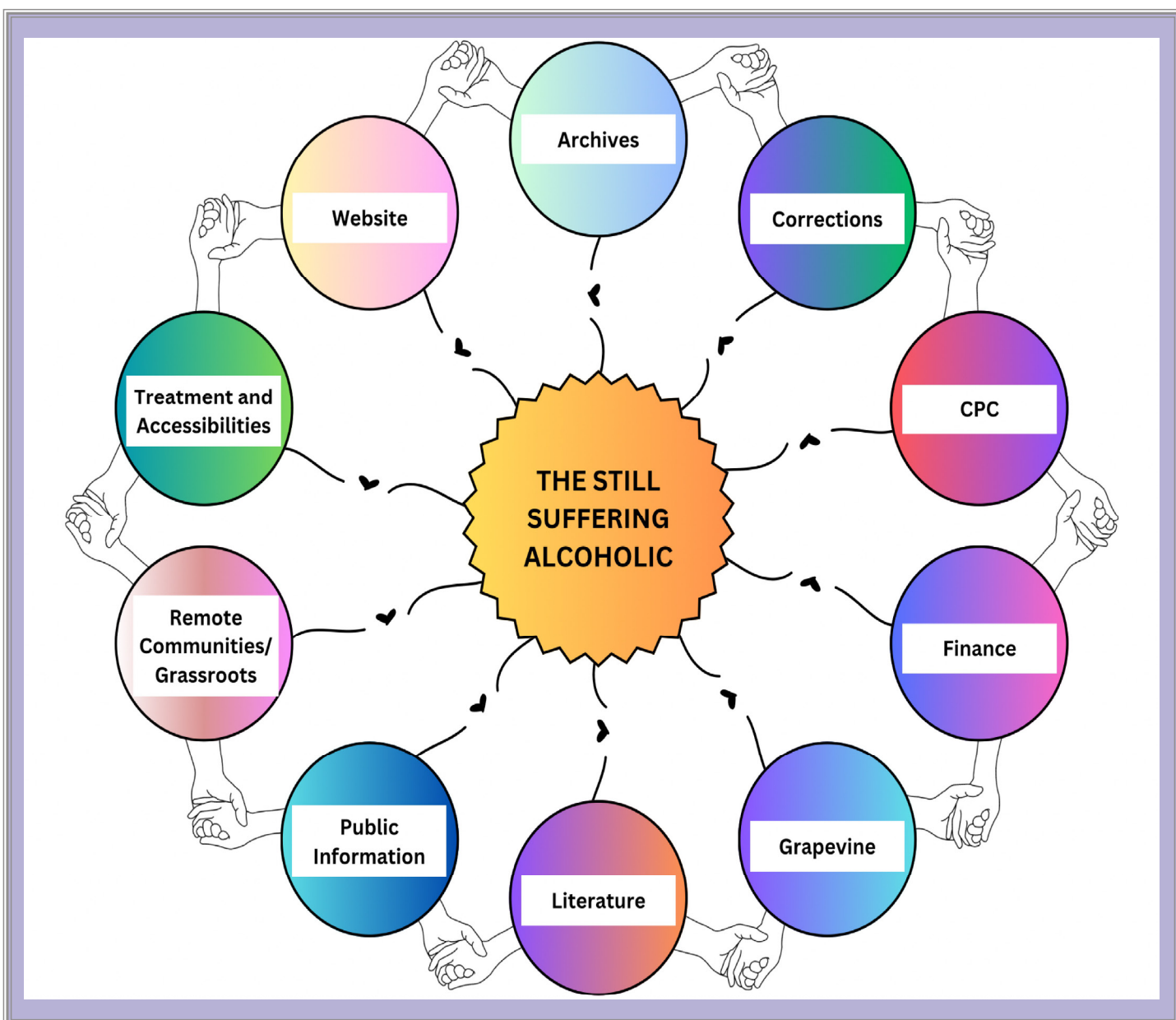


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AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

Public Information – Kristina P.

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Recently, I sent an email to the P.I. DCCs enclosing a variety of P.I. resources. Some examples included login information for virtual P.I. committee meetings in our area as well as in the United States, and examples/templates of previous P.I. activities in other districts. Thank you to everyone for sharing your resources with me and being willing to have them shared with others. They are already well received and I look forward to hearing how they have helped your committee work

Secretary – Caleb W.

secretary@bcyukonaa.org

A question I am often asked by newcomers is “How do I attend an A.A. meeting?” It is important for those of us who have been here for a long time not to forget that a newcomer will not know that the only requirement for A.A. is a desire to stop drinking, or that we have but one primary purpose, or that we have no opinion on outside issues. A big part of making our Fellowship inviting is to be gentle and forgiving with members in early recovery and extending a helping hand where appropriate.

Treasurer – Paul T.

treasurer@bcyukonaa.org

It’s been a full few months since our last event, and I’m happy to report I haven’t spent too much time resting on my laurels. I’m also grateful that my better half and I are safe from the fires here in West Kelowna, and despite wanting desperately to get away from the smoke and stink and anxiety, I’m grateful this committee made our collective safety a priority, erred on the side of caution, and decided to have this event virtual-only. Once again, it’s entirely possible “what I want” and “what is right” are not the same things; a lesson I learn over and over and over.

