

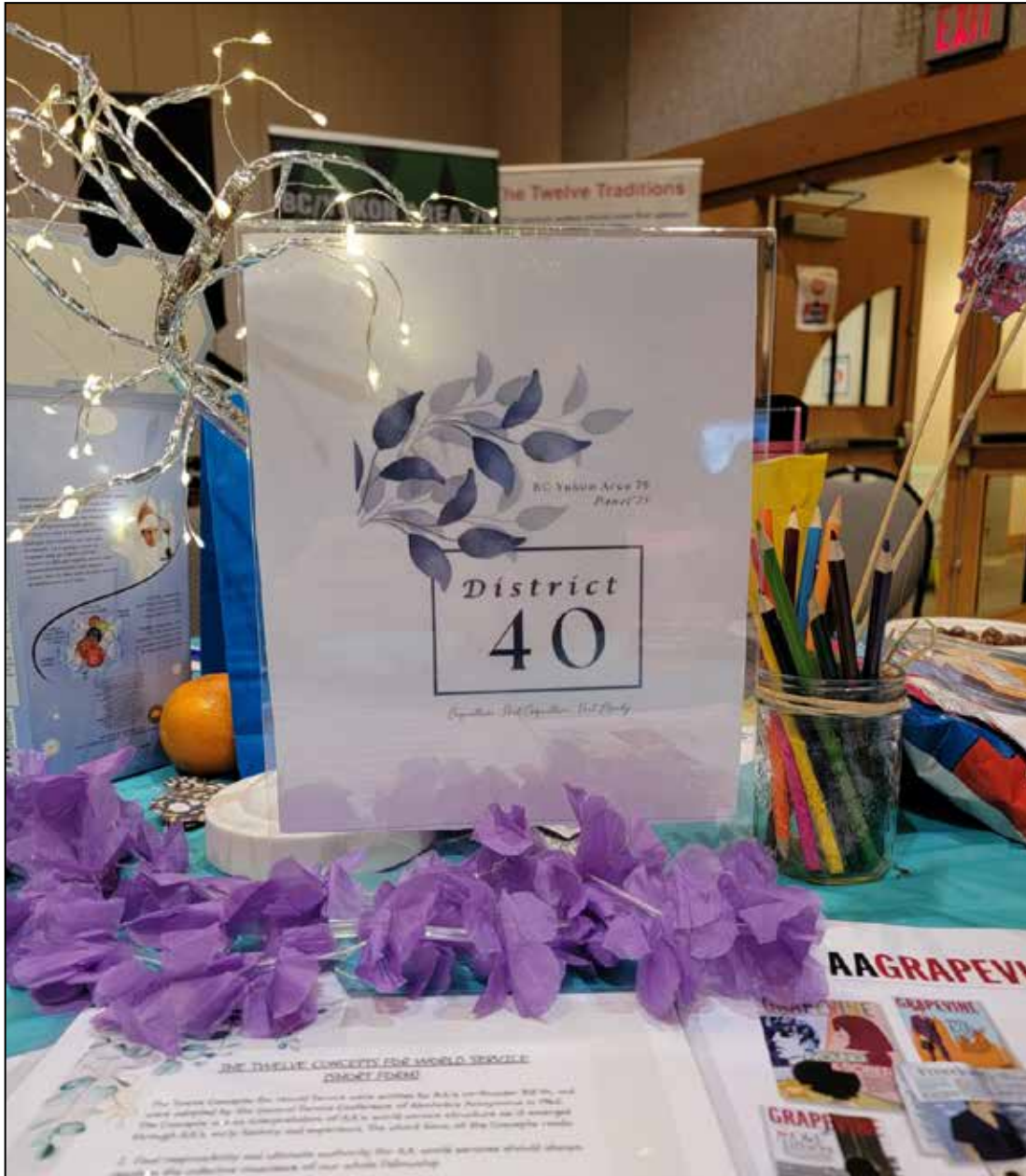
Grassroots Forum *Highlights*



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Area Service Committee Reports

For full reports, see April 2026 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 9-18

Registrar / Grapevine & LaViña Chair – Dawnn F.

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Hi, I'm Dawnn and I'm an alcoholic, gratefully serving as your Area 79 Registrar and Grapevine Chair.

