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The Newsletter also includes a calendar of events, which prominently features a categorized list of the dates and times of Area Service events, and other AA related events occurring throughout the Western Washington fellowship, i.e., campouts, luncheons, and picnics. Fliers related to the above events, registration, contribution, and subscription forms are consolidated in a separate section. Districts’ reports are encouraged.

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Publishing & Grapevine Our Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and other books will now be produced jacketless, with jacket images printed on the covers. This change is in response to supply chain disruptions and will help alleviate out-of-stock issues and help keep costs down. Grapevine will be adding a \$2.49 increase to all books. The top 10 selling books’ prices will increase on January 1, 2023, and other books’ prices will increase as they go to reprint. Other ancillary items prices will increase on January 1, 2023, as well.

If you are planning on going to the international conference in 2025 in Vancouver, BC, please see the FAQs at the end of the newsletter.

It is suggested that those who believe they have some past legal incident, such as a DUI or felony that could inhibit their attendance at the 2025 International Convention, seek assistance/information by accessing the CBSA links provided below question #6.

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- Toll-free 1-800-461-9999
- TTY (for those with hearing or speech impairments) 1-866-335-3237

Outside Canada

(Long distance charges apply) 1-204-983-3500 1-506-636-5064

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Western Washington Area 72 Quarterly Business Meetings			
AREA QUARTERLY July 4 & 5	Area Business Quarterly	LaQuinta Inn & Suites 1425 E 27th St., Tacoma,	AREA QUARTERLY July 11 & 12
AREA ASSEMBLY Oct 3-Oct 5	Area Assembly	Lynnwood Event Center 3711 196 th St SW Lynnwood	
Area Standing Committee Quarterlies			

May 3, Saturday 10am-2pm	Archives Quarterly	Puget Sound CSO 3640 Cedar St Suite C Tacoma WA	Zoom ID: 850 7828 7751 Passcode: Archives
May 3, Saturday 1pm-4pm	Cooperation with the Professional CPC	St Hilda’s Church 15224 52 nd Ave W Edmonds, WA	Zoom ID: 860 2928 3523 Passcode: CPC
Saturday May 10 10am-2pm	Public Information Quarterly Lunch Provided	Puget Sound CSO 3640 Cedar St Suite C Tacoma WA	Zoom ID: 896 5804 3250 Passcode: Publicinfo
Saturday June 14 10am-2pm	Grapevine & Literature Quarterly	201 S Division St Suite B Auburn	Zoom ID: 873 2199 0075 Passcode: 620280
Sunday June, 15 4pm-5:30pm	Registrar Workshop	Virtual	Zoom ID 633 540 5154 Passcode: Registrar

GSR & DCM School			
May 3, Saturday 2pm-5pm	DCM School Spanish Interpretation Available	Puget Sound CSO 3640 Cedar St Suite C Tacoma WA	Zoom ID: 898 1351 9389 Passcode: 787476
May 18, Sunday	GSR School	Inspire Church 1551 E Rio Vista Ave Burlington	
Delegates Conference Report			
June 7 Saturday 10am-2pm	Peninsula Districts Pot Luck Finger Foods	Christian Life Center 1780 SE Lincoln Ave Port Orchard	
June 14 Saturday	Longview		
June 19 Thursday	District 18		
June 22 Sunday	Virtual		
June 28 th Saturday	Southern Districts		
July 19 Saturday	Central Districts		
Pre-Assembly 2025			
August 2 Saturday 10am-2pm	East Side Districts	(18, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, and 39)	
August 3 Sunday	On-line Virtual	Anyone Welcome	
August 9 Saturday	Pierce County Districts	(9, 29, 43, 44, 45, 54)	
August 10 Sunday	Southern Districts	(7, 8, 21, 27, 28, 37)	
August 16 Saturday	Northern Districts	(2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, 24, 46)	
August 17 th Sunday	Peninsula Districts	(10, 22, 55, 56)	
August 20 Wednesday	Virtual	Anyone Welcome	
August 23 Saturday	Central	(14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 31, 32, 40, 41, 42)	
August 24 th Sunday	Spanish Districts	(1, 57, 58)	
2026 Conferences			
February 27- March 1	PRAASA 2026	Honolulu Hawaiï	
Workshops			
Sunday June, 15 4pm-5:30pm	Registrar Workshop	Virtual	Zoom ID 633 540 5154 Passcode: Registrar
Study Groups			
4 th Sunday	Cooperation with Professional Community	VirtualR	Zoom ID: 872 1003 9770

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM			Passcode: 024176
4 th Saturday of the month 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Corrections		Zoom ID: 828 6821 9335 Passcode: 343910
Up Coming Newsletter Topics			
June On Line Only	The Responsibility Statement Who’s Responsible?	Due May 20	Submit Word Doc to Newsletter@Area72AA.org
July On Line Only	We are Self Supporting	Due June 20	Submit Word Doc to Newsletter@Area72AA.org
August Print and online	We are not a Glum Lot, Rule 62	Due July 20	Submit Word Doc to Newsletter@Area72AA.org
September Online only	The Area 72 Assembly 2025	Due August 20	Submit Word Doc to Newsletter@Area72AA.org
October Online Only	2025 Gratitude Celebrations	Due Sept 20	Submit Word Doc to Newsletter@Area72AA.org
A.A. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION			
July 3 – 6 2025	A.A. International Convention	Vancouver, Canada	A.A.org/International- Convention

Western Washington Area 72
April 2025 Quarterly, Vancouver, WA
Heathman Lodge & Zoom
April 4 & 5, 2025

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Western Washington Area 72 April 2025
Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2025
Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA and Zoom
Hosted by District 7

Call to order, Serenity Prayer: 8:30am
Twelve Traditions read by: Rodrego, District 1
Twelve Concepts read by: Rose, District 7
Motion to record meeting: Motion by District: 54 by District: 24 **Passed.**
Estimate Attendance: Total Registered: 220, In Person: 154, Online: 41, Both (Online and In Person): 25, Volunteers: 29

OPENING COMMENTS

The Chair discussed who are voting members, Area Elected servants, Area Appointed servants, DCMs, and Alternate DCMs if DCM is not present. GRS or Alternate GSR if GSR is not present. Also discussed were the method for how online voting would take place.

Overview of Roberts rules of order.

Reminder of Zoom etiquette & online and in-room voting review.

Past Delegates Present:

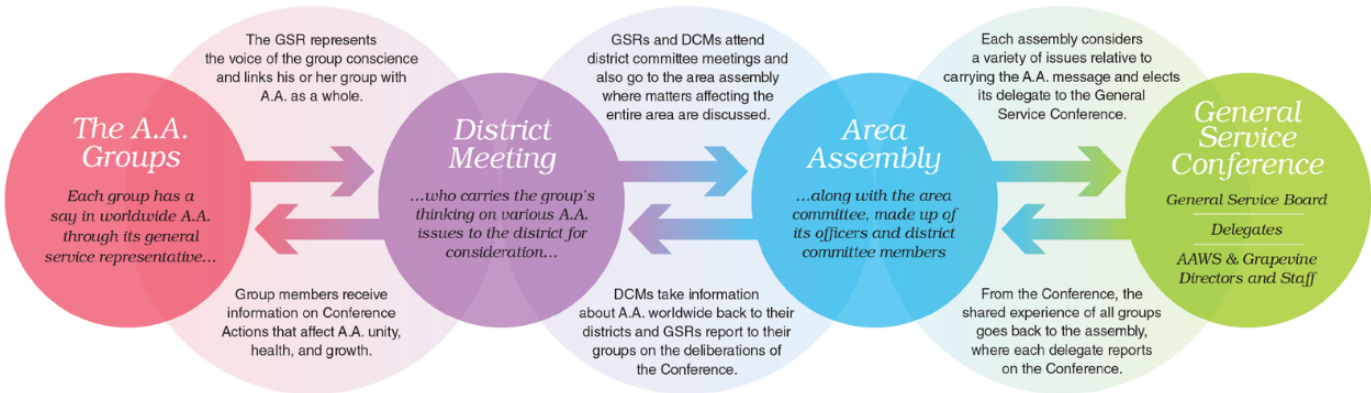
NAME	Panel	Years
Barbara M.	(Northern Coastal CA 06) Panel 41	91 & 92
Bob F.	Panel 49	99 & 00
Dave T.	Panel 59	09 & 10
Keith M.	(Utah 69) Panel 61	11 & 12
Astri T.	Panel 63	13 & 14
Geene D.	Panel 71	21 & 22
Crystal S.	Panel 73	23 & 24

Approval of January 2025 Area 72 Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve minutes by District: 40 and 2nd by District: 17 **Passed.**

A point of order was raised by Jo, DCM District 25 requesting the Area Chair to please make sure to check for the vote of online people

ELECTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Delegate’s Report – Courtney S.



Hello Area 72!

I’ve enjoyed getting to spend time with many of you at the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) in March in Anchorage, Alaska! There were 708 people registered, and Area 72 had 50 members attend! What I love about attending PRAASA is the different perspectives, experiences, and ideas. We have so much history and diversity of thought in the Pacific Region. Next year PRAASA will be in Hawaii. AND in **2027 Area 72 is hosting PRAASA!!!**

I will be attending the 75th General Service Conference in Manhattan from April 27th – May 3rd. You will be on my mind and in my heart throughout this journey! Thank you to all those who have attended a pre-conference!

Now I need your help! Please get me your group feedback no later than **April 18th**. I hope that you use the Google form found on the [Delegate’s Corner](#) on the area72aa.org website. This will help me stay organized as I head to conference. If you aren’t able to use the Google form, you can download the Word doc or email me! You can also give me your group feedback verbally at the “Share with your Delegate” Zoom event on Saturday, April 12th at 9:00am PT and I will take notes on your group feedback. **Meeting ID:** 944 512 3341 **Passcode:** PreConP75

After the conference I will start my Delegate Report-Backs. I would love it if you could group together for a report-back! If you’re GSRs would like me to come to a district meeting, that works too. Let me know and we can get it scheduled!

I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve you, Area 72, as your Delegate for panel 75. You’re amazing!

Thank you,

Conference Information

Agenda Topics:

- The conference agenda, background information, and the pre-conference packet can be found on the Delegate’s Corner <https://area72aa.org/delegates-corner/>
- The list of 119 proposed agenda items not forwarded to the conference have been posted.

Conference Inventory:

- Conference members were sent 19 inventory questions in advance of the conference. Submissions were due mid-march, were consolidated and sent to the delegates. I have received all the comments to read prior to the conference. If you are interested in seeing all the comments, please email me, I am happy to share them.
- At the conference we will be broken into groups and we will review the five assigned questions, all comments, discuss the feedback as a group, and summarize.
- Each group will have 20 minutes to present their report back summary to the conference throughout the week. There will be time for discussion.
- A summary of the conference inventory sessions will be included in the Final Conference Report.

New Podcast “Our Primary Purpose”:

Have you listened to “Our Primary Purpose Podcast”. It’s great! In one episode I was surprised to learn about several ways individuals and home groups can help AA contributions but changing a few behaviors!

- Contributing as a group or individual online is best, it clearly asks if you are a member of AA. Also, it’s more cost effective. Every mailed check cost \$5.60 to process, while an online contribution cost \$2.93. If your group prefers checks, including your home group number or for individual contributions note that you’re an AA member—otherwise, the money may be returned.
- Over 4,000 checks are received a year and unless it’s clear the contribution is from a member, the check is returned. AA returns hundreds of thousands of dollars a year because it’s unclear if the contribution is from a member. So, let’s make it clear to our groups, this is a simple change that can impact hundreds of thousands of dollars toward our services.

Plain Language Big Book:

- There have been 156,023 copies sold! We have inventory available for purchase of 21,522 copies which you can purchase at aa.org. You can also check with your local Intergroup or CSO.
- In the [Delegate’s Corner](#) you will find more information about the PLBB and the changes being made between the first and second print run. The document is called “*Changes to the PLBB Communication*”.
- Box 4-5-9 Winter edition has “*Long Road to BLBB*” with a great timeline and details about the creation of the book. This is also found in the Delegate’s corner or aa.org’s [Box 4-5-9 page](#).

Big Books in Process: Check out the pre-conference background info for more details

- *Fourth edition Spanish Big Book* is in process, but we are unclear on when it will be completed, more to come.
- *Fifth Edition English Big Book*: Completion date hasn’t been confirmed.
 - 2,393 stories submitted and it has been reduced to 159 stories with an estimated 25 - 35 new stories in the fifth edition.
 - Identified seven keepers from fourth edition in addition to Dr. Bob’s Nightmare.
 - They are reviewing “The medical view” and “religious view on AA” appendices.

Grapevine & La Vina:

- **Total Circulation** Grapevine 59K up 9% from 2023 and La Vina 7,500K up 17% from 2023.
 - *Print subscriptions*: Grapevine 45K and La Vina at 7K.
 - *In-app subscriptions*: Releasing internationally with the potential to see an increase in app subscriptions.
 - 5,571 for Grapevine, yet 14,142 have access to the app meaning individuals are downloading but not subscribing.
 - 275 for La Vina up 17% from last year.
 - *Online only*: 3K for Grapevine and 80 for La Vina.
 - *Complete (Print & Online)*: Grapevine 5,422K and 131 for La vina.
- *Grapevine Podcast*: 1.1M total downloads!
- There are videos for "LV app how to" on Instagram and You Tube platforms.
- The five-year plan for La Vina is now available in the conference background information found in the Google drive. They have already implemented some changes, and they are receiving positive feedback yet there is a lot of work ahead.

Finances as of December 31, 2024: (These figures are unaudited, and may change slightly)

- Contributions – 11.25 Mil: 7% greater than budget and 4% higher than last year.
- Gross Literature Sales – 14.5 Mil – 14% less than budget.
- Literature gross margin – 7.6 M – 10% less than budget.
- Total operating expenses – 18.7 Mil – .6% less than budget.
- Operating surplus before depreciation is \$966K.
 - At this point in the year a \$865K surplus was projected.
- Grapevine – 807K deficit but subscriptions are up 8% year over year.
- La Viña – 565K cost as a service but subscriptions are up 10% year over year.
- Grapevine 2025 budget projected with a \$134,800K deficit down from 565K in 2024 & La Vina is budgeted to have a 455,600K deficit.
- \$150,000 drawdown for publication of needed items for GV at the international.
- Reserve fund 12.36 Mil – 6.47 months vs. a target range of 9 to 12 months (reforecast GSO, GV and LV).

