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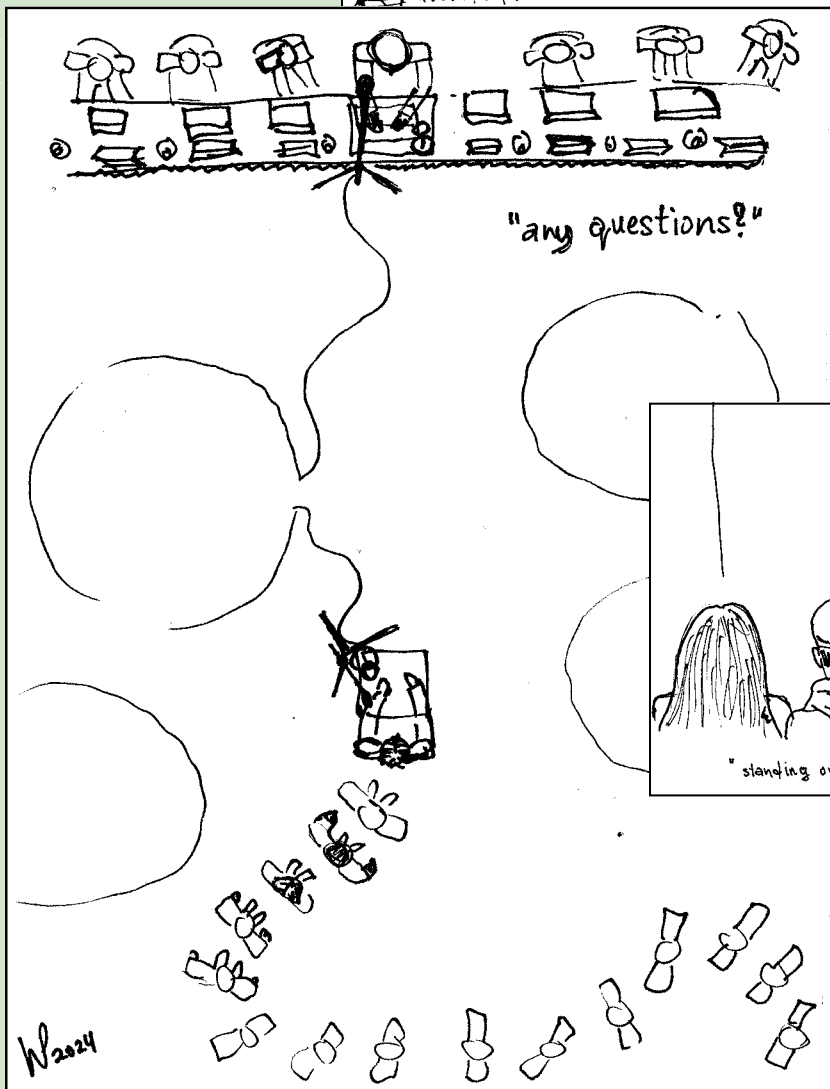
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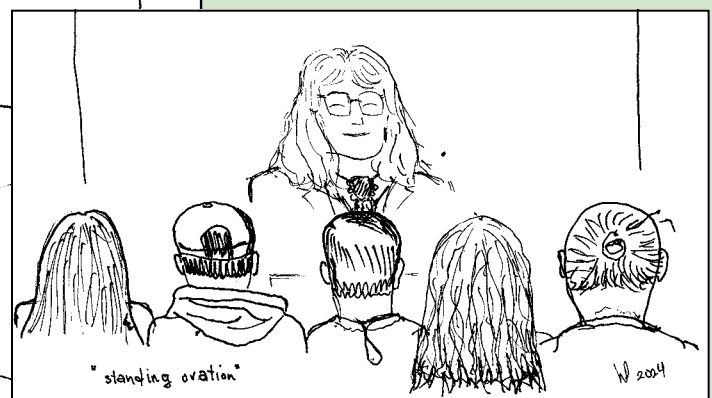


"any questions?"

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"standing ovation"

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HIGHLIGHTS from APRIL 2024 GRASSROOTS FORUM

Area Service Committee Reports

For full reports, see April 2024 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 12-24

Delegate – Rio D.

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This year's Conference is being held April 14-20 in Brooklyn, NY, and the theme is "Connecting with Love, Unity and Service". As you are already aware we have 83 agenda items and I know that I will be well prepared with the voice of my area after this weekend. Don't forget to book a 74th GSC Delegate Report with me. If you are interested in having me come to your district or event to share on the advisory actions, committee considerations and my experience from this year's conference. I am very excited to let you all know that 14 Delegate's reports have already been requested and booked. Remember, too, that at our June Quarterly being held June 28-30 in District 42 is where you will hear my full report-back of the 74th General Service Conference.

Registrar – Joanne C.

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Your group is listed online with your local intergroup office and on the Area 79 website. As a result of those online listings your group is also populated into the AAWS – Meeting Guide App. Does this mean that your group is registered with the General Service Office? No, not necessarily.

Groups registered with the General Service Office are connected to the service structure and have created access to more information about what's happening beyond their group. The other perspective that can be added to having your group registered is that it assists our area, General Service Conference, and our corporate boards make better and more accurate decisions about services needed and allocation of resources.

Remote Communities & Grassroots – Sha-nnon H.

