

# Grassroots Forum *Highlights*



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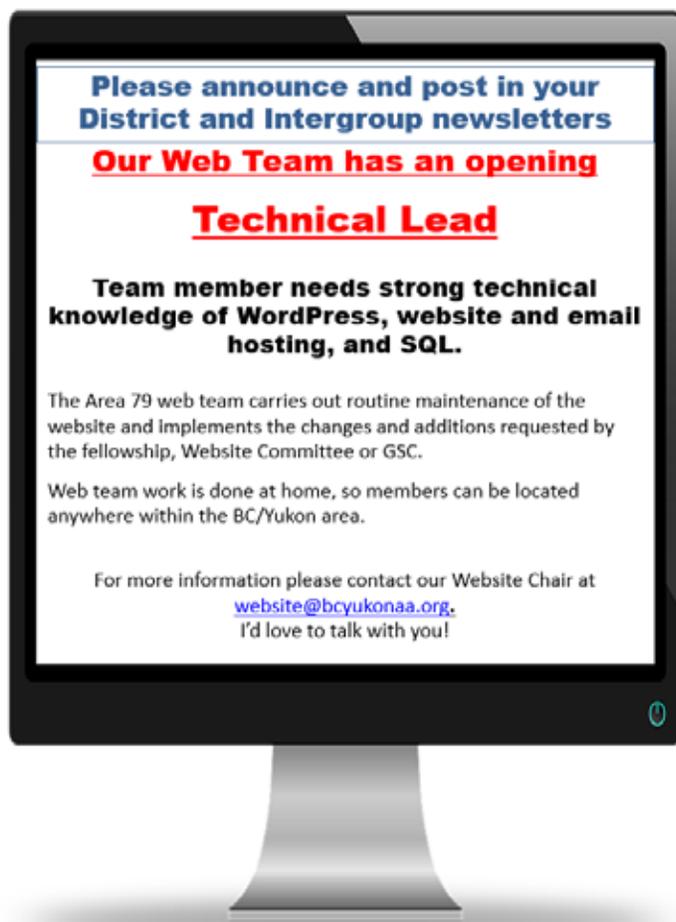
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## ASK-IT BASKET: HIGHLIGHTS

**#1 - How do you approach a person behaving like a bully at district meetings?**

**#4 - Who is allowed to vote at district meetings? At our district meeting we have GSRs, Alt GSRs, DCMs, Alt DCM, Treasurer, and Secretary in attendance. Are all those attending allowed to vote on motions? Or are only GSRs allowed to vote? Or is the district autonomous and can make the decision on who can vote?**

**#7 - Are there printed copies of the 70th GSC Final Report? We never met in person, so were they only going to be distributed digitally?**

Answered by Carol H. – Secretary

Bob K. and Gail P. hand delivered them to the DCMs across the province and mailed out others. There is a link to it on our website that you may be able to get from the Website Chair.

See full answers in the full issue  
Grassroots Forum!

## 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**

### **Treasurer – Monica M.**

Hello everyone, my name is Monica and I am an alcoholic, honoured to serve Area 79 as the Treasurer on Panel 71.

Since we met at the Quarterly in Jan. there has been a steady, though significantly smaller than usual, stream of contributions to the Area from groups and individuals. As you will see when I present the detailed financial report, our expenses too have been far less than usual this year. Overall, our contributions have been \$12,935 more than our expenses.

Given this unprecedented situation of having a significant surplus, I believe it is extremely important that we all think about any area of need, anything we might do to reach alcoholics we are not reaching now.

I would ask all members to forward any ideas to me, as you have them, so we can compile a list of options for the fellowship to consider. We may wish to present some of them as motions by July 31, so time is of the essence. ....

### **Secretary – Carol H.**

One of my favourite duties as secretary is responding to the messages left on our answering service. These include requests for meeting information and questions about A.A. and Area 79. I respond to general inquiries, ensuring a quick response wherever possible, and pass on any questions to the appropriate General Service Committee member. In the case of people looking for local meetings or contacts, I pass on their information to the DCMs in the appropriate District or to our Website Chair.

I would like to share a little story about how much I love A.A. One evening I was sitting at my computer and received a voicemail. I returned the call immediately and found out that the person I was talking to was quite young and in her first week of not drinking. She seemed frantic about finding an in-person meeting where she lived. She knew of one near her but phoned Area 79 to see if it was in person. I informed her that it was in person and my suggestion was to go to it when it started. In the meantime, I contacted the DCM of that District and the DCM arranged to have five women waiting for her upon her arrival. This all happened in under two hours. I felt so much love and gratitude for A.A. May she find what she needs...

**For full reports from all your General Service Committee members, see the full issue of Grassroots Forum!**

## **DISTRICT REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS**

### **District 32**

#### **Burnaby South, South of Hwy. 1**

... We are in the process of trying to put District 32 back together or create some unity again. It seems like we were drifting a bit sideways just pre-Covid-19 and now want to get it back together. We have 11 registered groups that I know of so far and seven GSRs. At the assembly along with myself were only three GSRs but I have promised myself that I'm going to continue going to all of my district A.A. meetings on a pretty regular basis and checking up on them to see where they're at as far as attendance/membership goes and keep us involved as a district...

### **District 52**

#### **Atlin, Carcross YT, Dawson City YT, Dease Lake, Faro YT, Iskut, Telegraph Creek, Teslin YT, Watson Lake YT, Whitehorse YT, Yukon Territory**

...In the last year Yukon A.A. was deemed an essential service in Yukon by our territorial government, first in groups no larger than ten, then no larger than 20, and now some groups in one location can have up to 40 people with mandatory mask wearing. We have worked to ensure safe, clean spaces and protocols so we can maintain this important privilege, keeping our doors open to the still suffering alcoholic...

### **District 62**

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

The district has had a lot of activity since the new year. With all the new changes of GSRs and contact numbers and new Zoom groups, new home groups, it has been countless hours on the computer. We designed a temporary in-person meeting list. This is for adding phone numbers for the newcomers. We also had some business cards made for our district with the 1-800 number and the website listed on them.

Our Entertainment Committee has had two functions now that have been a success (Scavenger Hunt and Newlywed Game). We are looking forward to more fun and Unity. They were held on Zoom and as the weather warms up some outdoor activities are in the forecast.

**For full reports from these and other DCMs, see (you guessed it!) the full issue of Grassroots Forum!**

July Quarterly - July 9-11, 2021 - to be held virtually

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

Check out the events page on our website  
for lots of upcoming virtual District events!

## Letter from the Editor

Hello Panel 71!

It is not possible to summarize the wealth of information contained in Grassroots Forum. The April 2021 issue is 36 pages and contains the full April 2021 Pre-Conference Assembly Minutes, Financial Statements, GSC Reports, DCM Reports, and Ask-It Basket Answers!

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

In love and service,  
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