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Nov 17, 2023

Hello DCMs, Past Trusted Servants and Intergroups,

My name is Monica M., and I am an alcoholic. It is an honour and an incredible privilege to be serving as your Area 79 Chair on Panel 73. We have reached the halfway point of this Panel! Time has flown! I am very grateful to be having the opportunity to serve with each of you on this journey to reach the still suffering alcoholics in our Area and beyond.

District Committee Members (DCMs) are receiving this agenda package for the January 2024 Quarterly by email and I would ask that you forward this package to all the GSRs in your District. The package may be downloaded from the Area 79 website under the events tab at <u>www.bcyukonaa.org</u>. As was decided at the Pre-Conference Assembly in April of this year, the Quarterly is being held in two parts:

Tuesday – Jan. 2, 2024 – Quarterly Breakout Committee meetings – online only

Friday and Saturday – Jan. 5 and 6, 2024 – continuation of the Quarterly in a hybrid format In Person in District 40 at

Riverside Community Church – 2329 Fremont Connector, Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 0M3

Online – use the same registration link as on Tuesday

Once again there will be an online **First-Timer's Orientation** – If this is your first Area event, or if you are simply interested, you are welcome to join members of the Area Service Committee (ASC) from 6:00 to 6:55 PM, prior to the committee meetings on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024. To join the orientation use the link you received when you registered. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions. Individual personal registration is required for the online portions of the Quarterly and the First-Timers' Orientation. Please share the link below with your district and group members. Every member is welcome. Register at

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcO6rqzkqHNFi3wv-CBOBqaiycO5wwPwR#/registration

After registering, you will receive an email with a meeting link. This is your individual "ticket". Please do not share it with anyone else. If you do, the software will stop one of you from participating. In addition to the important Area Committee work, highlights of this Quarterly are:

- Information on the 2025 International Convention
- Sharing session with Vera F., NonTrustee Director on the AAWS Trustee's Literature

Committee on the Possible Future Changes to A.A. Literature

Update on the Area First Nations, Inuit and Metis Story Project

There will be a sharing session Friday evening for GSRs and guests on "Giving a GSR report to your home group" This will be facilitated by Paul T., the Area Treasurer.

District Committee Member reports will be given at this Quarterly. DCMs are asked to limit their report to no more than two minutes. You are encouraged to add further information to your written reports. District reports are to be sent by email to the Area Secretary at secretary@bcyukonaa.org by the deadline of Jan. 14, 2024. The reports will be included in the January edition of Grassroots Forum, the BC/Yukon Area 79 Newsletter, which will be available on our website. The password is "aagrassroots".

The Area 79 Literature and Information Resources Tool will have many of the documents which will be used during the Assembly. If you do not have the Literature and Information Resources Tool on your phone or tablet, click this link <u>https://area79literature.glideapp.io/.</u>

You may also find the information on the Area website, <u>https://bcyukonaa.org/.</u> In both cases, you will find the information with the agenda under the Events tab.

For the online meetings, it is helpful if you have the most current version of the software on your device. You may ensure you do by going to this website, <u>https://zoom.us/download</u>

District 40 has requested that members bring their own reusable drink containers. The facility has requested that all beverage containers have lids.

District 40 regrets they will not be providing an early bird meeting on Saturday morning due to a lack of a facility. Fortunately there are many early morning meetings in the region.

Where will our Area events be held in 2025? Please consider submitting a bid. It is a great way to stimulate interest in A.A. service. Area 79 pays the costs; districts need to be able and willing to host. Bids to host the Area 79 Assemblies and Quarterlies in 2025 will be voted on at the Pre-Conference Assembly in Prince George April 5-7, 2024. The dates for 2025 are:

Jan. 10 and 11, 2025 - January Quarterly

April 11 - 13, 2025 – Pre-Conference Assembly

June 6 - 8, 2025 - June Quarterly

Sept 12 - 14, 2025 - Voting and Election Assembly

The Hosting & Bidding Guidelines are included in the DCM package being sent by the Registrar. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like some assistance with preparing your bid for a 2025 event. I would love to hear from you. I can be reached by calling or texting 250-380-8171 or by email at chair@bcyukonaa.org.

Thank you for your service.