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The Area 79 Remote Communities Committee has four new RC DCCs, is meeting every two months,

and we are working on creating a multi-language meeting finder that will be a shareable poster with QR codes and multi-language invitations for folks to join meetings in their languages and where to find them. We have discovered that a huge barrier for folks who don't speak English is navigating all the English cues to find those meetings in the first place. It is our hope that this project will lower this barrier.

District Committee Member Reports

For full DCM reports, see April 2024 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 37-53

District 8

Chemainus, Cobble Hill, Cowichan Bay, Crofton, Duncan, Honeymoon Bay, Lake Cowichan, Maple Bay, Mill Bay, Penelakut Island, Thetis Island, Youbou

January 20, we had a workshop, "Journey through the Twelve Traditions", facilitated by Maureen M., past Delegate, Area 79, Panel 53. Due to a snowstorm, attendance wasn't as high as it could have been but those in attendance were meant to be and we had a great event!

On May 25 our Delegate Rio D. will be part of our Gratitude Day to give her report on the 74th General Service Conference. We very much look forward to her visit.

District 32

Burnaby South, South of Hwy. 1

- On February 24, in cooperation with District 30 (Burnaby North) and District 34 (New West), and facilitated by our awesome Area 79 Website Chair Sheryl D., we conducted a service workshop entitled "Our Service Journeys, or How Service Saved My Sobriety". This hybrid event was attended by a total of about 30 people and featured games, learning activities, breakouts, and sharing of experience, strength, and hope as well as snacks and pizza.

Special thanks to several District 8 attendees who joined us virtually. A good time was had by all!

- We participated in the Burnaby Roundup March 9, helping out with setup and cleanup. After a day of many fantastic speakers and panels, the event wrapped up with a live band for some not-so-dirty dancing! Huge thank you to the roundup committee and all the volunteers for putting together an awesome event, and extra-special thanks for the financial support the committee distributed to our district, to Area 79 and to the GSB in New York from the roundup proceeds.

District 64

Blind Bay, Enderby, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Scotch Creek, Shuswap, Sicamous, Skwlax, Sorrento

It is my hope to spend time travelling to the more remote groups within our district to support the smaller, more isolated ones to strengthen the fellowship. There has been a treatment centre closure this month

– Foothills Centre closed its doors after many years of providing service. We have just registered a new men’s group, The Archway to Freedom Group, so we are trudging onward.

I continue to encourage members to get involved in service using cunning tactics like “Well, if I’m doing it so should you”. I joke, but the numbers of GSRs at our district meeting have increased so I am hopeful.

Area 79 1st Quarter Financials and Group Contributions – April 2024 Grassroots Forum, pages 26-36

Ask-it Basket

Read all the April 2024 Ask-it Basket questions & answers... *Grassroots Forum*, pages 54-63

#1. How does something become an Advisory Action at the General Service Conference?

Answered By: Sheryl D., Website Chair

Hello, thank you for your question. This is found in our fabulous red Service Manual on page 164, Appendix U: The path for an idea to become an agenda item. Thanks for the question.

#13. Silent auctions, 50/50 draws, raffles. Are these practices okay at A.A. functions?

Answered By: Kristina P., Public Information Chair

Thank you for the question, which actually brings up several different questions for consideration.

While I’m not 100% clear of what you mean by A.A. functions, I’m going to answer based on A.A. functions meaning rallies/roundups.

Do you consider the above practices as gambling?

Are these in line with the A.A. Traditions and primary purpose?

Would your home group approve of these practices? If not, why not?

There is also the bit about autonomy – each

group/district is autonomous. There may be a group conscience to proceed with those types of activities at an A.A. function, but it’s always a good idea to keep in mind our primary purpose and the Twelve Traditions.

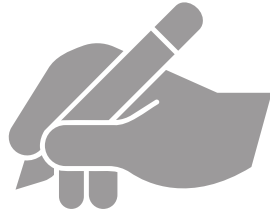
#25. How can we do a similar call-out for stories/videos from people with disabilities as there is not much in podcasts/YouTube etc. for those struggling with alcoholism.

Answered By: Eileen M., Treatment & Accessibilities Chair

Thank you for the question.

I’m thinking this question arose because of the “First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Recovery Story Project”, which also did a “call-out” for stories from individuals from within these particular communities. This project began because of a motion in Panel 71 to create this very booklet to allow people with specific stories to connect within our Fellowship. If you would like to see something similar created for the disabled communities, please consider making a motion for such a project. This would be the best way to achieve that “call-out”. Thank you again.

Letter from the Editor



Hello Friends, my name is Sha-nnon and I'm an alcoholic. It is my distinct privilege to serve as your BC/Yukon Area 79 Grassroots Chair. This issue would not have been possible without the dedicated skills and service of Brian F., Wendy S., Joanna H., Joanne C., Maggie S., Marion T., Spencer P., Cyndi V., and our fearless formatter, Lori W. Thank you everyone for helping to produce such a brilliant Grassroots Forum! I would also like to thank Wayne P. for our excellent cover art!

What an incredible Pre-Conference! I was deeply inspired by the hard work, thoughtful discussion, vulnerable sharing, and unifying service of each one of you. I can't wait for Rio's Delegate's report! Thank you for all the Ask-It Baskets, they help everyone!

Thank you indeed to District 56 for such incredible hosting. I hope many more districts will be inspired to put forward bids in June.

As I approach the completion of the 6th issue of my rotation, I am heartened by the learning and the incredible growth that this position has afforded me.

Thank you, Area 79, Panel 73, for this beautiful opportunity to serve.

In peace and loving service,
Sha-nnon H.

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