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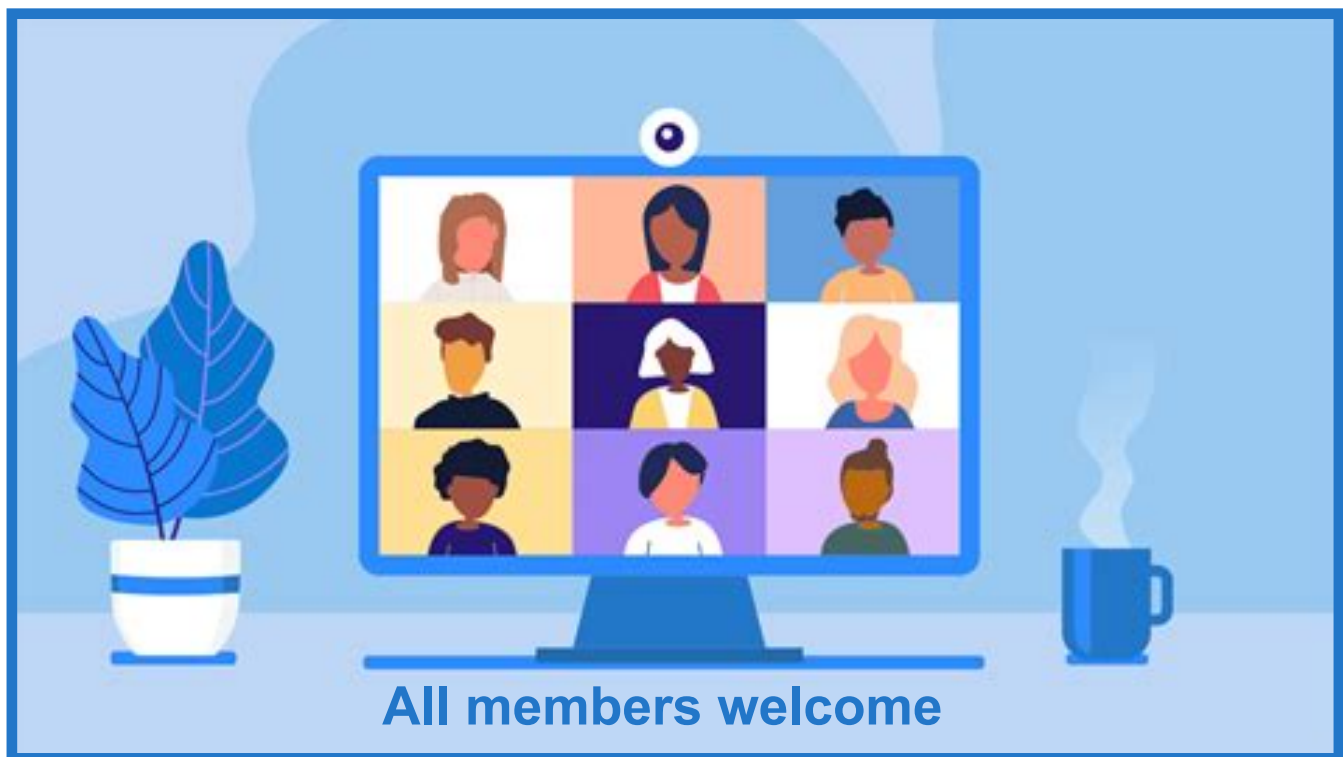


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Virtual Voting/Election Assembly
Oct. 16 – 18, 2020



7 Motions ♦ New Area Committee ♦ Budget

Info at: https://www.bcyukonaa.org/events/disp_events.php?type=assemblies

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Editor's Note

In four pages it is not possible to summarize 52 pages. Please see the full edition of Grassroots Forum for much, much more about the "happenings" in BC/Yukon and around A.A.! Consider subscribing to have it delivered to your mailing address.

The full electronic edition of Grassroots Forum is available at:

<https://www.bcyukonaa.org/news/grassrootsforum.php>

Area 79 Archives

would love to hear from you.