In gratitude, love and service, Monica M. Chair, Panel 73 – BC/Yukon Area 79

Enc. Agenda, DCM committee assignments, Business Procedures, First-Timers' information poster, 2025 calendar and District 40 Accommodation and Restaurant information.



BC/YUKON AREA 79 JANUARY 2024 QUARTERLY AGENDA

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 and Friday, Jan. 5 to Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024

To participate in the online committees and/or First Timers' Orientation, registration is required

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcO6rqzkqHNFi3wv-CBOBqaiycO5wwPwR

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 - ONLINE ONLY (register at link above)

- **5:45 PM** Virtual room opens for First Timers' Orientation
- **6:00 to 6:55 PM** First Timers' Orientation What is the January Quarterly about? What to expect for all first time attendees and anyone else. Facilitated by Eileen M., Treatment and Accessibilities Chair and Sheryl D., Website Chair
- 6:45 PM Virtual main room opens

7:15 PM Quarterly Begins

- Opening Remarks and Housekeeping: Chair Monica M.
- Opening Remarks: Delegate Rio D.

7:30 PM to 8:55 PM Committee Meetings

- DCMs will be moved automatically to their assigned committee meeting by the Tech Team.
- GSRs will be randomly assigned and moved automatically to a committee. GSRs are requested to remain in their assigned committee for this event. There is no preparation required ahead of this event for GSRs.
- All others may choose their committee by moving themselves to the appropriate breakout room.

8:55 to 9:00 PM Concluding Remarks

Close with the Responsibility Statement:

"I am responsible... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Quarterly continues Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 - Hybrid format

Online using the same registration as Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024 and in person at the

Riverside Community Church – 2329 Fremont Connector, Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 0M3

- 5:30 PM In-person Registration begins
- **6:30 PM** Virtual room opens

7:00 to 7:50 PM

- Comments and Housekeeping: Chair Monica M.
- Opening remarks: Delegate Rio D.
- Area 79 Service Orientation Rio D., Delegate and Drew W., Alternate Delegate
 - Pre-assignment for the April Pre-Conference Assembly Joanne C., Registrar

Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 (continues)



7:50 to 8:00 PM Break

8:00 to 9:30 PM

- Area Committee Meeting (Area Service Committee (ASC) and District Committee Members (DCM) Chair: Carol H., Alternate Chair
- Sharing Session: General Service Representatives, Alternate GSRs, Alternate DCMs and Guests | Topic: Giving a GSR report to your home group | Facilitator: Paul T., Treasurer

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024

8:00 AM Rooms Open – virtual and in-person

8:30 AM Quarterly Continues

• Moment of Silence followed by Declaration of Unity

"This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives And the lives of those to come."

- Anonymity Statement
- Housekeeping Issues
- Reading of the 12 Traditions (Long Form) Rich S, Alt-Treasurer, D40 and Jitendra N, CPC/PI Chair, D40
- Concept VI Presentation Joyce J., DCM District 40
- Introduction of Guests and Past Delegates
- Introduction of new GSRs, DCMs and Alternates
- Reading of Business Procedures (attached) Ann S, GSR and Quarterly Chair
- Approval of the minutes of the June 2023 Quarterly held in Kelowna and online as printed in the June 2023 issue of Grassroots Forum
- Chairperson's Report
- Financial Statements
- Delegate's Report
- 9:50 to 10:10 AM Break
- 10:10 to 11:45 AM Area Service Committee (ASC) and Breakout Committee reports
- **11:45 to 12:00 PM** Update on the 2025 International Convention Trish L., Chairperson of the Volunteer Welcome Committee
- 12:00 to 1:15 PM Lunch Break



Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024 (continues)

1:15 to 2:10 PM Sharing Session – Possible Future Changes to A.A.

Vera F., NonTrustee Director on the AAWS Trustee's Literature Committee

Facilitated by Rio D., Delegate (see page 41 of this 73rd GSC Final Report for more information and questions to consider for this sharing session.)

https://www.aa.org/2023-general-service-conference-final-report

• Sample discussion topic: Should any future suggested changes retain the original writing with footnotes for text being updated or should founder's writings remain unchanged?

