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# HIGHLIGHTS from JANUARY 2025 GRASSROOTS FORUM

## Area Service Committee Reports

For full reports, see January 2025 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 10-20

### Registrar – Dawnn F.

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Hello, Area 79!! I'm Dawnn and I'm an alcoholic, newly serving as your Registrar on Panel 75 for BC/Yukon Area 79. While there was some training and preparation in November and December with Joanne, the Panel 73 Registrar, I didn't officially take over my new role until January 1, 2025. And I hit the ground running! I knew there was a lot of work to this role but truly had no idea!

### Cooperation with the Professional Community – Michelle B.

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The energy in here is electric – it's almost tangible... Nervous, excited energy is like that. At least that's how I'm feeling —

My name is Michelle, I am an alcoholic, delighted, to be serving as your Panel 75 CPC, or Cooperation

with the Professional Community, Chair. Welcome to all of you embarking on your new service journeys – we have a wealth of current and past trusted servants with their hands out, ready to help guide us along the way. Like every other part of Alcoholics Anonymous, we're never alone in service, and we will trudge this next two years together.

### Corrections – Chad P.

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Hello everyone, my name is Chad, and I am an alcoholic currently serving as your incoming BC/Yukon Area 79 Corrections Chair for Panel 75. I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the hosting districts for organizing this incredible quarterly event. It's truly a pleasure to see so many familiar faces, as well as some new ones. I want to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending for the first time, whether in person or on virtual platform.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

June Assembly – 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!**



### Did you know...

That it's easy to find out how you can be of service at the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver?

**Just scan here! |||||➡**



## District Committee Member Reports

For full DCM reports, see January 2025 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 42-55

### District 28

#### **Vancouver – East End, Downtown East Side**

Hello, my name is Miles M., and I am an alcoholic, privileged to serve as the DCM for District 28. Our district covers a region of Vancouver from the Downtown Eastside to Champlain Heights.

We are pleased to report that attendance at our monthly district meetings has been strong, with representation from an average of eight to ten groups. Our meetings take place on the fourth Sunday of each month, held in a hybrid format at the Greater Vancouver Intergroup Office boardroom. We have a solid mix of in-person and online participation, ensuring accessibility for all members.

### District 38

#### **Delta South, Ladner, Point Roberts, WA, Tsawwassen, Tsawwassen First Nations**

Hello Area 79,

My name Alexandria and I am a grateful alcoholic.

I am honoured to be the newly elected DCM for District 38 – South Delta, Ladner, Tsawwassen, Tsawwassen First Nation, and Point Roberts, WA.

I would like to thank David F. for his service to us in Panel 73 and passing the torch.

It has been a delight to work together in unity with District 37 and 28 along with all the other districts and many volunteers to help make this event happen in person. Thank you, Panel 75, for all the guidance and support.

### District 42

#### **North Delta, Surrey**

Hello everyone, my name is Jacob, and I am an alcoholic. I am the newly elected DCM for District 42 which is North Surrey and North Delta. I am honoured to be supported this weekend along with... 8 GSRs, 1 Alternate GSR, 2 DCCs, 2 guests, 1 member of the Tech Team and 1 member of the ASC.

This experience has been a little bit nerve racking. New panel, new role, new faces around the district table, and in the room. But to be completely honest, I feel calm, I feel peace, and I am comforted by the love and support that has already been shown in my

home group, our district and from the Area Service Committee. I have been placed on the Finance Committee for this rotation and was privileged to put together a report on following the dollar, where exactly does that loonie, you put in a basket, go? This was an amazing and eye-opening experience and finally forced me to get my nose into some different literature that I've honestly been avoiding.

### **Ask-it Basket**

Read all the January 2025 Ask-it Basket questions & answers... *Grassroots Forum*, pages 56-63

#### **13) Do we do a budget for the world convention?**

Answered by: Spencer P., Treasurer

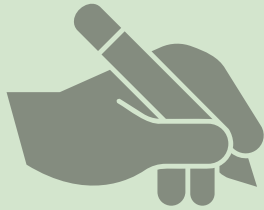
Thank you for your question. Yes indeed. Most of the costs for the International Convention that will be happening in our Area in Vancouver this July are borne by the General Service Board. However, Area 79 does have a line item in our 2025 budget for related expenses which the Area 79 Fellowship approved at our Voting Assembly in Victoria this past September.

#### **25) Are guests able to register for the Pre-Conference Assembly? Are they assigned to a committee? How do they access the background info?**

Answered by: Wendy S., Secretary

Yes, guests can register in advance for the Pre-Conference Assembly! However, guests will be assigned a committee on the day-of. That means there will be no need or ability for a guest to access background info, because they won't know which committee to prepare for.





## Letter from the Editor

Hi, my name is Caleb, and I am an alcoholic. It is an honour to be the Grassroots Chair for Panel 75 in Area 79. I want to thank the team that has worked with me so patiently and forgivingly producing this publication.

I hope that everyone will remember that *Grassroots* is produced for the members of Area 79. If you have questions or comments about the magazine's operations or content feel free to email or call me. I hope that this can be of use to everyone who reads it.

In love and service,  
Caleb W.

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