Indicator	Versus YTD Reforecast Budget
Contributions	\$11.25M vs \$10.5M, 7% greater than budget
Gross Literature Sales	\$14.5M vs \$16.8M, 14% less than budget
Net Literature Sales (Gross Margin)	\$7.6M vs \$8.5M, 10% less than budget
Gross Margin as a Percentage of Gross Literature Sales	52.9% versus 50.5%
Operating Expenses before depreciation	\$18.7M vs \$18.8M, 0.6% less than budget
Operating Surplus before depreciation	\$996K vs \$856K
Reserve Coverage (# of months)	6.47

Grapevine Financial Indicators

Indicator	Versus 2024 Reforecast Budget (Dollars in thousands '000)
Total Grapevine (“GV”) Subscription Income	\$1,945k vs \$2,067k, 6% behind budget
Total GV Print-only Circulation	45,048 vs 46,000, 2% behind budget
GV App + Online + GV Complete Subscriptions	14,142 vs 18,445, 23% behind budget
Total Circulation	59,189 vs 64,445, 8% behind budget
GV Subscription Net Profit Percentage	42.6% vs 46.9%
GV Total Gross Margin (all products)	\$1,621K versus \$1,765k, 8% behind budget
GV Operating Expenses	\$2,438k versus \$2,447k, approximating budget
GV Net (Loss) before Reserve Transfers	\$(807k) vs \$(672k)
LV Total Gross Margin	\$109k vs \$130k, 16% behind budget
LV Total Circulation	7,492 vs 7,869 5% behind budget
LV Expenses	\$674k vs \$691k, 2% ahead of budget
LV Shortfall	\$(565k) vs \$(561k), approximating budget

GREEN – Favorable or neutral Variance
YELLOW – Unfavorable Variance, Informative
RED – Unfavorable
AA International Convention 2025 – Vancouver, BC
July 3–6, 2025 | 81 countries represented | 29,000+ registered
Get Involved:

- **Volunteers Needed** – We need 5,000 volunteers, but only 800 have signed up so far. A virtual orientation will be held on June 8. Check out [ICVWC 2025](#).
- **Host a Watch Party** – If you can't attend in person, you can host a watch party with friends! This is such a fun idea. Visit the [International Convention site](#) for details on registration and pricing.

Getting Around Vancouver:

- **Public Transit** – Vancouver’s SkyTrain system connects most hotels, the Convention Center, and BC Place, where the three big meetings will take place. A 3-day TransLink pass is available for purchase through registration and will be mailed out with badges in May 2025. More details: [TransLink](#).
- **Accessible Transportation** – An accessibility convention shuttle will be available. Scooter rentals can also be reserved in advance, with pickup at the Vancouver Convention Center. Details: [Scootaround](#).

Convention Highlights

- **Block Party & Dances** – Evening events will take place Thursday through Saturday, with music and dancing in multiple areas around the Vancouver Convention Center.
- **Souvenir Book** – *90 Years of Love & Service* will include pictures, stories, and space for notes. Available for purchase as a keepsake.
- **Grapevine Journal** – *Language of the Heart* can be preordered by May 9 for mail delivery. Orders placed after May 9 will be available for pickup at the Convention Center.
- **Commemorative Mug** – The official 2025 International Convention mug is available for purchase online but will not be sold onsite. Order here: [Zazzle](#).
- **Audio Recordings & Photos** – Convention session recordings and an anonymity-protected stadium photograph are available for preorder. Order details: [ICAA Live Learning Center 2025](#).

Sessions & Translation

- **184 Sessions Scheduled** – Includes a variety of meetings, workshops, and speaker panels. Marathon meetings will run continuously from midnight Thursday through Sunday morning.

- Real-Time Translation – A mobile app will provide AI-powered translation into multiple languages to ensure accessibility for international attendees.

Registration & Housing

- Pre-registration Pricing – Register by May 9 for \$160. After May 9 and onsite, the fee increases to \$185.
- Hotel Room Updates – Convention hotel blocks are updated regularly. If you need to cancel your reservation, you will be charged for one night’s stay unless you transfer the room to another attendee.

For more details, registration, and housing updates, visit the [AA International Convention site](#).

Regional Forum:

- Approval for a one-year pilot to offer a “live broadcast only” option to allow members unable to attend in-person access to the information.
- We are offering a **special forum online for deaf alcoholics! Save the date, January 17, 2026.**
- All regional forum information and locations can be found on the website above.
- The regional form is held once a rotation in Pacific Region, the next Pacific Regional Form will be on December 4 – 6, 2026 in San Diego, California.
- For more information go to the aa.org and look for Regional Forum or link [here](#).

General Service Office Updates

- GSO Staff Member - There is a call for an opening GSO staff position, please checkout the qualifications and positions [outline](#). The Deadline to submit resumes is May 31st, 2025.
- Young and Sober: It could save your life - <https://www.aa.org/it-could-save-your-life>.
- Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist <https://www.aa.org/i-thought-drinking-made-me-an-artist>.
- Call For Stories and Shared Experience from members who have experience getting sober in the military, reaching out to active duty and veterans, taking meetings into military bases and VA hospitals.
- The recorded military audio interviews have been edited and uploaded to one page. They can now be found at <https://www.aa.org/military-members-in-aa>.

Publishing Updates:

- Tablets in Corrections - We are providing digital literature (audio, PDF, and eBook) on Edovo tablets for incarcerated individuals. In under three years, we have seen significant growth, with 2024 seeing a 122% increase in literature accessed (42,459 items) and a 184% increase in participating facilities (1,118 across 74 Areas). Areas using this resource also grew by 20% over 2023. **AAWS receives no revenue from this corrections-specific tablet access.
- Digital Distribution – Has expand to over 80 platforms and an uptick in audiobook distribution:
 - Audiobook sales for 2024 were \$57,319.76. This demonstrated a 24.5% increase over 2023.
 - Ebook sales for 2024 totaled \$155,597.42. This demonstrated a 3% decrease as compared to 2023.
- QR Codes are being test-piloted for 12 of the most distrusted pamphlets.

Service Safety Material

- Revisions to Safety in AA: Our Common Welfare (service material discussed at the General Service Conference in 2023) are likely to be available to groups soon. They will be reviewed by the General Service Board in December and possibly shared with groups soon thereafter.

New Service Manual

- The digital version of the *A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated* is now available online [here](#).
- Book cost will be increasing from \$4 to \$6 on May 1st.
- Spanish and French print versions should be available any day now!

Alternate Delegate’s Report – Lupita Y.M.

Name: Lupita YM
Position: Alternate Delegate
District number:
Date: 5 April 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

The first quarter as Alternate Delegate has even very busy! I’ve gotten the General Service Representative and District Committee Member Handbooks updated and printed in both English and Spanish.

Over the first quarter, I hosted eight GSR schools (speaking to about 175 GSRs!), spoke with three Districts, helped on the Newsletter ad hoc committee, went to PRAASA, went to a quarterly meeting with the Pacific Region Delegates, and went to five Pre-Conferences. All the meanwhile, I have been picking Courtney’s brain on the Conference background materials, her experience preparing for the Conference and her experience as an Alternate Delegate

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

Being in the first quarter of service as Alternate Delegate there has been a learning curve that I did not expect. I initially struggled to understand my role and become familiar with my relation to the General Service Conference and Conference material. Many conversations with Courtney, other Alternate Delegates and some Past Delegates have helped settle those nerves. I’m settling in as Alternate Delegate and am looking forward to continuing to learn.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

In addition to making sure I’m ready, should I be asked to go the General Service Conference, I have some GSR and DCM events lined up. I have been invited by some Districts to do an abbreviated GSR schools at their district meetings. A couple more GSR workshops are planned (April 19 in Bellevue, May 18 in Skagit County) and the first round of DCM schools have been scheduled for April 27, and May 3. If your district or group of districts would like to host a GSR or DCM school, please let me know and we can begin planning!

Chair Report – Derek S.

Name: Derek S.
Position: Area Chair
Date: 3-23-25

Greetings Area 72!

I’ve been feeling happily and usefully whole this first quarter having the honor and privilege of serving as your chair. I am finding this new position extremely fulfilling and although I am busier than ever before, most all of it has brought me great joy.

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

My accomplishments this past quarter are as follows:

1. Most surprising to me and most meaningful as well was that I had the privilege of responding to three 12th Step emails that came to the chair’s email through our website by potential new members reaching out from treatment centers requesting information and support for when they returned home. I was able to respond and put them in touch with the DCMs and Treatment Chairs in the districts they live in. Very rewarding.
2. Followed up on action items I noted from the membership from our first Quarterly of the rotation;
3. Prepared for this April Quarterly including preparing the agenda and working with Lisa, our Alternate Chair on the quarterly logistics;

- Determined the Pre-Assembly dates for August, there will be 8 Pre-Assemblies on Saturdays and Sundays from Saturday, August 2 through Sunday August 24 in eight district groupings: Northern, Peninsula , Central/Seattle, Eastside, Pierce County, Southern, Spanish Speaking and Online. I'll be emailing the DCMs and Alternate DCMs here this week so we can match the groupings with the dates and firm them up while we are all at the April Quarterly;
- Attended PRAASA paying particular attention to the Delegate Reports, the Past Trustee Panel and visiting with George D. and talking Ninth Tradition and how, in service, we tend to complicate things even with the least possible organization structure.
- Spending extra time writing my newsletter articles especially since there is new interest and enthusiasm regarding our Area Newsletter and rethinking our content, distribution methods and costs in one of our most useful communication tools as an area;
- Quarterly Check-In Meeting with the electeds and appointeds to review the agenda, Friday night roundtable assignments and hearing reports from our trusted servants as they each prepare for the Quarterly;
- Several reviews of our Area Handbook and our motions, both Passed and Failed for guidance as questions from the committee come in.
- I am rereading the third edition of Our Stories Disclose this time with a focus on the Area Chair position throughout our history;
- And recreationally, I spoke at a speaker meeting in District 27, facilitated a District Inventory in District 21, met with my Service Sponsor several times including getting to visit at PRAASA, had several meetings with Service Sponsees, attended the online Area Chair Sharing Session via zoom with other Area Chairs and Alternate Chairs throughout our Conference, and my regular service study meetings: Seattle Intergroup's Service Manual Study every first Sunday of the month and our Pacific Region Service Nerds Tradition, Concepts, Service Manual study every Thursday at 6:00 pm on Zoom.
- On a humorous note, my request for a longer microphone for the podium at our Quarterlies and Assembly was denied by the finance committee! Hahaha! Okay, not denied, but they requested more information. It would be funnier if it was denied. Joke's on me as a past Finance Committee member last rotation. Our Past Delegate Crystal who sits on the committee gave me the sad news.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. I believe a potential issue our area will face during this and future rotations is how to best support our online district that, as of the 2023 Assembly, has no geographic boundaries as a district. I distinguish “as a district” from that of our area, which does have geographic boundaries. And our Area is part of the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference which also has geographic boundaries. How far can our online District's lack of boundaries take us as a geographic Area and even as a geographic Conference. Requests have recently come in from international members of online groups that are members of District 25. They have requested access to our Area website so they can review the General Service Conference background information available on our website. They do this in order to participate in their group's conscience and give that conscience to our delegate before the upcoming Conference. Currently, we have a fire wall in place on our website that limits our web traffic to the US and Canada borders due to past issues with bots and spiders from the worldwide web hitting our website and shutting it down. I am told technology has since changed and it may not be as difficult to protect against such attacks, but the underlying issue is our Area is one of ninety-three geographic areas in the U.S./Canada Conference Structure, which is also a geographic area. And while I am excited for any member of A.A. to want to participate in their general service structure throughout our world-wide fellowship, now that we are connected virtually, are internationally located members allowed to participate in the US/Canada Conference. This seems to be becoming a Conference issue, not necessarily an Area issue. Nor does it seem we as a geographic Area have any authority to include members outside of the U.S./Canada Conference let alone outside Western Washington without affecting other Areas or A.A. as a whole. And because our online District has international members in its home groups, our Area Committee is being asked to grant international access to our Area website to accommodate this. I imagine more will develop in the coming months and I have no answers to this issue except to reach out to all of you for your thoughts.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

My goals for this next quarter are as follows:

- Have a successful, energetic and informative April Quarterly;
- Hear the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee's report our Area's conscience on the direction you want to take with the Newsletter;
- Hear back from our Delegate Courtney after the conference to see if there is any new information on the Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) deadline date to determine whether we need to revisit ways to have an Assembly Conscience if our Area desires to submit a PAI in the future;
- Discuss opportunities, challenges and principles related to how to support our online District and how far that support can be and/or should be extended.

In closing, I am available to any Intergroup, District, Home Group and the like to share on personal recovery, or to moderate group inventories, or assist in group resolution. Just email me as I am always happy to be of service. As of January 1st: chair@area72aa.org.

Yours in service,
Derek S.

Alternate Chair Report – Lisa S.

Name: Lisa S.
Position: Area Alternate Chair

Area Business Quarterly – April 2025

Hi everyone,

I'm so excited to see many of you at the April Quarterly in Vancouver, WA! I've been working closely with the April Quarterly Host Committee, and they've done a fantastic job preparing for our time together. Just one weekend before the event, they already had 32 volunteers lined up to serve as greeters, registration helpers, timers, and meal order checkers—what an awesome team effort! We're going to have such a great weekend.

In addition to biweekly meetings with the April Host Committee, I've also kicked off planning with both the July Quarterly and October Assembly host committees. The July committee will be meeting every three weeks, and the Assembly committee will meet monthly over the next quarter. Our Area is truly filled with service-hearted folks—it's inspiring to see how much love and dedication goes into these events.

We'll be hearing three **bids** this weekend for **2026 Quarterly locations**, representing seven collaborating districts:

- **Sequim** – Districts 22, 55, and 56
- **Des Moines** – Districts 14 and 31
- **Elma** – Districts 21 and 58

I've been enjoying conversations with past Alternate Chairs about venue planning and how our Area's practices have evolved over time. I've learned that in recent years we have gone from all in-person or mail-in registrations to mostly online registrations, which has made things much more efficient and easier for host committees. When I understand the “why” and “how” behind these changes, I'm better able to identify sticking points and explore opportunities for improving host committee processes moving forward.

As of now, I'm not aware of any newly built venues in Western Washington that are large enough to host an Area 72 Assembly. So, we may be hearing bids in October from locations we've used before. Now's a great time to begin conversations in your districts about preparing bids for the **2030 Assembly**.

Here's where we'll be gathering for Assemblies over the next five years:

- **2025** – Lynnwood
- **2026** – Shelton
- **2027** – Lynden
- **2028** – SeaTac
- **2029** – Vancouver

Think of an Assembly bid as a gift to your district with a delayed delivery date—an act of service that keeps the flame alive for future trusted servants.

I'd love to support you in preparing your Assembly bid. Let's talk! I'll walk you through what's needed and help make the process simple and stress-free. I've already done this with the current Quarterly bidding districts, and they've told me it made a big difference. Feel free to reach out to them if you want a better sense of what the process looks like on a smaller scale.

Also, I’m excited to share that I’ve been invited to speak on a panel at the **2025 International Convention!** I’m honored to be part of this incredible event and to share my experience, strength, and hope with folks from around the world. I know I’m not the only person from Area 72 who has been invited to speak—I’d love to hear from others who are also participating so we can celebrate and support each other!

In loving service,

Lisa S.
Alternate Chair

Treasurer’s Report – Teresa H.