2:10 to 2:40 PM

- ASC and Breakout Committee reports (continued)
- Ask it Basket

2:40 to 3:00 PM Break

3:00 to 3:30 PM First Nations, Metis and Inuit Story Project – Update Facilitated by Drew W. and Dean G.

3:30 to 5:00 PM

- ASC and Breakout Committee reports (continued)
- Ask it Basket
- Western Canada Regional Forum May 10-12, 2024 Vernon, BC Update

5:00 to 7:00 PM Dinner Break

7:00 to 9:30 PM

- District Committee Member Reports (report from each DCM up to 2 min)
- Old Business: None at the time of agenda distribution
- First-Timer Sharing
- Closing Remarks by Guests
- Motion to Adjourn
- Close with the Responsibility Statement, followed by the Serenity Prayer

"I am responsible… When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."



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District Committee Member

Committee Assignment 2023/2024

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>		DCMs Assigned								
Archives	Sandi P.	Districts	9	24	41	66					
Corrections	Gerry H.	Districts	1	32	42	59	64				
CPC	Dean G.	Districts	7	36	60	68	71				
Finance	Paul T.	Districts	8	28	34	50	75				
Grapevine	Carol H.	Districts	30	38	46	54					
Literature	Drew W.	Districts	12	18	40	45	70				
Public Information	Kristina P.	Districts	10	14	51	56	37				
Remote Communities/Grassroots	Sha-nnon H.	Districts	3	39	44	52	61				
Treatment & Accessibilities	Eileen M.	Districts	6	15	73	47	62				
Website	Sheryl D.	Districts	4	19	26	43					



BUSINESS PROCEDURES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Floor discussion and presentation on any motion will be limited to two minutes. A two-minute light system will be used to register the time left. Yellow light: warns 30 seconds left. Red light: two minutes up, the speaker will immediately take their seat.
- 2. No one will speak for a second time until everyone who wishes to speak has been heard.
- 3. The Minority voice will always have the opportunity to be heard after the vote has been counted.
- 4. A show of hands will be sufficient for declaring the outcome of motions, unless it is deemed too close, then a count will be made. Substantial unanimity is sought on all non-housekeeping issues.
- 5. FOR QUARTERLIES: DCMs or Alternates acting for the DCMs, and the General Service Committee Members are eligible to vote or present a motion.
- 6. FOR ASSEMBLIES: DCMs or Alternates acting for the DCMs, GSRs or Alternates acting for the GSRs, and the General Service Committee Members are eligible to vote or present a motion.
- 7. All motions or presentations will require a copy (written or electronic) for the Area Secretary to include in records of the meeting.
- 8. "A Housekeeping Issue" will be defined as any issue not affecting groups in Area 79 or AA as a whole. When there is a disagreement as to whether an issue is a "housekeeping" issue, the matter will be decided by a vote of the Area Committee members present. This vote will be by a show of hands and require a simple majority. This definition of a "housekeeping" issue and the above procedure for handling the designation of "housekeeping" issues shall be read at each Quarterly and Assembly after the Business Procedures are read.

From the service manual

AREA PROCEDURES: Uniform practices throughout the Fellowship are in no way obligatory, or even practical in many cases. It is important for the area to agree upon a set of procedures, and each individual assembly is the best judge of whom it will seat. Several areas have developed written procedures for all aspects of area operations. (**Pg. S-37** Chapter 4, The A.A. Service Manual)

Article 6 of the Conference Charter: *Area Assemblies, Purpose of*: Area assemblies convene every two years for the election of area committee members, from which are elected delegates to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. Such area assemblies are concerned only with the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. Footnote: Area assemblies still meet every two years in order to elect a delegate to the General Service Conference, but they typically meet far more frequently in order to conduct on-going area business. (Pg. S-120, The A.A. Service Manual *2021-2023 Edition*)

Area 79 BC/Yukon 2025 Calendar

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Holidays and common observances (Canada)	New Year's Day	Louis Riel Day (Manitoba)	Islander Day (PE)	Heritage Day (NS)	St. Patrick's Day	Good Friday	Easter Sunday	Easter Monday	Victoria Day	National Patriots' Day (Quebec)	National Aboriginal Day (NT,YT)	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day (Quebec)	Canada Day	Civic Holiday (NL,NT,NU,ON)	Heritage Day (AT,YT)	British Columbia Day	Saskatchewan Day	New Brunswick Day	Natal Day (NS)	Labour Day	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thanksgiving	Remembrance Day	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	International Convention	General Service Conference	Area 79 Quarterlies and Assemblies	
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What is a Quarterly?