Please send recordings, documentation, stories and any other information regarding

COVID-19 A.A. experiences

to Archives Chair, Pauline D.

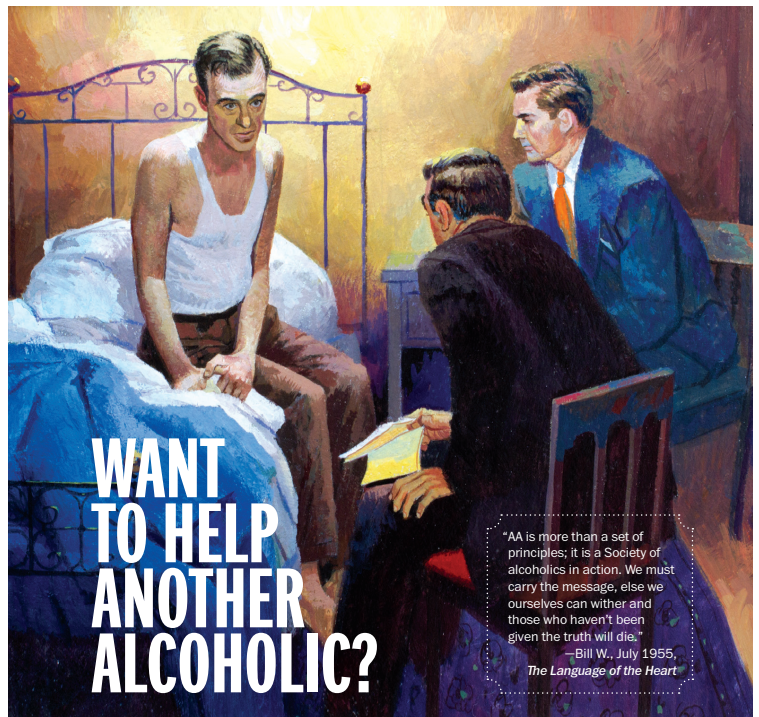
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...from the GSC Reports

Archives On June 28, the Archives... presented an event on Zoom... "Their Lives – Our Hope." It was the story of "Dr. Frank N.D. Buchman and The Founding of the Oxford Group, The Women Who Paved Our Way and the Spiritual Roots of Alcoholics Anonymous." and "Angels, Saints & Sinners, Women Pioneers of Alcoholics Anonymous." ... over 300 people in attendance.

... new and revised motion and voting procedures documents available in the October Voting/Election Assembly agenda package on bcyukonaa.org Events tab.

Corrections 2020 Inventory results are available on the Corrections page at <https://www.bcyukonaa.org/area79/committees/corrections.php>

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
At the July 12 meeting... we welcomed Diana L., GSO CPC Coordinator.

Ask-it Basket Questions

Seventeen questions were submitted at the Quarterly. All are answered in Grassroots. Here are a few examples.

All the questions and answers may be found at:
bcyukonaa.org/news/grassrootsforum.php

#3. Does anybody have any input on the idea of approaching School PACS (Parent Advisory Communities) when School Boards resist A.A. Speaking in Schools, or just as a general practice for PI Committees?

6. What to do when a DCM is not doing their duties as described in the service manual, and is not willing to?

#8. I'm wondering if Area 79 quarterly assemblies will incorporate zoom into future assemblies after COVID restrictions for gatherings allow us to start meeting in person again... the cost savings aside (although not to be ignored) this platform allows a great number of trusted servants to attend than might be able otherwise for travelling distance or financial reasons.

Answered by Rio D., Chair

Good question. The short answer is it is up to the fellowship. We are here to serve you and we are really becoming more and more effective providing these online events. It is very evident that the expenses of in-person vs online events has a definite savings to not just Area 79 but to our districts and groups as well. So, if it is what the fellowship wants to have happen in the future then I'm confident that the current panel will do its best to provide it.