Name: Theresa H.
Position: Area Treasurer

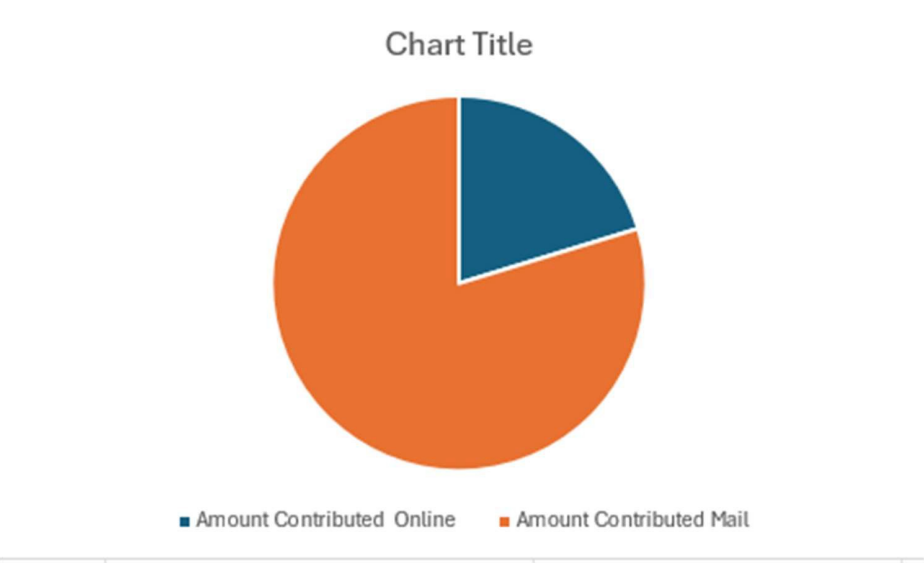
In the pamphlet **Where Money and Spirituality Mix**, in the section “we cannot skimp” it reads, “*With the realization that A.A. must steer clear of outside contributions in order to maintain it’s autonomy and independence came the understanding that the money necessary for A.A.’s survival would have to come from individual A.A. members and groups.*” As Bill W put it in 1957 “*Our Spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility – one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the bat. Our groups, our Areas and A.A. as a whole, will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid. When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the bat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer.*” (The Language of the Heart, p 221)

The blue sheet, titled **Statement of Financial Activities Actuals VS Budget 1st Quarter 2025**, it shows the Contributions for the 1st Quarter totaling \$56,417.21.

Western Washington Area 72			
Budget vs. Actuals: 1st Quarter 2025			
January - March, 2025			
	TOTAL		
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▼ Income			
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Total 4000 Contributions	56,417.21	45,624.99	10,792.22
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As you can see on the screen and on the narrative report, over the first 3 months, we received a total of \$56,417.21, with our larger deposit month being January which included a hefty amount from groups and districts for 2024 year-end contributions.

Western Washington Area 72				
Statement of Activities - 1st Quarter Month by Month 2025				
January - March, 2025				
	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	TOTAL
▼ Income				
▼ 4000 Contributions				\$0.00
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contribu...	7,272.30	1,791.24	5,933.85	\$14,997.39
4021 Districts - Online Contribu...	127.56	176.99	50.00	\$354.55
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contribut...	11,561.22	8,347.34	9,671.67	\$29,580.23
4031 Groups - Online Contribut...	5,573.48	2,483.08	2,247.00	\$10,303.56
4040 Individual/Anniversary - M...	219.00	146.11	30.00	\$395.11
4041 Individual/Anniversary - O...	229.62	299.01	257.74	\$786.37
Total 4000 Contributions	24,983.18	13,243.77	18,190.26	\$56,417.21
Total Income	\$24,983.18	\$13,243.77	\$18,190.26	\$56,417.21
GROSS PROFIT	\$24,983.18	\$13,243.77	\$18,190.26	\$56,417.21



For Area 72 to achieve the proposed budget, which is needed to pay the expenses that were approved, we need \$42,030 in contributions per quarter for the rest of the year. Historically, looking at 2024 & 2023 we had strong first quarters, just like this year, with the last three quarters going stagnant. It’s important that we keep the momentum we’ve had going, and it seems to be the Area’s Conscience, with the strong year-end contributions we received, that the groups want to support and they have confidence in what the Area 72 committee is doing.

At the pre-conferences our Delegate brought to us GSO’s concerns on finances and how \$1 just doesn’t cut it anymore. Based on our ample first quarter contributions it seems Area 72 has gotten the message so let’s keep up the great work. With the \$42,030 per quarter needed to hit our budget, if we don’t increase the contributions in the hat, it will leave nothing to contribute to the General Service Board.

GOOD NEWS: Today, Area 72 has enough cash to cover our bills. (yellow sheet)

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We currently have \$46,511.07 in the bank account, which is up from \$31,273.00 at the end of 2024. Just a reminder in the \$46,511.07 balance is the \$10,000 we have set aside for the 2026 and 2027 Assemblies, leaving us \$36,511.07 in the bank. Minus our working reserve of \$21,400 we have available \$15,111.07 to pay expenses and invest in future projects.

As Derek N. goes though the expenses in detail, you will see where our contributions are being spent and the categories we will be watching as the year progresses. To hear the Big Picture, the Appointed Committee Chair’s will be sharing where and how contributions are being used to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Awareness is key in all areas of our recovery and that is what I hope transpired today. If you would like to have me at a district meeting to explain these concepts or help get a better understanding of Area 72 finances, I am available. All the full reports will be on the Area 72 website.

2025 Big Picture:

- 1st Quarter 2025 Contributions came in at \$56,417.21 versus budget of \$45,624.99, which means we brought in more money than anticipated.
- 1st Quarter Expenses came in at \$44,800.09 versus budget of \$49,966.87, which means we spent less than we budgeted.
- Working cash exceeding our working reserve is \$15,111.07 for future projects if we continue to stay on target with contributions.
- Expenses are being closely monitored to make sure we don’t overspend and the Electees are looking at ways to reduce costs.
- Contributions are actively being used to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Spirituality and Money pamphlet ends with “*While the fellowship has always faced problems of money property and prestige in one form or another, through the wisdom of the seventh tradition we have never been diverted from or primary purpose of carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers – wherever he or she may be. This is the fundamental work of Alcoholics Anonymous, and to ensure that the band of AA will always remain outstretched, money and spirituality must continue to mix. And for that, we are all responsible.*”

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Expenses			
6000 General Operating Expenses			
6010 Archives Rent, Utils & Op Exps.	4,273.49	6,912.51	(2,639.02)
6012 Area Storage	391.85	375.00	16.85
6015 Ad-hoc/Check In Meeting Expenses	100.00	99.99	0.01
6030 Computers and A/V Equipment	2,429.28	487.50	1,941.78
6040 Elected Officer Unallocated (00.4; 18.2)	1,185.83	750.00	435.83
6050 Insurance		677.01	(677.01)
6051 Variable Budget/Misc .Expenses (10.3)		2,164.74	(2,164.74)
6053 Newsletter Printing & Bulk Mailing	5,130.43	5,000.01	130.42
6054 Office Supplies	535.55	75.00	460.55
6055 Area PO Box	33.44	112.50	(79.06)
6060 Printing and Copying	4,632.67	1,749.99	2,882.68
6085 Tax, Accounting and Professional Fees	49.02	437.49	(388.47)
6095 Software, Web, and Tech	1,644.56	1,250.00	394.56
6096 Virtual Meeting Platforms	5,212.74	5,020.00	192.74
Total 6000 General Operating Expenses	25,618.86	25,111.74	507.12
6100 Assembly Costs			
6110 Assembly Lodging		0.00	0.00
6120 Assembly Meals		0.00	0.00
6130 Assembly Mileage		0.00	0.00
6140 Assembly Registration		0.00	0.00
Total 6100 Assembly Costs		0.00	0.00
6200 Quarterly Costs			
6210 Quarterly Lodging	4,232.93	3,300.00	932.93
6220 Quarterly Meals	1,482.27	1,950.00	(467.73)
6230 Quarterly Mileage	1,489.54	1,066.66	422.88
6240 Quarterly Registration	459.00	780.00	(321.00)
Total 6200 Quarterly Costs	7,663.74	7,096.66	567.08
6300 Delegate Costs			
6310 Delegate Report		125.01	(125.01)
6320 General Service Conference	4,900.00	5,000.00	(100.00)

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
6350 PRAASA (71.5)	1,029.04	1,391.75	(362.71)
Total 6300 Delegate Costs	5,929.04	6,516.76	(587.72)
6400 Other Travel			
6405 National BTG A.A. Workshop (19.3)		312.51	(312.51)
6410 Misc. Travel (17.1)	1,861.47	1,125.00	736.47
6415 National AA Corrections Workshop (19.3)		0.00	0.00
6420 National A.A. Technology Workshop (19.3)		0.00	0.00
6425 National A.A. Archives Workshop (19.3)		0.00	0.00
6430 PreAssembly (17.2)		0.00	0.00
6440 PreConference (17.2)	396.62	300.37	96.25
6450 Standing Committee Quarterlies (17.2)	548.47	250.00	298.47
Total 6400 Other Travel	2,806.56	1,987.88	818.68
6500 Standing Committees			
6510 Accessibilities		50.01	(50.01)
6530 Cooperation w/ Professional Community		50.01	(50.01)
6540 Corrections		50.01	(50.01)
6545 Corrections Literature (14.2)		2,000.01	(2,000.01)
6550 Grapevine & Literature		50.01	(50.01)
6560 Archives		50.01	(50.01)
6565 Young Peoples (19.1)		50.01	(50.01)
6570 Public Information		50.01	(50.01)
6575 Webmaster		0.00	0.00
6580 Treatment	67.71	50.01	17.70
6585 Treatment Literature (17.5)		225.00	(225.00)
6590 Web		50.01	(50.01)
Total 6500 Standing Committees	67.71	2,675.10	(2,607.39)
6600 Steering Committees			
6605 Archives Steering	138.33	375.00	(236.67)
6610 Language Steering			
6615 Assmbly/Qtly Interp & Transltn (17.4)	2,340.79	3,075.00	(734.21)
6620 Committee Budget (17.3)	1,311.43	2,128.74	(817.31)
6625 Newsletter Translation (18.5)	439.71	624.99	(185.28)
Total 6610 Language Steering	4,091.93	5,828.73	(1,736.80)
Total 6600 Steering Committees	4,230.26	6,203.73	(1,973.47)
6900 Uncategorized Expense	0.00		0.00
6950 On-line Transaction Fees	306.68	375.00	(68.32)
Total Expenses	\$46,622.85	\$49,966.87	\$ (3,344.02)
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$9,794.36	\$ (4,341.88)	\$14,136.24
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Other Current Assets		
1300 Assembly Seed Money (18.4)		
!Assembly Checking Account Seed Money	1,000.00	1,000.00
2024 Assembly Seed Money	0.00	0.00
2025 Assembly Seed Money	10,000.00	10,000.00
2029 Assembly Seed Money	5,000.00	1,100.00
Total 1300 Assembly Seed Money (18.4)	16,000.00	12,100.00
1400 Quarterly Seed Money (18.4)	0.00	0.00
1420 Cost Advance for Following Year	623.90	623.90
1450 Our Stories Disclose III	0.00	0.00
OSD III Inventory	6,663.46	6,942.51
Total 1450 Our Stories Disclose III	6,663.46	6,942.51
Total Other Current Assets	\$23,287.36	\$19,666.41
Total Current Assets	\$54,560.36	\$66,177.48
Other Assets		
1500 Security Deposit - Archives Lease	1,334.03	1,334.03
Total Other Assets	\$1,334.03	\$1,334.03
TOTAL ASSETS	\$55,894.39	\$67,511.51
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
2000 Foro Local Excess Funds	0.00	0.00
2100 OSD3 Presales Liability	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equity		
3800 Unrestricted Net Assets	70,492.65	55,894.39
3900 Opening Balance Equity {3}	0.00	0.00
Net Income	(14,598.26)	11,617.12
Total Equity	\$55,894.39	\$67,511.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$55,894.39	\$67,511.51

Alternate Treasurer Report and Finance Committee Report – Derek N.

Name: Derek Nichols
Position: Area Alternate Treasurer
Hi all!

Our finance committee met twice during Q1 of 2025. During those meetings, our committee discussed the following:

- Area Web Hosting Plan
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 - Discussion:** Committee discussed the Webservant’s recommendation of upgrading Area 72’s current web hosting plan, from \$540/year to approximately \$1100/year. Understood that a temporary fix is in place that has been working; however, Webservant recommended the upgrade as a long term solution. Given this is an ongoing issue that negatively affects carrying the message, committee members expressed support for the request.
 - Resolution:** Committee unanimously approved to implement the requested upgrade plan at an additional estimated cost of \$560/year
- Spanish Interpretation at Area Corrections Quarterly
 - Problem Summary:** Area Corrections Chair was contacted by Santiago D. a member of District 1 and newly appointed District Corrections Chair. His first language is Spanish. The Area Corrections Chair spoke with the Area Language Chair, who verified that Corrections is not one of the committees budgeted for Spanish translation in 2025. The two standing committees chosen to interpret were selected by representatives of the Hispanic Language Districts; however, the fact that a district selected a Corrections chair demonstrates a need for formal inclusion at the Corrections Quarterly. The Area Corrections Chair formally requests that the finance committee approve interpretation and the ensuing expenses for three hours of interpretation for the upcoming Area Corrections Quarterly on March 15. (Excerpts from request from Aimee B., Area Corrections Chair)
 - Discussion:** Committee discussed this request, acknowledging that while Corrections Committee was not one of the committees allocated budget for Spanish Language interpretation this year, the selection of a District Corrections Chair from a Hispanic Language District demonstrates a clear need for this service.
 - Resolution:** Committee unanimously approved the ~\$300 one-time expense for Spanish interpretation at the March Area Corrections Quarterly. The Committee understands that minutes will not be translated for this quarterly. The Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer will meet with the Area Language Chair to discuss requirements for the remainder of the year.
- New Podium Microphone for use at Area 72 Events

- **Problem Summary:** Area 72 has a podium mic that is 12-18” too short for our Area Chair to use comfortably without being hunched over throughout our Area Quarterlies and Assemblies. If approved, this budget request would allow for the purchase of a longer microphone so that our Area Chairperson can conduct business from a more ergonomic position. Total cost of the new microphone would be \$399.91 (\$365.22 promotional price + \$34.69 tax): [24” microphone](#) that was recommended by our technology steering committee and is compatible with our existing equipment.
 - Our current microphone was the right size for our past Area Chairperson but is too short for our current Area Chairperson. At the January 2025 quarterly meeting, we did not use our shorter microphone and instead used the hotel’s goose neck microphone at the podium so that our Chair could stand comfortably. Not all upcoming quarterlies will occur at venues that have a gooseneck attachment we can borrow (e.g. church fellowship halls). Our Area Chairperson has requested that we solve this problem so that he isn’t hunched over all day during future quarterly meetings. (From Lisa S., Area Alternate Chair)
- **Discussion:** Committee discussed budget allocated to Web/Technology for 2025. Budget allocated was \$1,950. Alt Treasurer reported that this budget has been spent on 5 hard cases for storage of equipment and 4 cables. Committee noted that this budget request was received from the Alt Chair and not the Tech Committee, that this is a relatively low priority, and that there is additional information needed before approving the expenditure.
- **Resolution:** The Committee declined to approve this request, 5-1 opposed. The Committee felt that we did not have enough information in order to make a decision at this time, that this issue was relatively low priority, and that it could wait until we reconvene at our next Committee meeting on 4/13/2025. The Alt Chair will be invited to the April Finance Committee meeting so that the Committee can gather more information regarding conversations the Alt Chair had with the Tech Team, budget concerns, and possible alternatives.