JOIN US ONLINE! First Timers' Orientation TUESDAY, JAN 2ND, 2024 6PM





Register Here

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcO6rqzkqHNFi3wv-CBOBqaiycO5wwPwR

All Members Welcome



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE QUARTERLY ONLINE OR IN PORT COQUITLAM, BC JAN 5TH AND 6TH, 2024

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS & MOTELS Booking Code: Area 79 BC Yukon

1. POCO INN AND SUITES (ASC Staying here)

1545 Lougheed Highway, Port Coquitlam (2.8 km from venue) Tel: 604.941.6216 Fax: 604.941.6212 Toll free: 1.800.930.2235 Via email: generalreservations@poco-innand-suites.com Booking Code: Area 79 BC Yukon Queen 2 Beds/King Bed: \$159.00 + tax (1-2 people) Additional adult will be \$40 + tax per person One Bedroom suite with kitchenette: 209.00 + tax (1-2 people)Book by November 20, 2023. *On site restaurant *Shuttle service to church available

2. BEST WESTERN PITT MEADOWS

19267 Lougheed Hwy, Pitt Meadows (5.8 km from venue) Tel: 604.460.9859 (direct to hotel) Toll free: 1.800.780.7234 \$159.00 + tax - Book by December 4, 2023

3. RAMADA INN BY WYNDHAM

631 Lougheed Hwy, Coquitlam (14.5 km from venue) Via Email: r<u>eservations@ramadacoquitlam.com</u> Tel: 604-931-4433 Ext. 0 \$149.00 + tax - Book by December 4, 2023 **On site restaurant*

4. EXECUTIVE PLAZA HOTEL

405 North Road, Coquitlam (20.1 km from venue) Tel: 604.936.9399 Toll Free: 1.800.433.3932 Email: <u>salesmktg.coq@executivehotels.net</u> \$180 + tax - Book by November 20, 2023 *On site restaurant



AREA 79 BC/YUKON QUARTERLY – JANUARY 5 – 6, 2024 IN PORT COQUITLAM

RESTAURANTS

Izba Bistro 1545 Lougheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam (at Poco Inn Suites Hotel)

Earl's 2850 Shaughnessy St, Port Coquitlam

San Remo Italian 3008 Flint St, Port Coquitlam

Dinakis Mediterranean Grill 2020 Oxford St, Port Coquitlam

Grelhados Grill 855 Village Dr, Port Coquitlam

White Spot 2310 Ottawa St, Port Coquitlam

Poco Sushi 2325 Ottawa St, Port Coquitlam

Boston Pizza 2325 Ottawa, St, Port Coquitlam **Pho 51** 2360 Hawkins St, Port Coquitlam

A&W 859 Village Dr, Port Coquitlam

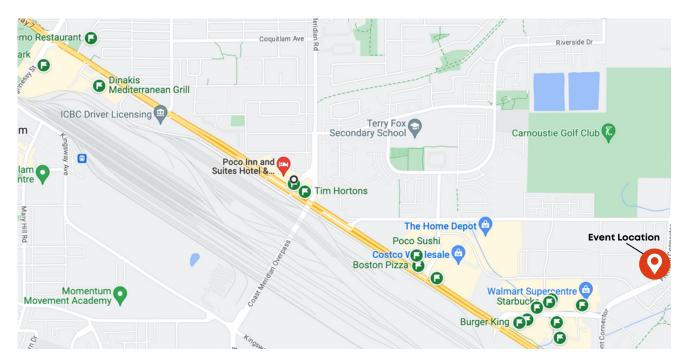
Burger King 879 Village Dr, Port Coquitlam

Chop Leaf 873 Village Dr, Port Coquitlam

Mucho Burrito 2105 Hawkins St, Port Coquitlam

1Starbucks 2160 Hawkins St, Port Coquitlam

Tim Hortons 2150 Hawkins St, Port Coquitlam (inside Walmart) 1525 Lougheed Hwy, Port Coquitlam



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