After the January Quarterly, my main focus has been this Pre-Conference. Last year, I used the methodical committee assignment process we use for the April Pre-Conference as an opportunity to check if each trusted servant was registered, and reached out if they weren't. It seemed effective, so I thought I'd give it a shot again this year, and it seemed to have helped.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Michelle B.

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Happy Pre-Conference!

My name is Michelle, and I am an alcoholic, currently serving as your Area 79 Panel 75 Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee Chair.

I'm pleased to report that work has already begun interviewing professionals who reside and work in Area 79. This project grew out of last year's Pre-Conference agenda items, which focused on updating the CPC Videos for Professionals on our aa.org website. The Area 79 CPC Committee agreed it would be beneficial to update the existing videos. It may also be of value to feature local non-alcoholic professionals recommending A.A. to their peers, helping problem drinkers they encounter in their work.

Corrections – Eileen M.

corrections@bcyukonaa.org

Hello everyone – my name is Eileen and I'm an alcoholic. Happy to be serving as your Area 79 Corrections Chair. A big thank you to the collection of districts and volunteers hosting us here this weekend.

You've heard the expression "getting your feet wet"? Well I've been getting my feet soaked these last few months. I took this position in January of this year so there's been a learning curve for sure.

District Committee Member Reports

For full DCM reports, see April 2026, pages 34-43

District 1

Alert Bay, Bella Bella, Fort Rupert, Kyuquot, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Sointula, Zeballos

My name is Della G., and I am DCM for District One.

We are pleased to report District One has a new GSR/Alternate GSR since January 2026. We now have ??

At the Pre-Assembly Conference, we had one GSR attend online, one GSR in person, and one guest attend in person.

March 14, 2026, District One held a Gratitude Day in Port Hardy. Well attended, as can be.

District 40

Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody

My name is Tannis R., and I am DCM for District 40.

Since we last met at the January Quarterly in Chilliwack, our district has been very active. Much of this work focused on planning the Pre-Conference Assembly, which we co-hosted with Districts 34, 32, and 30.

Our district made a broad call for trusted servants, reaching beyond our usual district roles. This invitation was shared at meetings, through personal conversations, and across district borders. The response reflected the strong spirit of participation within our Fellowship. Members stepped forward with a wide range of experience, including many who were new to district level service.

District 61

Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Clinton, Lillooet, Lytton, Pavilion, Spences Bridge

My name is Hilary P. and I am the DCM for District 61.

Lillooet: where I live, plus: Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Clinton, Lytton, Pavilion, Spences Bridge

I attended the April Pre-Conference Quarterly in Burnaby. For the first time in over two years, I had someone from my Lillooet Fellowship accompany me: my sponsee Kristy-Lynn R., 75 days sober at that time! We had a FANTASTIC weekend! Thank you to all the trusted servants who made this so:

Ask-it Basket

Read all the April 2026 Ask-it Basket questions & answers... *Grassroots Forum*, pages 44-47

4) Has CPC/PI considered putting out requests for short videos being shot by amateurs for Conference approval?

Answered By: Joanne C., Alternate Chair and P.I. Chair

At the area level, no, not currently. There does not appear to be any historical data in our Book of Motions suggesting putting out requests for short videos to be shot by amateurs for Conference approval. However, your Area 79 Public Information committee is currently working on a motion to present to the assembly to have our Area 79 YouTube account accessible to the public. This could inspire such a project if approved; more to be revealed!

5) For ASC appointed roles that surreptitiously become available (like Secretary and Website) why not pull from available Area 79-submitted CVs to give others an opportunity to serve as ASC?

Answered By: Monica M., Alternate Delegate

Thank you for the question. In this unprecedented situation, the Area Selection Committee (ASC) spent a great deal of time considering the possibility/advisability of appointing someone with no ASC experience to the ASC. We also consulted with past trusted servants. We concluded that it would be a better for new ASC members to have a full ASC experience, with a proper orientation, than to be appointed at this time in this situation. We also concluded that it would be better for the Area and remaining ASC members to appoint individuals able to do the needed tasks immediately, as they would require much less of an orientation.

12) What does ASC stand for? It is not in the list of abbreviations.