Please reach out to me at alttreasurer@area72aa.org if you have any questions.

Derek N

Panel 75 Area 72 Alternate Treasurer
(206) 291-8133

April 2025 Financial Report (Theresa H. & Derek N.)

Open for discussion and questions regarding Treasures Report:

- Jo, DCM of 25, asked if the Area had a prudent reserve. The answer was that yes, we have a working reserve calculated on the last three years’ budgets, we add those up and take an average, it’s normally a 10% minimum of that (this year we did a 12% based on inflation) giving us a \$21,400.00 working reserve. When contributions sometimes take a while to get to us, we use the working reserve, and when the contributions come in, we replenish it. That makes it different than an untouchable prudent reserve.
- Jack, Area 72 GvLit Chair asked for clarification on the online \$2.98 processing fee for 7th Tradition versus the \$5.93 processing fee for checks. Theresa, the Area 72 Treasurer stated that those charges are for GSO contributions not Area 72 contributions. Area 72 has to pay a \$15.00 a month fee to mobile check deposits from the Area Treasurers home.
- Laura stated that the processing fees at GSO are because they have paid employees and the processing takes time.
- Pete asked if the Finance Committee has discussed making the working reserve a line item so there would be more transparency in seeing how much is being used and what remains. Derek, the Area 72 Alt Treasurer said that had not come up, but it may now in the future, and it is a wise way to see what we have spent.
- Ian, GSR for We Know Only a Little asked about the amount of that has already been paid for computer equipment. Derek N., Area Alt Treasurer explained that this equipment was necessary immediately and because of a delay in getting the new Area debit card activated they didn’t get the deal they expected for the equipment, therefore the expenditure went over budget for the year.
- Bud W., Area 72 Accessibility Chair asked for clarification as to where the funds came from for the computer expenditure. Theresa H., Area Treasurer stated they will just be over budget.

Motion to approve Treasures Report Moved by District: 42, 2nd by District: 17, **Passed**

Finance Committee Report (Derek N.)

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 - **Resolution:** Committee unanimously approved to implement the requested upgrade plan at an additional estimated cost of \$560/year
- **Spanish Interpretation at Area Corrections Quarterly**
 - **Problem Summary:** Area Corrections Chair was contacted by Santiago D. a member of District 1 and newly appointed District Corrections Chair. His first language is Spanish. The Area Corrections Chair spoke with the Area Language Chair, who verified that Corrections is not one of the committees budgeted for Spanish translation in 2025. The two standing committees chosen to interpret were selected by representatives of the Hispanic Language Districts; however, the fact that a district selected a Corrections chair demonstrates a need for formal inclusion at the Corrections Quarterly. The Area Corrections Chair formally requests that the finance committee approve interpretation and the ensuing expenses for three hours of interpretation for the upcoming Area Corrections Quarterly on March 15. (Excerpts from request from Aimee B., Area Corrections Chair)
 - **Discussion:** Committee discussed this request, acknowledging that while Corrections Committee was not one of the committees allocated budget for Spanish Language interpretation this year, the selection of a District Corrections Chair from a Hispanic Language District demonstrates a clear need for this service.
 - **Resolution:** Committee unanimously approved the ~\$300 one-time expense for Spanish interpretation at the March Area Corrections Quarterly. The Committee understands that minutes will not be translated for this quarterly. The Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer will meet with the Area Language Chair to discuss requirements for the remainder of the year.
- **New Podium Microphone for use at Area 72 Events**
 - **Problem Summary:** Area 72 has a podium mic that is 12-18” too short for our Area Chair to use comfortably without being hunched over throughout our Area Quarterlies and Assemblies. If approved, this budget request would allow for the purchase of a longer microphone so that our Area

- Chairperson can conduct business from a more ergonomic position. Total cost of the new microphone would be \$399.91 (\$365.22 promotional price + \$34.69 tax): [24" microphone](#) that was recommended by our technology steering committee and is compatible with our existing equipment.
- Our current microphone was the right size for our past Area Chairperson but is too short for our current Area Chairperson. At the January 2025 quarterly meeting, we did not use our shorter microphone and instead used the hotel's goose neck microphone at the podium so that our Chair could stand comfortably. Not all upcoming quarterlies will occur at venues that have a gooseneck attachment we can borrow (e.g. church fellowship halls). Our Area Chairperson has requested that we solve this problem so that he isn't hunched over all day during future quarterly meetings. (From Lisa S., Area Alternate Chair)
 - **Discussion:** Committee discussed budget allocated to Web/Technology for 2025. Budget allocated was \$1,950. Alt Treasurer reported that this budget has been spent on 5 hard cases for storage of equipment and 4 cables. Committee noted that this budget request was received from the Alt Chair and not the Tech Committee, that this is a relatively low priority, and that there is additional information needed before approving the expenditure.
 - **Resolution:** The Committee declined to approve this request, 5-1 opposed. The Committee felt that we did not have enough information in order to make a decision at this time, that this issue was relatively low priority, and that it could wait until we reconvene at our next Committee meeting on 4/13/2025. The Alt Chair will be invited to the April Finance Committee meeting so that the Committee can gather more information regarding conversations the Alt Chair had with the Tech Team, budget concerns, and possible alternatives.

Please reach out to me at alttreasurer@area72aa.org if you have any questions.

Derek N

Panel 75 Area 72 Alternate Treasurer
(206) 291-8133

INTERGROUP AND CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORTS

GSIG Board Chair 2025 Area January Quarterly Report – Jeff U.

Name: Jeff U.
Position: GSIG Chair

- Many of our chair positions have been filled and the
- The groups in the service area have stepped up to help make the 1st quarter of 2025 successful and bring us into the black financially
- We had a wonderful visit from the General Service Trustee, Carolyn W., who discussed the International Conference in Vancouver B.C.
- The internet chat service is up and running with a whole new set of volunteers with a contact rate close to what we get on the 24 hour phone line nearly doubling our rate of assistance to the still suffering alcoholic
- We are continuing to recruit for new service positions such as web tech chair, webmaster, newsletter editor, and 3rd legacy committee chair, so if any DCMs in the GSIG service area know of anyone who may be interested, please contact them and let them know those positions are open
- We had a great participation at the Burien Little Assembly with a lot of recruitment by our service committees for volunteers
- At the beginning of this service rotation we sent a letter out to over 500 groups in the greater Seattle area, outlining what the GSIG does and what our needs are. I'd like to ask the DCMs, if you got that letter to, again, distribute it to your GSRs
- I've been working on getting out to all the committee meetings and learning what the GSIG staff and organization can do to assist them so as to guide our agenda over the next 2 years
- The legendary GSIG picnic will be Sunday, August 18th, 11 am – 5 pm, Seward Park, shelter 3

South Sound Service Office Centers Chair – Melissa K.

2025 April Quarterly Report - South Sound Service Center
Name: Melissa K
Position: Alt DCM D8

The South Sound Service Center is located in District 8 and provide services to the groups and members in the Olympia area.

Last year, we took feedback from the groups and adjusted our hours to meet the needs of the community. Our hours are M-F 2p – 6p and Sat 10a – 2p. We have 1 paid Office Manager, and an Office Affairs Committee chair that reports at our monthly District 8 business meetings. The Office Affairs chair has office meetings every other month.

This quarter our office/hotline took 241 calls, and most were 12 step calls. We sold approx. \$3900 in literature to individuals and groups. Fun fact we sold 183 big books and 47 PLBB's. We printed 1141 meeting schedules, and our friendly volunteer staff made countless people smile. If you haven't yet, come check us out next time you are in District 8!

Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair – Megan K.

Name: Megan K.
Position: Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair

- We've had a busy quarter and I will try to hit the highlights for everyone
- Our new office administrator has done a great job, he's keeping our office running at a high level of quality
- We're almost fully restocked on all our World Service literature
- We're completely restocked on coins and we're going to almost completely restock our World Services literature soon
- We've created and passed a budget for 2025 and it has a projected surplus, which is new for us
- If everything goes to plan we may have an opportunity to increase our 6 month operating balance prudent reserve trying to be fiscally responsible and doing what we can to ensure this intergroup is around for years to
- We've signed a 5 year lease and will be around the South Cedar location through at least 2029
- We were going to budget \$5,000.00 for new computers, but the fellowship said, "we got you", and is donating new computers for our office, volunteer room, meeting room, and admin employees
- Our phone volunteers are so good, we only had to use our answering service 3 times this year, so we are going to discontinue the answering service, so we will always have an alcoholic answering the help line
- Our newsletter editor and our web servant positions are still open, so I'd like to ask the DCMs in our area to bring that information back to their groups and let them know of those service opportunities

Eastside Intergroup Board Chair – Ray H.

Name: Ray H.
Position: Eastside Intergroup Board Chair
Date: 4/5/25

Over this first quarter of the year Eastside Intergroup has been running smoothly. We've had great sales on AA Published literature. As more people fully investigate the Plain Language Big Book it seems to be gaining acceptance as a useful tool. We continue to try to balance inventory with need and have been successful. We held our annual spring Pancake Breakfast on March 15 and by all accounts it was well received. Good food, fellowship, great AA and Alanon speakers, Raffle Baskets.

We have lost a board member and have been able to backfill, we're still one shy of our District Appointed Board members. We also need help with our service focal positions, especially PI/CPC and Young Peoples.

We have hired an office assistant to help our Office Manager have some balance and it is working out very well. Over the first quarter of the year our afterhours Hotline has received 184 calls, about half of which were routed to Hotline volunteers. Since we transitioned from an answering service to a call forwarding service callers now have an option to leave a message for the office if they'd like.

Overall we’re providing the needed services to Districts 34, 35, 36, 38 and 39.

Ray H

Snohomish County Central Office

Name: Steve M.
Position: Central Office Manager, Central Office of Snohomish County District Numbers: 2, 3, 12, 19 and 57 Date: March 31, 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- We are introducing updated technology to our office and there has been much discussion around creating a new IT position to overlook and maintain devices/systems.
- We continue to serve greater Snohomish County with information on how to get and stay well when it comes to the disease of alcoholism.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- There was some confusion and misinformation regarding how our Central Office deals with its spending and the definition of “housekeeping”. We also had detailed and ongoing discussions on how to address incoming donations from districts outside our supporting 5.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- At our March business meeting an Ad Hoc Committee was created to come up with the job description for a new IT position at the CO.
- We will be discussing and deciding on a June date to hold a group inventory for the CO.

Vancouver Area Intergroup

No report submitted

Snohomish County Central Service Office

Name: Stevie M.
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Area 72 Oficina Intergrup al – Hector H.

No report submitted

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Our Stories Disclose III (OSD III) SALES Report – Donna H

Name: Donna H.
Position: Archive Steering Committee / Our Stories Disclose III, Sales
Date: 3/31/25

We have moved the remaining **84 cases** of OSD-3 books (PLUS the **24 cases** of remaining OSD-2s) out of storage and onto 2 pallets in the middle of the Archives Repository to save the Area the cost of a storage locker (and it’s pretty crowded in there!)

OK, here I go once again; I’m gonna be blunt. **We. Have. To. Do. Better.**

I have attended the Treatment Quarterly, Archives Quarterly, Blending Of Time, and the southern Pre-Assembly. Dylan sold 3 sets at Burien Little Assembly (THANK YOU DYLAN!!!) There are sets available at Greater Seattle Intergroup, Eastside Intergroup, Puget Sound C.S.O. AND... It occurs to me that I and the other archivists are shouldering the majority of the sales, although our Whole Area voted to publish these books. If each of you took fliers to your District meetings, and your GSRs and committee chairs took them to their groups & committee meetings...WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO GET THEM SOLD!

We’ve added a QR Code to the order forms and fliers to make it easier to order and I will get the books delivered the most efficient way I can; by someone in their vicinity, deliver them myself, meet up with a buyer somewhere, mail them or put them on a stagecoach!

Most of your Districts have Picnics and Gratitude Banquets coming up. OSD-3 make wonderful raffle prizes! Most of you have a Step-Sponsor, a Service Sponsor, or Sponsor someone yourself...What a great gift!!

As a Trusted servant, one of your responsibilities is to make Area information available your GSRs, your district’s groups and committees. Are you prepared to inform them about your Area’s history? How about the history of your District, their home groups or the committee they sit on?

Did our Area Assemblies include dinner-dances? Who was the Area Chairperson in 1985? Why are Fern Hill and Empire Way groups still going strong, why did other strong groups close? What speaker meeting in Tacoma followed their speaker with a dance and was held in what is now a movie theater? **Read the book** and you too can win at ‘Area Trivia’ at your next birthday night!

How do you respond to a question from a new GSR about how your District came into being or who started their home group? Is it important to know how, why & when Area 72 was formed, how why & when it split East & West? OR what struggles your District has faced in the past and how they resolved their issues? How about your Home Group Intergroup office or Standing Committee?

I’m counting on **your** help to spread the word on this great set of books by making sure the informational fliers and the order forms are getting into as many hands as possible.

I’m willing to come to your District meetings, answer questions, or wear a clown nose to get this accomplished! I will be going in person to as many events as I can and getting fliers & order forms out to the general membership. I need help from the DCM’s, GSR’s, Committee Members to spread the word!

The 2 volume sets are \$25.00 (discounts are available for purchase by Districts, Intergroups, CSOs Clubs & Halls) You can purchase sets here today, I have a table near registration. Come by & ask questions, find out more about the book and at least pick up some fliers &/or order forms, they have more information on availability (P.S.; If you purchase today, you’ll receive a free hug & a smile from a very grateful OSD 3 salesperson!!)

Do you know that; **OSD III includes some very early letters written near the beginnings of A.A. by desperate alcoholics, their friends or family members to the New York office and the replies and referrals from the New York office to recovering alcoholics in Washington State.**

2026 National A.A. Archives (NAAAW) – Michaela N.

Name: Michaela N.
Position: Past Area 72 Archives Chair and current Chair for the 2026 NAAAW

The National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) will be held in Tacoma, WA at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma in September of 2026.