#12. How does Zoom attendance compare to in-person attendance for Quarterlies so far during the pandemic?

Answered by Rio D., Chair

This is a great question. At our first online event back in April at the Pre-Conference Assembly we had 222 in attendance. Last year when we were in Nanaimo we had 345 in attendance. The attendance at this July Quarterly was 223, back in Langley last year we had 281. So attendance at both online events has been less but I'm hoping by our October Voting and Election Assembly we have more members embracing service on the online platform.

...from the Districts

District 4 (Courtenay) hosted a Zoom town hall on June 24 to discuss the complexities of reopening meetings.

District 8 (Duncan) has decided to have a panel meeting with oldtimers/newtimers to share their experience, strength and hope during this time.

District 10 (Victoria) had committed to providing quarterly service workshops this term and have found that the Zoom platform has enabled them to provide three in the last few months alone.

District 40 (Tri-Cities) had our annual Spring Tri-City Rally on Zoom, and it was well attended. We had a main speaker from Chilliwack, BC, and another from Dallas, Texas.

District 52 (Yukon) Since mid-June we are very fortunate that our Yukon government has deemed Twelve Step recovery groups as an essential service under the category workplace. This has allowed us to increase our number of attendees of ten to one third the capacity of the buildings.

District 68 (Boundary, South Okanagan) Sunday June 28 we held a district town hall to discuss reopening in-person meetings.

District 70 (Vernon) has hosted two Sharing Sessions. Both sessions had the same purpose. To share our experience during this pandemic in order for our groups to come to an informed group conscience during this unfamiliar time.

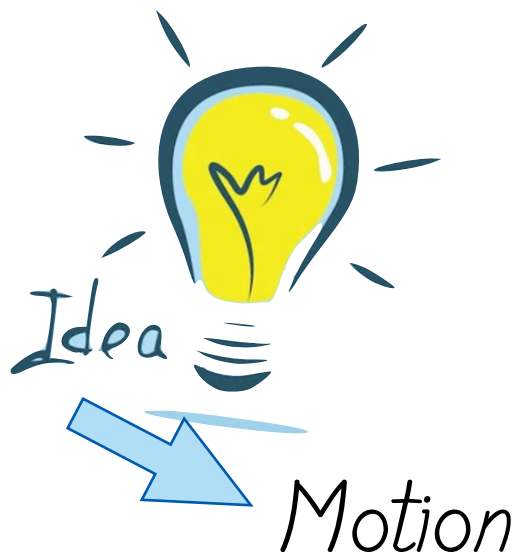
Districts 64 (Salmon Arm) **and 70** (Vernon) August 15 we will co-host a sharing session. The purpose is to prepare A.A. members in Area 79 for upcoming elections at group, district and area. There will be four presenters:

1. Group service positions;
2. District Service positions and District Committee Chairs;
3. Spirit of Rotation; and
4. Service Resume, Service commitment and Area service.

District 71 (Kelowna) has voted to support our archives committee in their initiative to share our long-timers' stories. To date, the committee has collected Sandy's and Peter's Stories and printed them on pamphlets. Our CPC-PI committee hosted an online workshop on May 23. The workshop topic answered the questions pertaining to CPC-PI: What, Where, When, and Why. The committee was well prepared and did a phenomenal job! Next workshop is in September – topic past, present and future on CPC-PI.



Who's missing from our meetings?
How can we reach out to them?



Page 4 of July 2020 Grassroots will tell you how to make a motion. Share your idea.



2020 Dates

October Voting/Election Assembly
Oct. 16-18, 2020 ~ Kelowna will be held virtually

2021 Dates

January Quarterly, Jan. 8-9, 2021 ~ tba
April Pre-Conference Assembly, April 9-11, 2021 ~ tba
General Service Conference, April 18-24, 2021 ~ Brooklyn, N.Y.
July Quarterly, July 9-11, 2021 ~ tba
October Voting Assembly, Oct. 22-24, 2021 ~ tba



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