Answered By: Caleb W., Treatment Chair and Grassroots Chair

Thank you for the question. ASC stands for Area Service Committee. It consists of the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Alternate Chair, and all other Area Offices. This committee was formerly called the General Service Committee, but it was changed in Panel 73 to avoid confusion with the General Service Conference in New York.

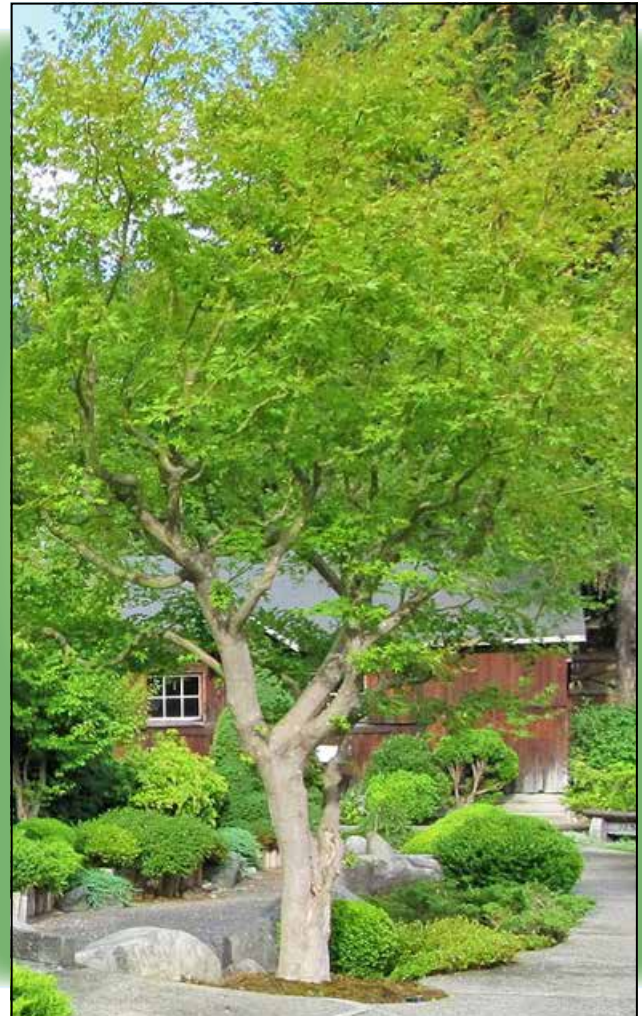
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(in person and online)

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“A.A. in Two Words”

“All A.A. progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words: humility and responsibility. Our whole spiritual development can be accurately measured by our degree of adherence to these magnificent standards.”

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Letter from the Editor

Hi, my name is Caleb, and I am an alcoholic. It is an honour to be the Grassroots Chair and Grassroots Editor for Panel 75 in Area 79. This position allows me to connect with members in Area 79 in a very special way. I want to thank the team that has worked with me producing this issue.

I also want to thank everyone who subscribes both electronically and to the print edition. Please consider purchasing print subscriptions for or donating print subscriptions to groups, Intergroup, and offices in Area 79. Many such entities find it a useful tool for members to learn about service and how to get involved in Area 79.

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 grassroots@bcyukonaa.org or call me. If you are interested in publishing a flyer for an event, please talk to me; this is very doable!

I hope that this can be of use to everyone who reads it.

In love and service,
Caleb W.

Statement of Purpose

The Grassroots Forum is a newsletter by and for the members of Alcoholics Anonymous in BC/Yukon Area 79. It is compiled and edited by the Grassroots Chairperson with the assistance and input of the Grassroots Committee. This newsletter is a vehicle for communication within Area 79 with the aim of strengthening unity and participation. Grassroots is also the means of distribution of the minutes, financial statements and all reports from our Area Quarterlies and Assemblies. It is the aim of the Grassroots Forum to fulfill its purpose with the greatest possible consideration of fiscal prudence and to practise A.A. principles in all of its affairs.



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2026 Western Canada Regional Forum – June 12-14
– Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

2026 July Assembly – July 7 (Online Only) & July 10-12
(Hybrid) – District 54, Smithers

2026 October Voting Assembly – Oct. 20 (Online Only) &
Oct. 23-25 (Hybrid) – District 6, Port Alberni

2027 WRAASA – February 5, 2027 - February 7, 2027 –
District 43, Langley

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

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