- Our Host Committee is filling up fast with some awesome people.
- We are coming up with a slogan which should be made known in a few weeks
- We are putting together a flyer which should ready by the international convention in July so we can start getting them distributed and registration should begin right after that
- We are meeting with caterers for the food options
- I attended the NAAAW last year in Des Moines, IA and it was a very cool event, I’m very excited to be bringing the workshop to our area
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or our co-chair Melissa K. or send us an email at NAAAW2026Chair@gmail.com

2025 National Convention Hospitality Suite – Crystal S.

- The 15 Areas that make up the Pacific Region will be having a hospitality suite at the International Convention in Vancouver B.C at the Mckenzie Ballroom at the Fairmount Waterfront, there will be a flyer out soon the hours of operation will be Wednesday, July 2nd from 2 – 8 pm, Thursday, July 3rd from 10 am – 6 pm, Friday, July 4th from 10 am – 6 pm, and Saturday, July 5th from 10 am – 6 pm, we will need volunteers of two throughout the whole region, there will be a Google sheet going out to all the districts and, hopefully, a link on the website to sign up to volunteer (this is separate from the volunteers Courtney is talking about to assist at the convention)
- Some things that will be going in the hospitality room will be Meet your Delegate, or Delegate Hour, at the delegates’ convenience, there may also be a sobriety tree where you can hang tags with your sobriety date, some games
- Some of our members have been asked to speak on some of the panels, like Astri our past delegate, Maryland our Archivist
- Each Area in the Pacific Region is being asked to contribute \$300.00 - \$500.00 to help pay for the suite, we’re still finalizing the budget, but it looks like we will around \$6,000.00 (divided by 15 Areas) to be able to have snacks and things along with pins from the Pacific Region. The Area will decide what to contribute when the time comes.

Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) 2026 – Crystal S.

- It’s our turn to host the PNC in 2026, it will be right here, in Vancouver, WA at the Heathman Lodge
- We still need plenty of volunteers, so email me pastdel73@area72aa.org

Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2027 – Crystal S.

- It will be the first weekend in March, the 3rd – 7th, 2027 at the Westin in Seattle, WA
- Currently we have a small host committee, but will be building that up soon
- We have plenty of money, like \$20,000.00 already to work with and the hotel did not require us to put anything down
- We also have a logo winner, which Don has already displayed and didn’t let me reveal – so here it is –



- This one was submitted by Amber N. and we will probably be tweaking a bit and working with the wording, Amber will be receiving a free registration to the PRAASA and a free Saturday night banquet, we had some really amazing submissions so thank you all
- I know you all still have some questions, but please hold them we still have plenty of time, I will be bugging as the time gets closer

HOST COMMITTEE REPORTS

2025 January Quarterly Host Final Report (Lynnwood/Embassy Suites):

It was a pleasure and an adventure serving as the January 2025 Host Committee Chair. Thank you to Eddy, last term's Alt-Chair, for his expert guidance, patience and support, to Lisa J, District 24 DCM for finding the venue and efforts throughout the process, and to the fantastic Volunteers who made the event happen!

District 24 had the pleasure of hosting 212 registered attendees at the Lynnwood Embassy Suites and online. 35 members registered as Zoom only. Attendees:

Position	Registered
GSR	60
DCM	44

AA Member/Visitor	33
Alt DCM	23
Elected/Appointeds	22
Volunteer	16
Alt-GSR	8
Past Delegate	6
Total Registered	212

The event went off very smoothly, thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, including solid planning by the Area 72 Tech Staff and Officers, with 'nary a hitch'.

All said, the event's registration brought in a total of \$18,400 and after expenses, \$618 remained. The event was self-supporting and will contribute the surplus funds back to Area 72 per tradition and backed up by a recent D24 Group conscience.

Thank you all for being dedicated members of Alcoholics Anonymous!

Terry R
January 2025 Host Committee Chair & Current District 24 Third Legacy Chair

Host Committee Final Report			
January 2025 Quarterly			
D24			
Profit & Loss Overview		Registrations	
REVENUE:		Electeds	6
Registration Fee	\$ 3,060.00	Appointeds	16
Ice Cream Social	\$ 1,125.00	Tech Team	3
Lunch	\$ 3,724.00	DCMs (100%)	44
7th Tradition	\$ -	Alt DCMs (52.27%)	23
D24 Seed Money	\$ 1,500.00	GSRs	60
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 9,409.00	Alt GSRs	8
		Past Delegates	5
		Volunteers	9
		Unknown	0
		AA Members/Visitors	35
		Interpreters	2
		TOTAL	211
EXPENSES:		Room Block	
Venue	\$ (1,500.00)	Reserved	35
Registration Badges / Supplies	\$ -	Booked	38
Printing Flyers & Badges	\$ -	Food Orders	
AV Rental Cost	\$ (400.00)	Ice Cream \$15	75 \$ 1,125.00
Coffee & Snacks	\$ (1,474.00)	Lunch \$38	98 \$ 2,744.00
Stripe Fees	\$ -	Total Food Cost	\$ 3,869.00
Travel	\$ -	Amount needed to hit minimum	\$ 3,000.00
Service Charge	\$ (1,062.14)	Food Orders Profit / Loss	\$ -
Sales Tax	\$ (112.58)		
Other / Misc	\$ -		
District 24 (return seed money)	\$ (1,500.00)		
Lunch Payout	\$ (2,744.00)		
Ice Cream Social Payout	\$ -		
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ (8,792.72)		
PROFIT / LOSS	\$ 616.28		
\$616.28 was forwarded to Area 72			
		Volunteers	
		Timers	6
		Registration	5
		Greeters / Ask Me	4
		Lunch Ticket Takers	2
		Ice Cream Social Ticket Takers	2
		Total	19

• **2025 Assembly Host Committee Report:** Mike B. reporting for the 2025 Assembly Committee (Lynnwood)

When: October 3-5, 2025
Where: Lynnwood Convention Center

We are super excited to have everyone come to the Lynnwood Convention Center for the 2025 Assembly. You may remember the 2020 Assembly was scheduled for Lynnwood but, due to COVID, we had to renegotiate the date to 2025. Good news, **light rail is open** and running to Lynnwood which will really help all the districts surrounding the I5 corridor keep transportation expenses down

July 2024 Quarterly Host Committee Final Report: Debbie, DCM District 8

Host Committee Final Report
July 2024 Quarterly

D8

Profit & Loss Overview		Registrations	
REVENUE:		Electeds	6
Registration Fee	\$ 3,275.00	Appointeds	15
Ice Cream Social	\$ 405.00	Tech Team	5
Lunch	\$ 1,980.00	DCMs (77.27%)	34
7th Tradition	\$ -	Alt DCMs (50%)	22
District 8 Seed Money	\$ -	GSRs	32
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 5,660.00	Alt GSRs	13
EXPENSES:		Past Delegates	2
Venue	\$ (2,791.00)	Volunteers	12
Registration Badges/Supplies	\$ -	Unknown (not recorded)	26
Printing Flyers & Badges	\$ -	AA Members/Visitors	10
AV Rental Cost	\$ (85.00)	Interpreters	2
Coffee & Snacks	\$ -	TOTAL	179
Stripe Fees	\$ (144.77)	Volunteers	
Travel	\$ -	Timers	8
Service Charge	\$ -	Registration	4
Sales Tax	\$ -	Greeters / Ask Me	6
Other/Misc	\$ (668.30)	Coffee Maker / Water Filler	1
District 8 (return seed money)	\$ -	Food Coordinators	2
Lunch Payout	\$ (1,763.28)	Floater	4
Ice Cream Social Payout	\$ (265.91)	Clean Up	10
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ (5,718.26)	Set Up	10
PROFIT / LOSS	\$ (58.26)	Total	45
		Room Block	
		Reserved	50
		Booked	38
		Food Orders	
		Ice Cream \$5	81 \$ 405.00
		Lunch \$18	110 \$ 1,980.00
		Total Food Cost	\$ (2,029.19)
		Amount needed to hit minimum	N/A
		Food Orders Profit / Loss	\$ 355.81

Role	What worked well?	What could have worked better?
Host Chair	no report provided	no report provided
Secretary	no report provided	no report provided
Registration Chair	We used a colored sticker system to clearly indicate each attendee's ice cream and lunch preferences, which helped streamline the registration process. A receipt book was also purchased to manage in-person registrations, ensuring we had accurate records. Overall, everything ran very smoothly from the registration side. The volunteers who participated were dependable, contributing to a positive experience. The Host Committee, along with Eddy, were especially easy to work with and provided invaluable support—particularly in assisting with refunds for a few attendees who had accidentally registered twice.	Having a clear process for reimbursements would have been helpful. During the event, we reimbursed one individual for dry ice out of the cash registration box, which was not ideal. It also would have been beneficial if the online registration information had clearly stated who checks should be made payable to; as a result of the oversight, we were unable to collect a replacement check from one registrant. In addition, many volunteers were not informed that they needed to register in advance. The registration desk didn't receive the volunteer list until Saturday, which meant badges had to be created on the spot as volunteers arrived—if they arrived at all. After the event, we discovered that one person had mistakenly registered for the wrong event due to the registration page not being properly closed online. Also, several Area 72 attendees arrived without their badges, requiring us to create replacements on-site so we could accurately indicate food preferences.
Facilities Coordinator	I really appreciated working with Bryan Powell—he was incredibly helpful and easy to communicate with. Although his direct voicemail was full, the hotel front desk was efficient in getting me connected to him when needed.	---
Food Coordinators	Everything went smoothly, and the facility staff were exceptionally easy to work with. There were no major issues during the event. The catering team thoughtfully ordered 10% more food than needed, which ensured there was plenty for everyone.	There were some issues with food distribution, as a number of attendees received the wrong sandwiches and did not get the meal they had originally selected.
Treasurer	no report provided	no report provided
Volunteer Chair	All scheduled volunteers showed up and fulfilled their assigned roles.	It wasn't necessary to assign a chairperson for every volunteer role. It would have been more effective to designate a lead for key areas like registration and clean-up, who could then organize and manage their own volunteer teams.

2026 Assembly Host Committee Report: Debbie, DCM District 8

When: October 2-4, 2026
Where: Little Creek Casino in Shelton, WA.

We have been there before. They are fantastic hosts and very easy to work with. See you in two years.

2025 July Quarterly Host Committee Report: Chelsea, District 44

When: July 11-12, 2025
Where: La Quinta Inn and Suites, Tacoma, WA

July Quarterly Host Committee

Chelsea W – Host Committee Chair – July 2025 Quarterly (Tacoma) – chelsea.weatherwax@gmail.com

253-414-4715

4/4/2025

We are extremely excited to host quarterly at the La Quinta in Tacoma for our July Quarterly. We have all food selected, flyers are made and distributed in your boxes. The registration form will be available (if not already) on the area72aa.org website.

We ran into a hiccup with the online registration. We needed the EIN, and the name tied to the EIN to set up the processing system and unfortunately it was not something we could gather in the time frame that we had. I would advise all groups and districts, if you have an EIN, to know what your name is tied to it and possibly have a form from the IRS showing proof of that EIN. This is needed in certain banking instances and not knowing what ours was is what caused the hiccup.

Due to this unforeseen circumstance, we unfortunately are only able to offer paper registration for the July Quarterly. We do recognize that we have an online district, and we apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your willingness to fill out and mail the form to our CSO with a check made out to District 9, cash, or a money order made out to District 9. Please remember to put “July 2025 Quarterly” in the memo line on any money orders or checks so we can accurately keep track of the funds.

We did attempt to do a no host dinner in Tacoma on Friday evening. Our food coordinator spent approximately 4 hours on the phone with numerous restaurants in the area and all of them either could not accommodate us on the date in question or wanted a deposit down for use of their private room. So unfortunately, there will not be a no host dinner, however, there is a variety of restaurants available in the area, so grab some friends and fellowship!

We have a block of 50 rooms at the La Quinta Inn in Tacoma for this event. The room rate for Friday evening is \$149 + applicable sales tax. The cut off date for the special room rate is 6/20/2025.

Registration is \$20 in person or both, or \$10 for virtual only. Ice cream on Friday night is \$14, Lunch on Saturday will be a pasta buffet with a gluten free option for \$35. Includes penne pasta with marinara or alfredo sauce, baked lasagna, Caesar salad and fresh fruit. Cost all in with meals is \$69

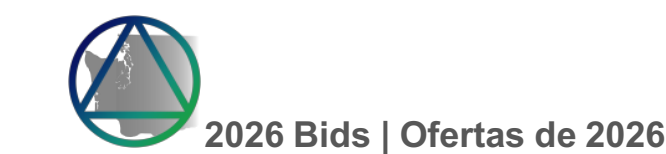
Meal orders must be received by 7/1 due to the holiday and our meal cut off date with the hotel. There unfortunately will not be any meals available for purchase at the door. We are able to provide limited coffee and tea, and ice water will be available.

- A question was raised by Jo, DCM District 25 asking if the Quarterly was not going to be online or just the registration not going to be online. Chelsea verified that the quarterly itself will be hybrid, just registration will not be online, the hotel itself can also still be registered online
- Terry, Alcoholic said she cannot do the registration for the hotel online. Chelsea said that she had just been notified that there was a problem with the link to the hotel on the form and that it would be corrected shortly

2026 Pacific Northwest Conference Report: Crystal Panel 73, Area 72 Delegate reporting: June 19-21. We do not have a location yet. That coincides with the World Cup here in Seattle and so we will be looking for venues down south. Once I have the facility secured, I will be reaching out to create a host committee.

2027 Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly Report: Crystal Panel 73, Area 72 Delegate reporting: This event will be held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Seattle. Eddy helped me negotiate a great contract and rooms will be less than \$200.00 a night.

HOST COMMITTEE BIDS



Bid Oferta	January Enero de 2026		April Abril de 2026		July Julio do 2026	
	Cost Costo	Hotel	Cost Costo	Hotel	Cost Costo	Hotel
D22, D55, D56	\$87	\$149	\$87	\$189	\$87	\$269
D14, D31	\$39	\$149	\$39	\$149	\$39	N/A
D21, D58	\$41	\$135	\$41	\$135	\$41	\$135

Bid Oferta	Pros Ventajas	Cons Desventajas
D22, D55, D56	- Supports a remote community - Successful experience hosting here - Modern self-contained facility	- January: Hood Canal Bridge closes 1-2 times per season (Oct-Mar) due to wind storms, impacting access - April: Bridge closes twice daily for inspections (up to 1 hour) and occasional wind storms, though <i>usually</i> starts in 2nd week - July: High tourism season leads to elevated hotel rates
D14, D31	- Great practice for D14 & D31 to host the 2028 assembly - Centrally located - Unlimited coffee service	- January: none - April: none - July: FIFA World Cup will impact availability of hotel rooms
D21, D58	- Away from the FIFA World Cup tourism (1 hr 40 min from Seattle) so we have hotels that are options - Includes Friday dinner buffet option - English and Hispanic districts want to work together	- January: none - April: none - July: FIFA World Cup tourism <i>might</i> make hotel prices increase

January 2026 Quarterly to be hosted by – Districts 22, 55, and 56 at the 7 Cedars Casino and Resort in Sequim, WA
April 2026 Quarterly to be hosted by – Districts 14 and 31 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, WA
July 2026 Quarterly to be hosted by – Districts 21 and 58 at the Summit Pacific Wellness Center in Elma, WA

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the above Districts would host the 2026 Area 72 Quarterlies:

MOTIONS PRESENTED AT APRIL 2025 QUARTERLY

None

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Area Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee Report

Discussion Topic #1
Area Newsletter

Summary Report of the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee

03-13-2025

[Please read the full report.](#)

Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee Members:

Mike L., Erin, Jan, Dave K, Bud W., Sooz B., John B., John K., Debbie B., Mike L., Maryland N., Lupita YM., Theresa, Aarin, Jim, and Geene.

