

Grassroots Forum *Highlights*



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HIGHLIGHTS from JUNE 2024 GRASSROOTS FORUM

Area Service Committee Reports

For full reports, see June 2024
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Alternate Delegate / Literature Chair – Drew W.

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On May 25 I was asked to attend a hybrid “Safety in A.A.” workshop in District 28 Vancouver. The format of the workshop was to have three different presenters discuss safety from a member perspective, a homegroup perspective and a General Service perspective. The workshop generated good discussion between members on how to approach safety concerns. Members who participated shared their experience on what worked for them and were able to review a few important literature items for guidance.

Treatment & Accessibilities – Eileen M.

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Since we met in Prince George, I’ve had a meeting with the DCMs assigned to this committee to plan full committee meetings focussing on our Accessibility literature. Following that, we’ve had two virtual meetings in May and June reviewing the workbook, guidelines and a few pamphlets. Thank you to all those that participated in presenting. Some amazing work was put into PowerPoint presentations!! I look forward to resuming these committee meetings in September.

Corrections – Gerry H.

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On May 10-12, I got to experience my first Western Canada Regional Forum. Thank you to all of you for giving me the opportunity to attend. People working at the General Service Office are real people, did you know that? They are human beings – just like me – and are more than just their title. Their love for A.A. was apparent. Their humanness and desire to serve solidified my (recent) dream of working at the General Service Office more reachable and attainable.

District Committee Member Reports

For full DCM reports, see June 2024
Grassroots Forum, pages 45-58

District 6

**Bamfield, Coombs, Lasqueti Island, Nanoose Bay,
Parksville, Port Alberni, Qualicum Bay,
Qualicum Beach, Tofino, Ucluelet**

June 14 to 16, we had our Coombs Rally. Our main speaker was Trish, and she spoke greatly on the importance of service. It was a great inspiration, and I hope it sparks some enthusiasm. Our district has lost a lot of enthusiasm, with positions now becoming vacant due to members stepping away. I am determined to keep attending meetings in my district and encourage GSRs to get more involved.

District 30

**Burnaby North, North of Hwy. 1; Vancouver
East End, Commercial to Boundary**

My last highlight was something that happened outside the forum walls. I still can’t believe we saw the Northern Lights! It’s a memory I will never forget. I got to share that experience with others in our area, Darlene, Brando, Spencer, and Sandi. Thinking back to three or so years ago, you all were strangers to me. Now we are friends... and we are not a glum lot.

District 52

**Atlin, Beaver Creek, Carcross, Carmacks,
Dawson City, Dease Lake, Destruction Bay,
Faro, Iskut, Haines Junction, Old Crow,
Pelly Crossing, Ross River, Telegraph Creek,
Teslin, Watson Lake, Whitehorse**

District 52 held a Fellowship Day event on May 18. At the June Quarterly, I felt encouraged and supported taking on this service position along with a spiritual experience that I am not alone. One Day at a Time and Just for Today.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September Voting & Election Assembly – Sept. 3 (Online Only) & Sept. 6-8, 2024 – 5 Districts, Victoria

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ask-it Basket

Read all the June 2024 Ask-it Basket questions & answers... *Grassroots Forum*, pages 59-62

#1 I've been getting a lot of calls lately from family/friends of an active alcoholic asking if I could go meet with/talk to them. Do you have any guidance on these type of "12 step calls".

Answered By: Sheryl D., Website Chair

Thank you so much for the question. As our guest speakers shared with us on Friday night, never go alone, don't go on a 12 Step call if you are uncomfortable. Take pamphlets to the family members to lay out in the house for the one still drinking. If the active drinker is not ready for help, provide the help and support to the family members who are asking you for guidance. Provide the family with an A.A. meeting list for when the drinker is ready for a meeting.

#2. If someone has been appointed to an Area Service Position, can they submit their résumé for the next panel?

Answered By: Sandi P., Archives Chair

Thank you for asking this question.

An appointed ASC member can submit their service résumé for the next panel.

An example – I am currently serving as the Archives Committee Chair, and I can submit my service résumé for any elected position. If not elected, you can still submit your service résumé for an appointed position.

#6. Rio, you said in your report that you presented a Delegate's Report at William Head Institution, correct? This is amazing. Could you please talk briefly about what the experience was like you? Sorry, I know that that's not a traditional Ask-it Basket style question.

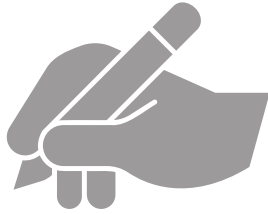
Answered By: Rio D., Delegate

Thank you for this non-traditional Ask-it Basket question. It wasn't so much a report out of the voluminous outcomes of the 74th GSC. It was more a conversation around the circle of chairs with four members. We mostly talked about the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous* and shared our experience, strength and hope.



2nd Quarter Financials, 2025 Draft Budget & Group Contributions — see June 2024 *Grassroots*, pages 19-30

Letter from the Editor



Dear Readers,

Thank you District 42 for a fabulous summer Quarterly! I was repeatedly inspired and moved by the ever-deepening unity of our Area and the heartfelt work and passion that all our Trusted Servants put into everything they do. Yay Area 79!

I am equally grateful for all the love and support that you show our little publication, the *Grassroots Forum*. Thank you! Due to the very tight turnaround needs of this issue, I had HUGE help getting this out to you as quickly as possible. Thank you, Caleb, our illustrious Secretary, for getting the reports to me so promptly, our incredibly hard-working proofreaders, Maggie, Wendy, Spencer, Joyce, Brian, Cyndi, Joanna, Joanne, and Bob for getting everything back to me in record time, and of course, Lori W., for her go-with-the-flow formatting and editing excellence! I would also like to thank David F., for the gorgeous cover art.

What a beautiful and challenging process this continues to be and I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to serve.

In peace and loving service,
Sha-nnon H.
P73 Grassroots Chair

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