CHECK THIS OUT!

BC/Yukon Area 79

Literature Tool



For Committee Report-backs — all about the work you did on Tuesday, September 5th— see *Grassroots Forum*, Sept. 2023, pages 36-47

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

District 10

**Central Victoria, Esquimalt,
James Bay, Songhees, Vic West**

The Alt DCM and I are busy doing outreach to registered and non-registered groups in the district to update information and encourage unregistered groups to register, and encouraging groups to elect a GSR if they don’t already have one.

Yours in love and service,
Joyce

District 18

**Bowen Island, Deep Cove, Horseshoe Bay,
Lions Bay, North Vancouver, West Vancouver**

Helping the GSRs get prepared for the Voting Assembly has been challenging given the schedule of our monthly meetings and the timing of the Assembly. However, we have used emails and the telephone to stay in touch with one and other — to answer questions, share experience, challenges and solutions.

- We have reached out to several groups who do not have a GSR and established lines of

communication so that at least these groups are receiving information from Area 79, GSO and other districts about events and items of potential interest.

With Gratitude in Service
Edward L

District 62

Anglemont, Adams Lake, Barriere, Chase, Clearwater, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Merritt, Niskonlith, Quilchena, Savona, Simpcw, Tk'emlups

Meeting Guides and Meeting Lists are updated in our district. Most of our Public Information in advertisement is through local radio stations. With many projects to come, we have already set our Roundup Chair and Co-Chair for 2024. We have a list of people for 5th Step work in Bridging the Gap for and from the Treatment Centres and Correctional Facilities. My main goal in the following weeks is to connect each District Committee Chair member with their area committee members as it is important to have more knowledge in service, strength in teamwork, and unity.

ASK-IT BASKET

#1. What are Area's thoughts on Naloxone kits in the groups for the safety of others?

Answered By: Eileen M., Treatment & Accessibilities Chair

Thank you for the question. The Area Service Committee has no opinion on this (as per Tradition Ten) because our primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers (Tradition Five). Lastly, groups are autonomous (as per Tradition Four). We hope that helps.

#9. If roundups are considered Special Events under Contributions on our Financial Report, is it normal or expected for Roundups to financially contribute to the Area?

Answered By: Paul T., Treasurer

Great question, thank you for asking!

I can't speak to how "normal" it is for roundups to contribute to Area, but it's certainly not uncommon. If you look at the Contributions Report that I publish monthly you'll find in our *Grassroots* from this event, you'll see that since January of last year,

nine contributions were sent to area and identified as coming from roundups and rallies.

Are they expected to contribute? Absolutely not. The autonomy described in our Fourth Tradition allows any group, or even roundup or rally, the liberty to decide on their own what to do with any excess funds. And keep in mind our Second Tradition would encourage the group to discuss and make that decision together.

#14. We have four area meetings a year. Two are assemblies and two are quarterlies. What is the difference between an "assembly" and a "quarterly"?

Answered By: Dean G., Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair

The *General Service Representative Handbook* states in the section "The GSR's Voice and Vote at Area Meetings": at the Quarterlies, only the DCMs and Area Officers have a vote. The GSRs are welcome to attend and are strongly encouraged to do so, and all have a voice. At the Area Assembly, the GSRs do have a vote and are encouraged to participate as much as possible.



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January Quarterly - Jan. 2 (Online Only) & Jan.5-6, 2024 - District 40 - Coquitlam/Pt. Coquitlam/Pt. Moody

April Pre-Conference - Apr. 9 (Online Only) & Apr. 12-14, 2024 - District 56 - Prince George

Western Canada Regional Forum - May 10-12, 2024 - Vernon

June Quarterly - Jun. 25 (Online Only) & Jun. 28-30, 2024 - District 42 - Surrey / North Delta

September Voting & Election Assembly - Sept. 3 (Online Only) & Sept. 6-8, 2024 - 5 Districts - Victoria

2025 International Convention - July 3-5, 2025 - Vancouver

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

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello, Area79!

My name is Sha-nnon and I am an alcoholic. It continues to be my immense pleasure to serve as your Area 79, Panel 73, Grassroots Chair. I could not do this without the incredible help I receive from Lori W. and Kathleen M., my formatting queens and InDesign wizards! I am thrilled and honoured to be supported also by my talented proofreading team, Spencer P., Bob M., Joanna H., Joanne C., Sue C., Wendy L., Brian F., Cyndi V., and Marion T. A big loving thanks to you each indeed. My experience of working with such a willing, eager, and efficient group of people has truly made the phrase "we must hang together or die alone" manifest itself in a brilliant new way for me. I feel the same way about my entire ASC family. Thank you.

And thank you, Area 79, for your passion and love of service, your reports full of heart and enthusiasm, your Grassroots subscriptions and renewals, and the sheer call to awareness of the necessity of General Service work, to further carry the great vision of Alcoholics Anonymous, to help the still-suffering alcoholic, whenever and wherever we can.

In peace and loving service,
Sha-nnon H.

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