Purpose of the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee for Newsletter Evaluation was set up with the purpose of assessing the Area 72 AA newsletter. Recognizing the importance of effective communication within our community, the committee's goal is to ensure the newsletter stays a relevant, engaging, and visually appealing tool that aligns with the needs and interests of our readers.

Evaluation Focus

This report outlines the comprehensive evaluation conducted by the committee, focusing on content, design, fiscal analysis, and the possibility of digital options.

Fiscal Sustainability

A key aspect of this evaluation is the fiscal sustainability of printing a monthly newsletter. Given the rising costs associated with traditional printing and distribution, the committee has explored various cost-saving measures and alternative formats.

Methodology

- By considering past area motions, surveys, AA traditions, and fiscal constraints, the committee aims to provide actionable recommendations that uphold AA principles while keeping the quality and accessibility of the newsletter.
- Through this evaluation, we strive to ensure the newsletter continues to serve our community effectively and sustainably, both in terms of content and financial viability.

Summary of Findings [\(Please read the full report to see the details.\)](#)

- **Comprehensive Newsletter Evaluation:** Mixed opinions on content relevance and engagement. Suggestions for improvement included adding art and graphics, shortening reports, and making full reports available online.
- **Fiscal Analysis:** Found potential cost savings by limiting print distribution and but recommend transitioning to digital formats while gathering additional metrics.
- **Digital Transformation Possibilities:** Preferences for electronic vs. paper versions and the effectiveness of electronic media. Tested various digital solutions, with the "newsletter" site concept being the most promising.

Fiscal Short Analysis [\(Please read the full report to see the details.\)](#)

Key Findings Presented from Three Perspective. (Keep doing what we are currently doing, modify the approach with limited print and page court, or transform to digital.)

1. **Continue as we always have.**
 - a. Current Costs: Printing and mailing costs reached \$29,709.22 last year, projected to rise to \$35,644.06 due to expected cost increases (normal increase and tariffs).
 - b. **Outcome:** Continued high costs with no changes to current practices.
2. **Modify Approach by limiting printing and page count**
 - a. Reduce Quantity: Limit the number of printed copies to essential recipients – max 1000 copies.
 1. Challenges: Balancing content limitations and editorial decisions.
 2. Outcome: Moderate cost savings but still significant expenses.
 - b. Reduce Frequency:
 1. Print the newsletter four times a year with a 68 page limit.
 2. Estimated Cost: Approximately \$24,000 annually add in postage and it brings the cost to \$28,000 annually (printing 4 times a year).
 - c. Print the newsletter 12 x a year with a 40 page limit.
 1. Estimated Cost: Approximately \$17,500 annually add in postage and it brings the cost to \$27,000 annually (12 times a year).
 - d. **Outcome:** There was little fiscal benefit to either option. Additionally, it created an additional editorial burden.
3. **Transform to Digital**
 - a. Transition to Digital Format: Move to a monthly digital newsletter site.
 - b. Estimated Cost: \$2,000 to \$12,000 annually. This needs to be examined in more detail.
 - c. Benefits: Significant cost savings, easier management, reduced workload for the editor.
 - d. Ensure Accessibility: Provide print-friendly versions for those with limited digital access.
 - e. Ensure Language Parity: Provide website plug-ins to improve translation of newsletter website.
 - f. **Outcome:** Substantial cost savings and improved accessibility.
 - g. Still more work to be done!

Summary Recommendation: Fiscal Analysis

1. Continuing to explore the possibilities of a Digital Newsletter:
2. Explore the available web version.
3. Present digital newsletters for group consideration.
4. Gather Additional Information (Next 60 Days):
 - a. Review metrics of the test newsletter webpage.
 - b. Seek feedback on the digital alternative.
 - c. Collect data on who has viewed the digital version and gather website

Overall Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

1. **Overall Committee Recommendation:**
 - Transition to a monthly digital newsletter site, like the concept at <https://news.johnbarry.com> (This would not be the final website name – just our test site.)
 - This format keeps the structured, familiar feel of a print edition while being easier to manage and distribute.
 - Visually is easier to read with using a mobile devise than the current PDF of the printed newsletter.
 - It reduces costs, avoids editor burnout, and ensures members can easily find and access content.
2. Concept Site: Use <https://news.johnbarry.com> as a test site (not the final name). This format maintains the structured, familiar feel of a print edition while being easier to manage and distribute. It reduces costs, avoids editor burnout, and ensures members can easily find and access content.
3. Metrics: Collect and report metrics throughout the year, with the first set of metrics to be reported in July Area Business Quarterly.
4. Form a New Ad Hoc Committee
 - a. Purpose: Continue exploring the possibilities of implementation of a monthly digital newsletter.
 - b. Composition: Include AA members, past delegate, the Area web team, newsletter editor, and archivist.
 - c. Tasks:
 1. Monitoring Metrics
 2. Develop recommendations for a standardized submission tool.
 3. Create a framework for an editorial steering committee.
 4. Develop a transition plan so if the body (Area Assembly) wants to move forward we are prepared.
5. Establish a simple, sustainable archival process.

Final Thoughts

1. Plan and Support: With planning and support, this transition will make the newsletter more effective and accessible.
2. Ongoing Evaluation: Continuously check and adjust the new system to ensure it meets everyone's needs.
3. Sustainability: Prior ad hoc committees reached similar conclusions without action. To avoid repeating this, the committee recommends transitioning to a digital newsletter to ensure sustainability.
4. Redirect Savings: Savings from printing can fund impactful outreach projects, such as public awareness campaigns, community event participation, underserved area outreach, healthcare collaborations, and educational workshops.
5. By implementing these recommendations, the Area 72 AA newsletter can become more cost-effective, manageable, and accessible, while continuing to serve the fellowship effectively.

Beta Newsletter Website Development

Explore the Possibility of Digital

[Area 72 Newsletter – April 2025](#)

<https://news.johnbarry.com>

(This would not be the final website name – just our test site.)

We invite you to go and explore with the beta newsletter website. This is just an example of a possibility.

Bold Offering in the Appendix of the Full Report

The last page of the full report, in the appendix, you will find motion templates for your consideration.

- We understand that this approach is outside the usual boundaries of an ad hoc committee, but we are choosing to be bold.
 - The purpose of this report is not to instruct you to make a motion, but to present ideas and possibilities.
 - We recognize this is unconventional.
 - We encourage you to take this report back to your districts and groups to discuss the outlined possibilities.
 - Ask yourselves: Could a digital newsletter be a solution? Is this something the groups should decide at the Area Assembly?
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- If the answer is yes, consider coming to the July Quarterly prepared to make a motion.

Please read the full report. We know it is long but it has a lot of information in it.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service. If you have any questions, please contact any one of the committee members.

Mike L., Erin, Jan, Dave K, Bud W., Sooz B., John B., John K., Debbie B., Mike L., Maryland N., Lupita YM., Theresa, Aarin, Jim, and Geene.

[Area Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee Presentation](#)

Open for discussion and questions regarding Discussion Topic #1

- Bonnie, alcoholic from Bellevue said she hasn’t had internet since March 11th and probably won’t get it back before the end of April. She’s old and loved the newsletter in print when she was a GSR and would pay to subscribe to it today. Now that she is a GSR again she finds it exhausting to read online, she doesn’t have a computer, she also suggests doing email blasts with important links. She mentioned that John did a wonderful job on the site build.
- Kat M., GSR in District 44 said she is also an older person concerned with people with limited income who may not have PC’s, tablets, or phones. You also need Wi-Fi to get online and those things cost money.
- Green mic, alcoholic, I’ve gathered that the newsletter is our part of the extension of our primary purpose as recovering alcoholics and extending the hand of A.A. so if we decide to discontinue the paper print of the newsletter we would be isolating a large demographic of people many of whom may be in nursing homes and may not have access to internet. I also don’t know if the newsletter has ever been profitable and I’m not sure it really needs to be. We are self supporting.
- Lori, Alt DCM District 2 – First off, that was a wonderful presentation. You guys did a great job looking into this. Will you be uploading the presentation for us online so we can take this back to our Districts? I’m also half and half, we need to save money and maybe just limit the paper copies to less and less and people have subscriptions. Geene, past Delegate and Chair of the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee said that the presentation is on the glide app, it is also on the Area 72 website at [Area Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee Presentation](#).
- Mary, alcoholic – I heard the cost of the full printing, 12 months, and what the 1st printing this year cost, and I heard what it would cost if we did it completely online. Was there any look at or looking at doing it the 4 times we do it when have the Quarterlies and the Assembly only? Secondly, I think the ad hoc committee did an amazing job and I would like to see another ad hoc committee continue doing this work.
- Mary, Area Archivist – I’ve got a write up and it’s going to be in the newsletter and I came from District 54, “Why the Area 72 Newsletter Matters”, and it’s purpose of the newsletter to express gratitude to all who serve. It was a physical piece that went out to our fellowship to demonstrate our gratitude for supporting us. A couple of facts – last year the newsletter did get into prisons. It was documented. I heard Don at the mic say the guy wrote back how he lived and breathed on the words in our newsletter. When it comes to money, are we using the same kind of analysis and look back at all costs? When the decision was made in January to do this were we reacting out of fear or faith? I’ve been to a lot of budget meetings over 37 years and I’ve been told either God is or He isn’t. I know also when it went to looking costs for mailing did we examine not mailing like we do the General Service Conference report, we hand deliver it. Could we reduce some things there. I believe that the digital action of John Barry is the most remarkable thing I’ve seen, I’m 150% behind it. I’m about 1,000% behind a print copy for those who do not have access. I believe in inclusion in Alcoholics Anonymous and I believe that all members count.
- Dave, DCM District 46 – The 1st quarter we talked about contributions coming in and it seemed clear there was going to be a \$10,000.00 shortfall. This is where this all started broiling up. The ad hoc committee, which did an extraordinary job, was convened and did their research. I’m 70 years old and I find it easier to read electronically than small print. Theres a whole bunch of people for whom accessing the newsletter would be much easier if were digital as opposed to purely print. I don’t know that we have to go to purely print or purely digital. So how do we figure that out? Probably through an ongoing or newly appointed ad hoc committee. Also looking at a minimum print run. How do we combine proposals that allows for both print and digital? Geene, past delegate and newsletter ad hoc chair answered Daves question regarding the minimum print run as being 1,000, we could print below that, but the cost we still be for 1,000.
- Jennifer, Area 72 Archives Chair – Great job! I was blown away by the beta test site. Two things – one about creating a steering committee for the Area Newsletter. My experience as Archives Chair and having a steering committee, the resumes that come across the table from district archivists who have experience. I think if we have a newsletter steering committee then district newsletter editors can grow into Area service if the was a place for them to go. Second point is that we need to archive everything, even the website. In Area 72 we are tasked to preserve how we carry the message. So this is going to be a conversation for our archives steering committee to go through. These are questions that need to be answered as to how we maintain archival standards when archiving online materials.
- Heather, Area 72 YP Chair – I would like there to be a print option for those who cannot access online, but I want to bring it back to the amount of money we have to spend. Either contributions need to increase or we need to do something about the newsletter. It would be nice to just spend the money on the newsletter, yet there may be other groups that suffer if we take the money away from them.
- Sarah C. GSR Shop Group – I want to thank everyone on the committee. John, that was incredible. I think the online newsletter is a fantastic idea. I understand that not everyone has internet access, but I’d venture to say that for the majority of alcoholics this would be a great change. We don’t need to be spending that much on printing when most of us would be able to access online. People who don’t have access can always use libraries with free public Wi-Fi and computer access.
- Scott, DCM District 16 – Thinking about this in terms of cost. We’re talking about \$30,000.00 and a tremendous amount of work that’s going into this. People have made compelling arguments for why they prefer print or online versions. There is only so much we can do, the money is finite. Is spending that money to print the newsletter the best way to achieve our primary purpose? I urge people to look through those financials we got today with that amount of money in mind. Just imagine the other things that could be done with that amount of money and whether that might be more effective than getting a printed newsletter into the hands of less than 1,000 people.
- Laura, DCM District 18 – It seems the more digital things become, it’s been my experience that the more separate we become. I don’t think Alcoholics Anonymous can afford people to be less engaged. We need to educate people to fund the service structure whether you’re digital or not.
- Sooz, Area 72 CPC – My understanding after listening to this for a decade now is that the purpose of the newsletter is to be transparent about minutes and treasurers reports that belong to this Area Assembly and Quarterly minutes, in that if you were to go online to the newsletter you can print off the treasurers report and minutes. From what’s being said, it’s morphed into content and we want use inclusivity as a reason why we should print. I just ask the logic in that 1,400 copies of this paper go out all over Area 72. Do we think that reaches more people than an online version? I’m not sure we emphasized enough the amount of work that was going into this for the newsletter editor having printed versions is twice the work and there is a 1,000 copy minimum, looking at, at least \$35,000.00. We could use that money to put signs on buses in 3 counties.
- Erin, Area 72 Newsletter Editor – (Holding up a copy of the Newsletter) This is the February Newsletter, it’s huge, and because we talked so much about it at the January Quarterly I got more submissions than any previous newsletter editor managed to get, which was one of our goals. I want to hear from you and see some excitement about the newsletter. We’re using this cost of publishing as a metric for how much it costs, and we’re going to be printing the 4 biggest issues that we have every year, so they will be the longest most expensive issues. I also want to point out that we have a lot of people who don’t want to receive the newsletter, but we don’t really have a way for them to opt out and just receive the electronic form. I think we should have a request option, we also need to print one archivally. Originally we talked about having it digital or PDF. I love the work we did to create the website version. My goal is to have a website version and create a print version from that.
- Ian, GSR for We Know Only a Little – I understand the need for a print version, no matter how we look at it there are people who will need print copies for a variety of reasons and they cannot be excluded. Do we need all the stories? Do we need 40 or 68 pages? We need to look at it in a business sense, we need the treasurers report and minutes, no graphics or images. Geene, past delegate and chair of the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee had a response – If you go into the newsletter and read the motions you will see that we are required to post minutes, election results, and financial reports, it’s not meant to be a feel good newsletter like say, the Grapevine, also it doesn’t say anything anywhere about print except in one area where we talk about replacing a mimeograph, the rest say publish. There is a discussion in the [full newsletter ad hoc report](#) where we talk about the difference between print and publish.

