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Area Service Committee Reports

For full reports, see July 2026 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 12-21

Alternate Chair / Public Information Chair

– **Joanne C.**

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Joanne, and I am an alcoholic. I am pleased to serve as your BC/Yukon Panel 75 Public Information Chair.

Since our April Pre-Conference, your Public Information Committee, made up of DCMs from Districts 6, 26, 41, 54, 68, and our newest member, Karen S. from District 03, have met to discuss ways to make better use of the Area 79 YouTube account, aiming to expand our digital outreach and connect more effectively with the community. YouTube has an outreach of almost 32 million users in Canada and we have been gathering feedback during our committee breakouts on how best to have a presence on YouTube that would enable us to provide local content that would amplify a local message of recovery as well as providing ways to get in touch with us.

messages since May I have answered questions such as “how do I make sure a meeting in Sandspit is going to be up and running,” or “the meeting I went to didn’t start the online meeting and it is hybrid.” Some are for meeting changes and meeting updates and those get forwarded to Website and emails for other members of the Area committee also get forwarded to the appropriate persons.



Archives – Pauline D.

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My name is Pauline and I’m an alcoholic.

Grateful to serve as your BC/Yukon Area 79 Archives Committee Chair.

Thank you so much to the host committee for finally making this assembly happen in Smithers. I’m thrilled for you, and I’m sorry I can’t be there to enjoy it with you.

Since we last met, I have received many requests for historical information and have been digging through our files in the archives repository to provide answers where I can. Thank you for these requests — it’s always exciting when people are curious about their district history.

Assembly Attendance: 291
(in person and online)

7th Tradition: \$1709.75

District Committee Member Reports

For full DCM reports, see January 2026
Grassroots Forum, pages 46-55

District 54

**Burns Lake, Fort Fraser, Fraser Lake, Granisle,
Houston, Nadleh, Smithers, Southside,
Stellaquo, Telkwa, Witset**

Hello everyone,

My name is Christina W., DCM for District 54.

We serve Fort Fraser, Nadleh, Fraser Lake, Southside, Burns Lake, Houston, Telkwa, Smithers and Witset.

Our district has been busy this service cycle. We have 13 meetings a week and one online meeting on Monday night.

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Secretary – Sandi P.

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Hello everyone, in-person and online,

My name is Sandi, and I am an alcoholic. I am thrilled to be here today serving you as Secretary for Panel 75 BC/Yukon Area 79.

I look forward each day to the emails and voice messages that come in with different requests and questions. In monitoring and responding to the emails and voice

District Committee Member Reports Cont'd.

We've had a Bridging the Gap call from Fraser Lake, and they are able to do the 12-Step work. The GSR had done a great job. Burns Lake has been busy they hosted two district workshops and thank you Dawnn and Amy for your service. Very much appreciated. We had a Founders' picnic hosted by Houston. They also had a Back to Basic workshop and facilitated by Paul V. The picnic was well attended.

District 41

Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows

Hello friends, my name is Shareane and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as the DCM for District 41, Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

Thank you District 54 for your service and hosting us this weekend.

During the breakout on Tuesday night, District 41 had 1 ASC member, 1 DCM and 1 GSR in attendance. In person this weekend, we have, 1 ASC member, 1 DCM, 2 GSRs, and 2 GSRs online.

Our monthly meeting is held on the third Sunday, with 12-16 in attendance.

District 18

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

Hi friends, Jessica, alcoholic grateful to be serving as the DCM for District 18 which includes Deep Cove, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Horseshoe Bay, Lions Bay and Bowen Island.

Since my report at the January Quarterly, District 18 has had several noteworthy events. The 54th annual North Shore Round up was another fellowship fuelled spiritual weekend adding a new fellowship area to the venue and we hope to see you all next year for the 55th; it is going to be extra special. We also hosted our first service workshop "What is the Shape of your Triangle" with the help of Carolyn W. Thank you again for coming, it was very well received, and seeds of service were definitely planted.

Ask-it Baskit

Read all the January 2026 Ask-it Baskit questions & answers... *Grassroots Forum*, pages 56-58

6) We have a couple of treatment facilities in our district. We have included them on our meeting lists even though they aren't registered groups. A member says they should not be included on our meeting lists. Is this true, or are we autonomous as a district to make that decision?

Answered By: Dawnn F., Registrar

Thank you for this thought-provoking question. As stated in GSO's New Group Listing Guidelines, General Service Office only registers groups and not meetings. Shared experience is that holding A.A. meetings is one function of a group. An A.A. group is a meeting that participates in the General Service Structure and provides Twelfth Step services that extend beyond the regular meeting's times.

4) How does Area and A.A. as a whole educate our fellowship about raffles and/or 50/50 fundraisers and the principles of our self-support tradition?

Answered By: Eileen M., Corrections Chair

Thank you for the question.

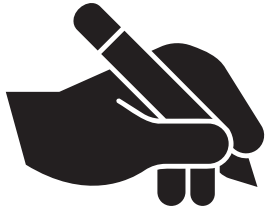
Of course Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on 50/50 draws or raffles at A.A. events and many other topics. Our 7th Tradition states, "Every A.A. group out to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." There are two great service pieces to help clarify the tradition:

- The Self Support Card (F-42) and
- The *Where Money and Spirituality Mix* pamphlet (F-3



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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.

As the Panel 75 us nearing the end some of the volunteers are moving on and there are opportunities for other members to get involved. For a description of the roles available please see the Outline of Responsibilities on the website at <https://bcyukonaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/20260620-Grassroots-Job-Description.pdf>. If you are interested or have any questions feel free to contact me directly.

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 at 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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