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September 2024

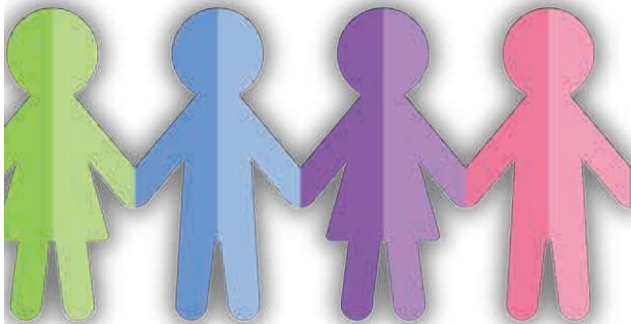
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Panel 73



Welcome
Panel 75



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HIGHLIGHTS from SEPTEMBER 2024 GRASSROOTS FORUM

Area Service Committee Reports

For full reports, see September 2024 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 13-23

Archives – Sandi P.

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We have been working diligently on the Interactive Map project which is planned to be displayed at the International Convention next year in the Western Canada Hospitality suite. We have photos for every district along with some brief histories. We still have some work to be done and plan for completion by the end of October.

Alternate Chair / Grapevine Chair – Carol H.

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Since the June Quarterly my duties as Alternate Chair have been ongoing, including participating in the Finance meeting and in the monthly area Chair meetings. While organizing the registration material and arranging the accommodations for the Area Service Committee, I realized this was the last time I would be doing this. What a great learning experience I have been given on so many levels.

Cooperation with the Professional Community –

Dean G.

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I attended the August online monthly P.I. and CPC meeting based in the San Francisco area. This meeting happens every second Saturday of the month, at 9am Pacific time. The August meeting featured Michael R., the GSO staff member at the CPC desk. The same Michael R. that took us on the magical mystery tour through GSO during the quarterly in Surrey. Michael shared his first CPC activity report, which he plans to put out biannually.

Website – Sheryl D.

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For the month of July and August, there have been 35 events postings, 45 meeting changes/updates, 65 ASC requests, and 15 login requests. As I mentioned, our four web team volunteers have been very busy! Over the weekend, please take some time to look at our new Area 79 website. There is a feedback button; please fill it in and let us know what you like, as well as what you feel is missing.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January Quarterly – Jan. 7 (Online Only) & Jan. 10-11, 2025 (Hybrid) – District 37/38

WRAASA (Western Region A.A. Service Assembly) – February 7-9, 2025 – Winnipeg, MB

April Pre-Conference – Apr. 8 (Online Only) & Apr. 11-13, 2025 (Hybrid) – District 70, Vernon

June Quarterly – Jun. 6-8, 2025 (Hybrid) – District 71, Kelowna

2025 International Convention – July 3-6, 2025 – Vancouver

September Voting Assembly – Sept. 9 (Online Only) & Sept. 12-14, 2025 (Hybrid) – District 75, Castlegar

Check out the Events page on our website for upcoming District events!

District Committee Member Reports

For full DCM reports, see September 2024 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 46-57

District 4

**Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Denman Island,
Fanny Bay, Hornby Island, Merville, Royston**

We have been preparing for a Lunch and Learn to be held on Sept 28. The main purpose of this event will be to garner interest in General Service in order to fill all the positions on the Panel 75 District Committee. At this event we will have the present DCCs speak on their positions. Guidelines for each position are being drafted. We are fortunate to have Joanne C. as the presenter, she has already been very helpful. Other topics to be covered are the value of a service sponsor, and how can we better understand and apply our Traditions.

District 18

**Bowen Island, Deep Cove, Horseshoe Bay,
Lions Bay, North Vancouver, West Vancouver**

We are working on transition plans for the new incoming GSRs including how outgoing GSRs can assist and mentor those who are transitioning in. We are also hoping to find effective ways to fill a number of the District Committee Chair positions which unfortunately were not filled during the past rotation.