- Michael, GSR District 37 – Why does it have to be either or. Each home group could go on the website and subscribe. During their business meeting they could take a vote as to who wants the printed copy or electronic version. Perhaps there could be a cost upfront associated with getting a printed copy. We could also set it in PDF on the website and if the group wants a printed copy, the GSR could print the PDF and bring it to the group.
- Joe, Alcoholic – Part of what I’m hearing in January and today was discussion of people with less internet access, that’s a challenge I cannot begin to understand. I feel like we’re talking about accessibility issues. DCMs and GSRs can get together and make sure every member in Alcoholics Anonymous has access to the newsletter.
- Rob, Alcoholic – Thank you Derek, great discussion here. This shouldn’t be an either one or the other. One question we need to ask is why are we asking the same question the same way we’ve done before? The technology we use is very old, should we be looking for newer, less expensive ways to print like magazine format. I worked with the OSD 3 Committee and we researched various formats for example a quantity of 568 pages was roughly \$3,500.00 to print. It’s just food for thought, lets look at different ways to print.
- Theresa, Area 72 Treasurer – In regards to printing different formats, when you have to add mailing and postage there is an extra cost. We have a budget and as we move through the steering committee that I hope will be created perhaps we can look at ways to do this. Maybe that \$20,000.00 budget can now look different, we could move some to print some. We still need to hear from our groups. This newsletter is not fun and games, it’s coming out to show what has happened in this quarterly. It only reaches DCM’s and GSR’s, the digital newsletter will reach all our fellowship who have internet.
- Bud, Area 72 Accessibility – I think I’ve read the newsletter twice in 10 years when I was a DCM, I don’t think anyone else in the district read it at all, that I know of. I think there are less than 20% of us that read it at all. We can’t do both at the same time, it’s too much work and doing it 4 times a year already breaks our \$20,000.00 budget. Lets just go digital. It turns it into something bigger, better, and prettier. We can do so much more with the digital than we can with the print version. We can always find something we can do for the 50 – 75 people in Western Washington who want it in print.
- Daryl, GSR Steilacoom Serenity Seekers – I’ve heard great arguments on both sides. Looking at our Delegates report, since the Grapevine app has come out less than 5,600 people in the U.S. and Canada are paying for that app. Is it really responsible for us to put all this money into digital when we’re not getting the response from Grapevine?
- Courtney, Area 72 Delegate – In my experience from the rotation, 68 pages is not every issue that comes out. It happens to be the quarterly where all the minutes independent on the number of people who submit articles, if we did it every month it wouldn’t be that big. The site is amazing the most robust report I’ve seen on this topic. Thank you so much for your efforts. When you go back to your districts and groups I want to make sure we’re not fixating on financial aspects, that is extremely important, we can’t function as an Area without that, but I want you to step back and look at it broadly – what do we want to see in the newsletter. We know what the previous intention was, but it’s shifting, what is the audience we want to reach now? Is it the internal fellowship? Is it also an outreach tool? Additionally, what’s the format we could look at for print, maybe a word limit on articles submitted, maybe there aren’t articles in Jan, Apr, Jul, and Oct, just minutes. There are a lot of things we can do outside the financial impact. I love the discussion, as we’ve said, we need group input, let’s not rush into this, maybe it’s time for a new survey.
- Erin, Area Newsletter Editor – Regarding PDF format, Area 5 does their newsletter in a PDF format they print it out and bring it to their assemblies (they have 4 assemblies a year). The Area comes together and picks up or buys their copy at the assembly so there is no distribution cost and printing is about \$5,000.00 a year. This might be something you want the ad hoc committee to continue to look at.
- Charley, Area 72 Language Chair – I support the online version for all the reasons that have been stated today, but I am also from a remote community and I hear a lot of concerns about folks with accessibility issues who don’t have internet access and might not be able to see the newsletter. There is a world where we might be able to adopt online versions and those who subscribe to the online version also receive a printable version. GSR’s could print out the newsletter and distribute them to Alano Clubs or Intergroups where those who don’t have access can read them also, thereby removing the full financial burden from the Area If the ad hoc committee is going to continue, I would like to volunteer to be part of the committee.
- Lupita, Area 72 Alt Delegate – Great conversation today. The ad hoc committee did a ton of work and did a great presentation. For me it boils down to a couple of questions – one, go to <http://news.johnbarry.com> and tell your GSR’s and everyone at your district to go there and play around in it. What do you like, what don’t you like, what would you like to see different? Second – how do your groups want to receive information? Try to understand how you receive information, I scroll through stuff super fast, I don’t really like long articles. Everyone is different so make sure you the feel from your whole district. Do we like this, and what do we want to do next?
- Terri, Alcoholic – What are our demographics? We’re all aging, but there are people coming up under us that are going to be the movers and shakers in just a few years, so we need to be thinking about the upcoming technologies.
- Derek S., Area Chair did a recap of what had been discussed so far – 8 shares that we should continue with print, 10 shares that we should go digital, 3 said we would figure out a way to print from the digital, 8 people said we should have another ad hoc committee, and 6 people said we should do both – a decision was made to continue with the ad hoc committee to look into reach (how many more member would we reach with digital), is there a print option to get to the members who can only receive print (and try to quantify, so we know how many), try another survey, and research fulfilling archival requirements.

Discussion continued on discussion topic #1

- Houston, Area 72 Registrar – This is the most progressive we have gotten with this issue thus far and I think it’s important to get progressive because I don’t want to say we’re wasting money, but I feel we could utilize money in a better fashion by going digital and we’ll find a way to gather the newsletter for archives and copy it and figure out whether the groups have to pay for it. One thing I really want to bring up is there are Area newsletters, there is Grapevine, there are Intergroup newsletters, what we really need to know is what do groups want from the Area. What I wanted from the Area was inspiration to serve and a way to know I could get there, into my Area. I think most people don’t get the information from the newsletter because GSR’s don’t get it to their groups so digital is already there with the group and it’s free. We can encourage the still suffering alcoholic to be less suffering by serving.
- Patty S. District 3 3rd Legacy – I’d like to say let’s keep this going so we do come up with a good answer for all of us. Inclusion is so important.
- Jo, DCM District 25 – Call for clarification. I did hear the chairperson from the committee say they are done. I’d like to hear from them whether or not they’re willing to continue as is or do we need to reform a new ad hoc committee toward this end? Geene, past delegate and ad hoc committee chair said they had been polling the committee and they said they are willing to continue and they have all said yes and there are a few new people who wish to join in, please email me at pastdel71@area72aa.org if you wish to join.
- Suzi, Area 72 Treatment Chair – I’m willing to serve and perhaps we could have members of the standing committee be available to make copies for say the Accessibility to hand out to those who need printed copies of the newsletter.
- Dave, DCM District 46 – My understanding is that there’s concerns about repurposing it to make a printable PDF, in addition to having a regular digital newsletter. I would explore using AI for website to PDF formatting and see if we couldn’t get that tweaked in such a way that minimal amounts of effort would be needed in order to put out a PDF. Lastly, who should I email to become part of the ad hoc committee? Pastdel71@area72aa.org.
- Lee, Alt DCM District 18 – I produce the newsletter for GSIG. We print it 8 1/2 X 11, it’s saved as a PDF and available online, it can be saved in ebook format and we print the number we need for subscriptions for a fee.
- Lori, District 2 – Just looking for a summary of what the next ad hoc will be doing and perhaps on the next printed newsletter we could put a little caption asking those that read the newsletter to reply back and let them know so we have an idea who actually is reading the newsletter.
- Summarization by Derek S., Area Chair –
 1. There will be a survey in the next Area Newsletter to be filled out and returned so people know who is reading the newsletter and how they feel about content.
 2. Take the information on the <http://news.johnbarry.com> newsletter website back to your districts and groups so they explore the content and give feedback, discussion will continue at the July 2025 Quarterly.
 3. The ad hoc committee will proceed with the previously outlined items
 - a. Look into reach of digital newsletter (how many more member would we reach with digital).
 - b. Is there a print option to get to the members who can only receive print (and try to quantify, so we know how many)?
 - c. Research fulfilling archival requirements.

King County Metro Bus Sign Project 2025 (cont. from 2025 January Quarterly) – Julie U.

Discussion Topic #2:
Bus Sign Project

Background Information

From 1992 to 2012 a bus sign project was maintained on King County Metro (KCM) buses. The signs let people know about the existence of AA in the area and how to get in touch.

The project was funded by groups, individual contributions, and many Area 72 Districts. However, the project ended in 2013 due to an increase in advertising costs.

Around that same time, phone books stopped being delivered to Washington residents. This was another place AA made itself known to the general public. The phone book would have reached 2,047,967 residents in King County that year. The current methods of outreach to the general public in our Area include: internet searches*, word of mouth, libraries, & literature racks.

Discussion

Is the Area interested in funding a bus sign project during the 2025 winter holidays?

Details

The idea would be to run the bus sign project during the 2025 holiday season, when people tend to struggle more (November 1, 2025 - March 7, 2026):

- 11” x 17” signs would be posted inside buses.
- Number of buses with signage: 200
- Duration signs would be up: 18 weeks, but probably longer
- Number of times those signs would be viewed: 3,942,900
- CPM (Cost per 1,000 views): \$2.62
 - This is a reduced rate due to our non-profit status.
 - For comparison, here is the CPM on social media in 2023:
 - Facebook: \$7.19, X (formerly Twitter) \$6.46, Instagram: \$7.91, YouTube: \$9.68
- **Total cost:** \$11,145
 - The minimum cost to have any signage is \$10,000.

Additional Considerations

- Challenges to Public Information (PI) work being effective in news and media:
 - Breaking through the “noise” of all the different types of media.
 - Many people don’t read the newspaper anymore and get their news in small doses: Social Media, podcasts, apps.
 - More & more people are listening to streaming music and not the radio.
 - Most people don’t watch free public access television at 1am.
- The number of people who live outside the KCM system and use Park & Rides: 19,976 per day.
- The bus routes are broken up by KCM, into four zones. The signs for each zone will be given a QR code. This will allow us to track where the interest is coming from.

The following is the discussion on Discussion Topic #2

- John C., DCM District 45 – We had a vigorous discussion on this topic and, for us, as a district, as much as we’d like to help everybody, the groups in Pierce County were unwilling to use their 7th Tradition for bus placards for King County. We had done this in Pierce County 2 years ago and the cost for 60 busses for 4 months was \$1,392.00 and was funded by the groups in Pierce County. We suggest the call go out to King County for the funding.
- Thom R., Alt DCM District 25 – I concur with the last gentleman. I very much respect what you’re doing and I understand we want to help everybody, but 2 things, I also don’t see why everybody should pay for King County, they have the GSIG which can do a drive. I think it’s beyond the scope of what we’re supposed to be doing as an Area. We are supposed to be thinking about all of Western Washington at this level. We shouldn’t favor one county over another financially especially when we just talked about the newsletter not having enough money. Let’s raise \$10,000.00 to fix the newsletter problem.
- Angie G., DCM District 56 – I concur with the 2 folks before. We like that King County is considering advertising, but our groups got together and felt they didn’t want to contribute their 7th Tradition to King County. We will continue to have the signs in Jefferson County transit
- Sarah, GSR District 25 – My opinion and my groups opinion is we think it’s a fantastic idea and a great way to spend the funds. The presenter, I believe, mentioned that it covers 17 districts in the Area, so we’re of the opposite opinion of the past few speakers
- Patrick, Area 72 Tech and Web Chair – I’ve had this conversation individually with several people and we’ve heard this is a King County and King County groups responsibility. We have districts and Area and this project covers 17 districts. It’s too big for one district or maybe a handful of districts. I would ask us to consider that this Area is capable of and it’s a wonderful initiative. This is an opportunity for us to work together to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous within Area 72 and could be a pilot project from what happened with Pierce County and something we could model elsewhere, so we’ll have experience within Area 72 of working with transportation organizations. Please do not think we are sending money to King County, think of it as pooling or money together and doing something more than any of our districts or handful of districts is capable of
- Rose, Alcoholic – I like the idea for King County, I would like to see it in Clarke County
- Bud, Area 72 Accessibility Chair – Going back to what we did in Pierce County, we have a pink can for corrections that groups decide if they would like to pass around to help purchase literature for corrections institutions, perhaps PI could start a can to be passed around to help pay the cost of placards for local bus lines
- Lupita, Area 72 Alt Delegate – It occurs to me that we already have projects like this at the Area level, for example we have \$8,000.00 in the budget for literature for Corrections, we have money set aside for Grapevines to send to Treatment, so this is being done where the burden might be a heavy one for one district or local Intergroup, or couple of districts. My home group in District 16 contributes to the Area and the and the money goes to Corrections inside the walls, and that’s great. Another thing, I was asked to read a chapter out of the service manual, it says, “one of the purposes of the Area is to carry out 12th Step work that might not be practical for groups, districts, or Intergroups to take on by themselves,” and then it lists some examples, so maybe consider that
- Tricia, Alt DCM District 42 – Going back to what was said regarding the Grapevine and Newsletter not supporting themselves we could raise funds by asking for \$2.00 and carry it forward to PI. I think many of us got here because we saw something, or heard something, or knew something we didn’t know a moment before, and I think the bus sign project could do just that
- Rodrigo, DCM District 1 – We talked about this in District 1 and some GSR’s are in favor of passing this for investing in the good of the Area. There was a suggestion of why not on the trains running from Tacoma to Lynnwood. My group was also in favor of adding more money to this project
- Rick W., Alcoholic – We just spent the last 2 hours talking about finances we don’t have on a newsletter that we’re having trouble funding. Are those funds coming out of the same pot to fund this bus line money we don’t have? Derek S., Area Chair – Yes, that’s correct
- Pete, Alcoholic – I’m a firm believer that is it’s needed the money will be there. God will find a way. I’m also a firm believer of trust God, but row to shore. So, if the money’s not there, the money’s not there
- Kari, Alcoholic – Along the same lines, I have a contrary view. I feel we just spent so much time talking about the Newsletter that’s underfunded, but it’s there to reach we who are already in the program and possibly corrections, whereas this project could reach 1 million people by spending the same amount of money for people who don’t know the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Why not bring more people in
- Scott, DCM District 16 – Let’s not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Our primary purpose is to reach the alcoholic who still suffers. We should be looking at how do we reach the most number of people without be concerned about where they are. This seems like people have put a lot of work into the most cost effective way to do that. We need to think about the changes in our society in terms of how people interact and what their social circles are. People have significantly fewer close confidants and social connections than they did in the past. We need that visibility out there in the world because there’s a good chance they won’t be seeing it from their friends.
- Kelli, Alcoholic – The biggest bang for the buck and the number of people who cross the line into King County for employment, shopping, shows, and all that cool stuff. I’m noticing a lot more people using the bus and sound transit now that the virtual life is getting over and a lot who commute to King County, so I think it is a “whole Area” thing.
- Cheri, DCM District 33 – I’m looking at the numbers, it’s almost 4 million people, per view of 1,000, that’s \$2.62, that’s not very much, so if our primary purpose is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, and they can’t even get in the doors, how can we help them? I think it’s a great idea, plus they did mention the QR code, do it once, and see if it’s effective.
- Terri, Alcoholic – Has anyone heard of the E line that starts in downtown Seattle and runs all the way north to the King/Snohomish County line? The crowd on this bus is the heavily afflicted/heavily addicted. At 19,976 views a day, if one alcoholic woke up and saw the sign it could be the candle that starts a new life for this person. I know we’re talking it’s not our King County, we couldn’t put these signs on the light rail because that’s the King County Regional Transit it’s not King County Metro, but I believe this would be an immense value, and look how many sponsors we would get.
- Dave, GSR District 19 – I wonder, did we have to pay to have our number in the phone book? I know we are on all these digital platforms now, I know we disseminate to all these digital platforms, now this is just another platform which is actually less expensive than the platforms we’re already on in the digital age. I try to remember the primary purpose and it’s not just responsible for King County, Snohomish County, and Clarke County.
- Jim, DCM District 28 – Since it’s going to be in 4 different bus regions of the city, are the signs going to be generic where it’s the same in all regions, or will they be catered to attract clientele and family or friends from a particular region? Julie, Area 72 PI Chair – We haven’t designed the signs yet, but we can look into that and look at the various populations. The key thing is the QR codes on the signs will show us who is giving us more hits on which bus line.
- Mike, DCM District 36 – We had a sign the Eastside Intergroup put on the busses years ago and it had a hotline number, it was important that the person seeing the sign actually talked to someone. Since these signs will be in so many areas, is there a hotline so people can contact someone? This is not a motion right now, so we have the opportunity to get this to the GSR’s and let the groups decide how they want to spend this money. That’s what I would urge the body to do.

