

Grassroots Forum *Highlights*



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Attention!

GSRs, Alt. GSRs, Alt DCMs!

**Committee Pre-Assignment is available
Pre-Conference Assembly -April 9-11 -Virtual
Submit requests to altchair@bcyukonaa.org
Deadline for Pre Registration is April 1, 2020.**

Please include in the email your:

**FULL NAME
DISTRICT
SERVICE POSITION**

Your Alternate Chair will assign committees using the same rotational method as for same day assignment.

This process is to have equal participation of our fellowship to each committee helping our Delegate to take a well-informed group conscience to the conference.

Please share this copy with your group.

WRAASA 2021

WESTERN CANADA REGION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICE ASSEMBLY

“A.A. in a Time of Change”

February 26th & 27th 2021

WRAASA is sponsored by the Areas of the Western Canada Region & this year hosted by Area 91 Saskatchewan Via Virtual Conference

The purpose of WRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups and areas of the Western Canada Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of A.A. The Assembly and the WRAASA Committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of A.A.

To register or for more information visit wraasa.org

All members of A.A. are Welcome to attend!

MEET YOUR PANEL 71 GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE: HIGHLIGHTS

Meet: Your Chair, Rodney S.

My name is Rodney and I live in New West with my wife and two dogs. I sobered up in Montreal back in 1997 after several attempts to sober up in St. Catharines, Ontario. During my time in St. Catharines I became a GSR and really took to it. When I finally got sober, I was 6 months sober when I got voluntold to be GSR of my new group in Montreal. I got involved with an enthusiastic group that were on fire for A.A. and wanted to spread it around. It was very exciting. Throughout the years I have kept plugged in to A.A. through general service and I am thrilled to be serving Area 79 as your Chairperson. What a ride.

Meet: Your Registrar, Kimberlea M.

Hi, my name is Kimberlea, I live in Port Moody with my two youngest children and our pets, Prince the dog and Cheeseball the hamster. I am a busy business owner who enjoys fitness, hiking and cooking in my spare time. I entered sobriety in Burnaby in 2016, and when I'm not on a virtual meeting I can be found in the rooms in Coquitlam and East Vancouver. I fell in love with service after attending my first assembly in Chilliwack as a GSR and have been involved in various levels of service since. I'm excited to be your Panel 71 Registrar and look forward to getting to know each of you along the way.

ASK-IT BASKET: HIGHLIGHTS

#11 - When is the next meeting for the GSR to attend on Zoom?

Answered by Dan F. - Public Information

Answer: The next Area meeting for the GSR to attend by Zoom will be the Pre-Conference Assembly April 9-11. GSRs can register for the Pre-Conference by emailing Drew at altchair@bcyukonaa.org.

We also encourage GSRs to contact their DCM and ask when their next district meeting is as this is how you can continue to be connected with the service structure.

#13 - My home group would like to do a group inventory, in person if possible. We have a large space for social distancing and follow all protocols. My service sponsor suggested bringing it up here as Area will sometimes appoint someone?

Answered by Carol H. - Secretary

Answer: Thank you for your question. Your Area 79 General Service Committee (GSC) are always available to help with group inventories, workshops and other events in your district. At this time the GSC will not be participating and travelling to in person events. We are absolutely willing and able to participate in virtual events. The Area Chair is responsible for assigning the members of the GSC to your event so please contact chair@bcyukonaa.org. The only exception is that the Delegate will schedule the delegate reports. To have a delegate report please contact delegate@bcyukonaa.org.

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 practice AA principles in all of its affairs.

GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

Caleb W., Website
website@bcyukonaa.org

Hi. My name is Caleb, and I am an alcoholic. I am honoured to serve as the Website Chair for Panel 71 in Area 79.

I want to thank the organizers, the Panel 71 committee, and District 43 for serving so generously. Also, I want to thank all those who put this online meeting together and who are working hard to administrate it behind the scenes.

Since my appointment to the committee, I have been working with the past Trusted Servants to learn the eccentricities of the current system. Answering questions, forwarding inquiries, and processing meeting and event changes are the usual tasks. That, combined with assisting the rest of the committee members with their logins and email, has made for an interesting few months. I thank everyone for their patience as we learn the ropes.

A new version of the Area 79 Public Website was deployed about a month ago. The previous interface was quite dated and difficult to use. The Panel 69 Website Committee recognized that and took initiative in building a much more modern, easy-to-use site. We moved to the new site early in my term. While the transition has not been seamless, most of the feedback has been positive and the new site is easier to use. If you have any problems or cannot find a resource, please contact me at website@bcyukonaa.org and we can figure it out together.

Of course, building and running a site the size of ours requires a team. We currently have six members with the newest members added just two weeks ago. They are extremely hard working and committed to helping us achieve our primary purpose through whatever means possible. We are always looking for more volunteers, especially ones with a background or interest in websites. Please contact me if you want more information or to get involved.

I am looking forward to what the future has in store for the Website Committee. Now that the website has a new front-end, we are going to start looking at ways to modernize the back end as well to make it easier to maintain and develop. I am looking forward to continuing to serve Area 79 through the website and as a part of the Panel 71 committee.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Caleb W.

January 2021
Attendance
305

DISTRICT REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

District 10

Hello Area 79,

It's a new year and a new panel, and I am looking forward to the times we will be having together. I am Dion H., and I am an alcoholic. District 10 is small, but we are mighty, and we will be making an effort to improve our numbers and bring out the voice of each of our groups.

District 10 hails from Victoria and consists of James Bay, Central Victoria, Esquimalt, Songhees, and Vic West. We currently have about 35% of our groups represented, and we meet the first Wednesday of every month for our district meeting. Our Subcommittee Chair positions are not all filled, and we are encouraging members to come to groups in hopes of filling them as quickly as possible.

During the previous panel, our last DCM, Maire O., worked hard at getting our district active and getting our groups communicating with each other. During Panel 71, we will be carrying on where she left off and continuing to host workshops and guest speakers. We wish to help our members see the importance of service at the lower levels and just how it is needed to keep A.A. helpful in our area.

As DCM for District 10, I look forward to the growth I will experience as I work with the GSRs from the groups and also with the groups themselves. Although we still have not been meeting in person, we are all starting to get to know each other via Zoom. Hopefully there will be a time that we will be able to come together at quarterlies and assemblies in person, but until then I still enjoy seeing them on the Zoom platform.

Yours in love and service,
Dion H.

January 2021
7th Tradition
\$1,250.00



WRAASA - February 26-27, 2021 - Virtual

April Pre-Conference Assembly - April 9-11, 2021 - Virtual

General Service Conference - April 18-24, 2021 - Virtual

July Quarterly - July 9-11, 2021 - District 54, Smithers, BC

October Voting Assembly - Oct 22-24, 2021 - District 70, Vernon, BC

Letter from the Editor

Hello Panel 71!

It is not possible to summarize the wealth of information contained in Grassroots Forum. The January 2021 issue is 48 pages and contains the full January 2021 Quarterly Minutes, Financial Statements, and ALL of your DCM, GSC and Committee Reports!

If you prefer a print copy, you can subscribe (oh look ---->) or you can access the January issue and all previous issues of Grassroots on our Area website.

If you have any questions, comments, or grievances, please contact me anytime.

In love and service,
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