District 46

**Davis Bay, Garden Bay, Gibsons, Madeira Park,
Pender Harbour, Roberts Creek, Sechelt**

We continue to meet as a district every second Tuesday of the month in person and online and our chair positions are currently filled. We will be holding a workshop on Saturday, November 16, in Davis Bay, which will be a hybrid event. The topic is the Importance of the GSR and Getting Involved in Service. Drew W., our Alternate Delegate, will be facilitating the workshop as well the election of our Panel 75 District Committee immediately afterwards.

District 71

Kelowna, Peachland, Rutland, W. Kelowna, Winfield

At the district table, we reviewed the motions for Voting Assembly in Victoria. I'm delighted to report several GSRs went through all seven with their groups and brought their conscience to the table. We had a lively discussion, and everyone agreed regardless of the outcome of the votes; we're all better informed about the voting process, and the history behind many of the motions. We also discussed the responsibility of electing our new Area 75 Panel.

Ask-it Basket

Read all the September 2024 Ask-it Basket questions & answers... *Grassroots Forum*, pages 58-63

#1. As you get further in your sobriety, how do you stay motivated to do the work? I know prayer, meditation, and service are necessary, but I am so lazy sometimes. A.A. has provided me with a comfortable and wonderful life.

Answered By: Kristina P., Public Information Chair

Thank you for your honest and vulnerable question. In my experience, service has been my motivator — it gives me purpose. When I am serving in the Fellowship, at any level, I feel trusted and relied upon — these feelings were luxuries that did not exist when I was still drinking. It has helped me apply the Traditions in my life, help others, get out of myself, and reveal parts of me that need attention. Being of service to others has enriched my life in every way... it feeds my soul. So, I continue to be willing and put my hand up for the next service opportunity.

#7. Many meetings are full of sharing relating more to addiction than alcoholism. Is Area or AAWS aware and seeking ideas on how to bring the focus back to sharing about our struggles as they relate to our use of alcohol?

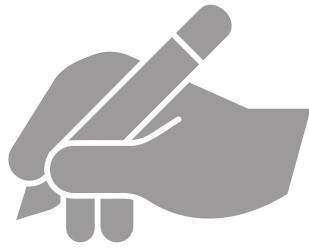
Answered By: Sha-nnon H., Remote Communities & Grassroots Chair

Thank you so much for the question. While we try to not police our members, each group is autonomous regarding how they conduct their affairs, provided they are not affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole. The greatest guidance we have been given concerning this issue, in my opinion, is our literature. There are many options to suggest...

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For the complete answer, see September 2024 *Grassroots Forum*, page 59.

Letter from the Editor



Hello beloved Area 79, my name is Sha-nnon and I'm an alcoholic. I have been honoured to serve as your BC/Yukon Area 79 Panel 73 Remote Communities and Grassroots Chair.

As I sit in front of my computer, I feel at a loss to somehow nutshell the huge experience I've had making, co-creating, proofreading, shepherding, and presenting the *Grassroots Forum* and the *Grassroots Highlights* for the last two years. Whew. Thank you, for the immense opportunity to see this beautiful publication come alive after each Area 79 event. It has been rife with challenge, gratitude, and pride. This magazine has grown and refined me in so many ways and I didn't do any of this alone. Thank you to all the proofreaders who gave of their time and their love of correcting (lol) for this panel. I am especially grateful for Lori W., without whose patience, diligence, skill, and love of all things Area 79 and Grassroots, I could not have done this position with the grace and effectiveness that it deserved and required.

I truly hope that our final Area 79 event of this panel served to inspire many people to raise their hands and toss their hats in the never-ending ring of service. I have certainly been shown that there is even room for this wacky, emotional, and very mushy trusted servant. So, there must be room for you too.

A loving thanks to my inimitable Panel 73 family and to you, the thriving Fellowship of Area79, for the opportunity to serve. I can't wait to see what we all do next!

In peace and loving service,
Sha-nnon H.

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