- Mary, Alcoholic – I’m very appreciative of the conversation, it has kind of shifted the way I’m thinking about this. As was mentioned, this covers over 20 districts and it was brought up about supporting other areas. Have we looked into Sound Transit which is further than King County that goes east, it goes way south and way north. That’s my thoughts.
- Bobbi, GSR District 34 – That was my question, the dollars mentioned are for King County Metro and Sound Transit does actually go between the different counties. It would be interesting to know if the dollars are different.
- Megan K., Alcoholic – I think this is a good discussion to have, what we should think about is, because the Area moves slowly, perhaps this should be a local project where they have the autonomy to move as quickly as they want, they could start raising money and, perhaps, the question will to the Area in October that since they have raised, say \$5,000.00 maybe the Area could contribute \$5,000.00.
- Lisa, DCM District 24 – I was able to get a little bit of information from Julie last week and present it to our district. There weren’t many who could get back with me, but the ones who did said yes. I would like to be able to take more information back to them for more discussion.
- Trisia, Alcoholic – If we’re ready to spend \$807,000.00 to subsidize the Grapevine, why would we give a second thought to reaching out to somebody where we can save millions of lives?
- David, DCM District 14 – Last year we in District 14 supported an effort by Intergroup to put a Stranger ad out. It cost \$1,200.00 to run the Stranger ad every other week for 6 months. District 14 funded it for 3 months for \$600.00, we tried to turn it back to our intergroup. A lot of districts were interested, but the money just wasn’t there. So, thinking that the Seattle Intergroup could raise this money, we just haven’t seen that. If we’re looking at ways to repurpose our money at the Area, such as the Newsletter, maybe this is a new way to rebalance our money. I was in London on the train and saw a billboard for A.A., it made me think how effective a message like that could be.
- Debbie, Alcoholic – At the back of the book are 44 districts, I just counted, 17 of 44 is 38.5% of the districts. Maybe this is a start.
- Erin, Area 72 Newsletter Editor – We were just talking about how we can’t get a hotel room in town because of FIFA next summer, wouldn’t this be a great opportunity to reach a lot of people who won’t be renting cars.
- Melissa K., Alt DCM District 8 – If we are waiting until October to vote on this and the signs are supposed to be out for the holiday season, we have less than a month to get all these QR codes done. Who will be taking the millions of calls, which districts, how would this logistically play out? Julie, Area 72 PI Chair – We would need to have a decision by August to get those done.
- Dave, Alcoholic – An answer from my previous question; I have been informed that the white pages were free, we had to pay for the yellow pages.
- Derek S., Area 72 Chair – Summary, shares in favor – 12, shares not in favor – 11, shares or a philosophical nature or questions – 7, Derek asked if we wanted to continue with Discussion topic #2 (the bus signs) at the July 2025 Quarterly.
- Crissy, Alcoholic – If we did it in July would it only be a DCM vote since if we waited for the October Assembly there wouldn’t be enough time to have the bus signs done by the holidays.
- A clarification was made by Julie, the Area 72 PI Chair that the time was flexible, and we could continue into 2026.
- Derek S., Area 72 Chair asked the body for a show of hands of those who wished to continue the discussion in July or who would like to kill the discussion now – It was voted to continue the discussion at the July 2025 Quarterly.

APPOINTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Accessibility – Bud W.

Name: Bud Wasierski
Position: Area72 Accessibility Chair
Date: 02/19/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Hi, we had our first quarterly of this rotation on Jan. 18th at the Tacoma Central Service Office. 18 people in attendance. Not bad for just kicking off the rotation.
- We shared about our districts history with Accessibility.
- Attended District meetings to make a pitch for having an Accessibility Chair.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- Learning Google Drive and the way the Area uses Google, I have little working practice with Google Docs. No big deal I just need to learn.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Attend District Accessibility meetings
- Helping Districts set up and host upcoming Accessibilities quarterly’s
- Getting ready for the quarterly speed dating at this April’s Area 72 Quarterly down in Vancouver.
- Visiting all of you at the April quarterlies.

Archives – Jennifer R.

Name: Jennifer R
Position: Archives Chair
Date: 03/23/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- We have had 3 Archives Steering Committee meetings since our last Quarterly. We are made of 8 members including myself and the Archivist. We discussed upcoming events and report on the progress of our projects.
- I have visited districts to present about district archives.
- I attended the Blending of Time conference. Our Archivist and the ASC did a fantastic job putting together 7 tables of archives for display.
- We have updated the OSD3 fliers to have a QR code. For ease of access.
- The Area Archives contact list of the District Archivists and Archives Chairs has been updated.
- The Archives Steering Committee created the “Jukebox” which plays back recordings for the archives display.
- Maryland and I have started a dialog with the Web Steering Committee regarding archiving the Google Drive by the end of the rotation. I am now a member of the Web Steering Committee.
- We had our first OSD3 Sales Committee meeting of the rotation, which will be held quarterly. We discussed possible solutions to reduce our inventory.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- We have 2 pallets full of OSD3 and OSD2 books. We are trying to find ways to reduce our supply because the space taken up by the books makes access to certain shelves difficult.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Significantly reduce the number of books in the repository
- We will be co-hosting the Pacific Region Archives Workshop with Area 58 and 92. We need to decide on a date for the workshop.
- Continue to explore using technology to enhance and aid our archival projects.
- Have an awesome Quarterly that will be hosted by District 45 on 5-3-25
- Continue to support the planning of the National Archives Workshop which will take place in 2026 in Tacoma, WA.

Archivist – Maryland N.

Name: Maryland N.
Position: Archivist
District Number:
Date: 3/23/25

- Whether archives material is paper, electronic, audio, or a physical artifact, it constitutes one Repository. Archives have a digital repository with a structured setup initiated in 2019.
- The physical repository was established by motion in the mid-70s, with archivists beginning use of computers shortly thereafter. Area did not acquire a computer for Archives until the early 2000s.
- Planning Oral Histories Collaboration with Gail and Eddie.
- We prepared and attended The Blending of Time Conference. We’ve identified 5 Archives attendees for Step Ashore event in August (NOT FUNDED BY A72).
- Our Repository has these collections in our Catalog of Holdings: Assembly History, Delegates, Alt Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer*, Accessibility, Archivist*, Archives Chair*, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections (Institutions), Grapevine/Literature, Language Coordinator*, Newsletter, History Books, Public Information, Registrar, Secretary, Sound, Treatment (Hospitals), Web Committee*, Web Servant*, Young People, Audio / Visual, Audio Cassettes Digitized (1200+), Floppy / CDs, GSO Directories, GSO Manuals, Final General Service Conference Reports, International Conventions, 1990 International, Delegate Binders, Grapevines, Districts (44), Newsletters, PRAASA, Forums, PNC, BLA, NAAAW, NAATW, NCC, NAACPC/PIC, Alcoholic Foundation, GSO Bulletin / Exchange / 459, Prison Letters, WA AA History (Founders | Assembly | Special Collections)
- In February, we encountered several technology challenges. The Xerox printer could not perform double-sided printing. I engaged in discussions with Microsoft and Xerox to resolve these issues.
- During PRAASA 2025, I primarily focused on Archives-related activities. I attended the business meeting but did not present the Archives Adviser and Webservant motion. I had the opportunity to spend a few hours with George D. while waiting for our flight home.
- I missed my first ASC meeting in a very long time. I also missed the Quarterly Check in.
- I spent a day in Sedro Woolly's Fairhaven Hall in Sedro Woolly. Vinnie, D4's new archivist, requested assistance at the February Archives Quarterly. We set March 20, 2025, as the date and discussed travel plans. Despite some confusion, we arrived at 11:17 for an 11:30 meeting. The meeting was centered on page 7 of *As Bill Sees It*, followed by fellowship.
- We then visited District 4's Archives Room and holdings. The room had historical items including a framed sign-in from their first meeting, a 1954 Group Secretary Handbook, and a color printed Area Newsletter from the 1970s. We removed about 4 boxes of unnecessary materials and made space for future work. Vinnie and Rex fully engaged in the process, sharing stories and history.
- Throughout our work, Marc offered invaluable insights and assistance. Our collaborative effort resulted in a sense of accomplishment and connection. Archives cement sobriety and ensure we remember our shared journey. Thank you, Vinnie, Rex, Mark, and Don for your support!

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Sooz B.

Name: Sooz
Position: CPC Chair
District number: 19
Date: March 21, 2025

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Report: Successes Opportunities, and Inspiration

“I came from treatment, which I think is the best service in AA... I had no idea what you guys do in CPC, and it seems challenging and limitless. Real 12-step work.” This quote from a new District CPC chair perfectly captures the spirit of our work — educating professionals about what AA is and isn’t, providing resources, and dispelling myths. Through these efforts, our impact multiplies as we build relationships with professionals who encounter alcoholics in their daily work, making it more likely that those who need AA will find us.

Successes and Inspiration

Our recent committee quarterly on **February 1st** was hosted by **District 34** and was a huge success. New chairs shared that many people, including themselves, weren’t sure what CPC was all about. This gave us the opportunity to dive into discussions about the role of CPC, what our work looks like in this rotation, and how we maintain anonymity when interacting with non-alcoholics. Our speaker Bud, the Accessibility chair, shared personal stories highlighting how CPC and accessibilities intersect, offering inspiration and practical insights.

Committee reports were filled with enthusiasm and readiness to take action:

- **District 1** is already using QR codes to share information.
- **District 19** is researching how to engage with schools.
- **District 27** plans to host an educational workshop on CPC.
- **District 28** has begun forming a committee.
- **District 26** is generating a list of professionals to contact.
- **District 54**, with the perspective of a first responder’s spouse, wants to initiate a fire station campaign.

The creativity and passion expressed by these districts sparked inspiration across the board, and it’s clear that the gears are turning as new ideas emerge.

Opportunities for Growth

Our work doesn’t stop at the district level. We’re tapping into resources from across the country to expand our reach. Me and a few other members have been attending meetings hosted by a **National group** in California’s Bay Area, and **Seattle Intergroup**, and I’m learning about exciting projects. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is just get started. So each month, I’ll send out an email with comprehensive resources, empowering committee members to put others' ideas into action in their communities right away. We don’t have to reinvent the wheel.

In **March**, we promoted a national online presentation by **AA Nurses in Recovery** by distributing a flyer to the medical community. This included outreach to **Everett Community College’s Nursing program**, which expressed interest in exploring a stronger relationship with AA at their next business meeting. Looking ahead, I’ll be sharing insights from a **project in Area 48 (NE New York)** aimed at helping online groups connect with local districts to reach seniors by building relationships with assisted living facilities.

Looking Ahead: Next Steps

Our next quarterly will be hosted by **District 24 in Edmonds on May 3rd**, where we’ll engage in role-playing to practice interacting with professionals—an invaluable skill for building confidence and refining our approach. I want to take a moment to thank **John**, our committee secretary, and **Bruce**, our hybrid tech, for their ongoing dedication and support. Their contributions allow us to continue this important work effectively.

Let’s Go Big!

If you’re struggling to fill the CPC position in your district, I’d be happy to come and share what CPC is all about—or better yet, consider hosting a workshop! Our work has an **exponential effect** when we build relationships with professionals, and the possibilities are endless. As one new CPC chair said, this is **“real 12-step work.”** Let’s keep that momentum going!

Corrections – Aimee B.

Aimee B.
Corrections Chair
District 3
Date: 3/22/25

- The corrections committee had their first quarterly on March 15. It was amazing to meet all the district chairs and start to build camaraderie. Building unity is not going to be an issue for this wonderful group of humans.
- In February, I received a phone call from a friend letting me know that our linguistic District 1 has elected their very first corrections chair! This is so exciting for Area 72 and I look forward to working with the chair, district and area to build an Hispanic AA presence to be of service to western Washington’s corrections facilities

Grapevine and Literature – Jack J.

Name: Jack Johnston
Position: Grapevine, La Vina, Literature Chair
District number: Area 72
Date: 3/23/25

We held our first Quarterly, February Fifteenth. The quarterly was hosted as a virtual meeting by Area 72’s online District 25. Many thanks to incoming District 25 Grapevine representative Barbara G. we reviewed some of the terrific resources for Grapevine reps and Representante de La Vina (GVRs and RLVs) on District 25’s Committee page (accessible on the Area 72 website: About Area 72 > Districts).thanks to Nora H, District 3, who stepped up to be our Secretary, and Jennifer S, District 14, who capably jumped in to share screen as we looked at the AA Grapevine website and other resources.

Grapevine Literature is one of two Committees this rotation with interpretation in Spanish for our Hispanic members, Public Information being the other. Eduardo, the RLV for District 1, one of the three linguistic districts in Area 72, took back to their District the possibility of hosting the next quarterly. I am excited to say we will meet in-person with a hybrid option, on June Fifteenth. The flyer is available on the website events page

I have been sending emails to my list (reach out to gvllit@area72aa.org if you haven’t been receiving) talking up literature and Grapevine news and releases. Box 4-5-9 Winter Issue has an article on the history of the Plan Language Big Book. Subscribing to the Grapevine is the most important thing any of us can do, as the Grapevine doesn’t accept 7th Tradition contributions. It exists by our direct support, whether to the monthly digital app, to yearly subscriptions of print or digital only, and other options. [Grapevine Subscriptions | AA Grapevine](#) and [Suscripciones a La Viña | AA La Viña](#). Please share with all that Grapevine and La Vina are our “meeting in audio, digital and print.”

A challenge we face is parity in holding a monthly literature workshop. With members and resources in two languages, just offering a monthly reading get-together requires interpretation. Talking with my service sponsor, and with Julie, the Committee Chair of Public Information was really helpful, thanks to both of you. I’ve been researching options to bring to the Committee in June.

GVLit has boxes and boxes of literature for display at District and Area functions. I spent a few hours getting started on an inventory of the literature, working with Maryland, the Area 72 Archivist, and Donna at the Archives repository, so we can best know about making displays and presentations. Also, I am working with District 37 GVR, Jada, on having volunteers to staff a display of A.A. literature, Grapevine and La Vina material, for the April Business Quarterly.

Looking forward to meeting again, for some of us the first time face-to-face with members of the committee. All of us will have a better understanding of what we can do in our positions, and the tools available to help us do the role.

Jack Johnston
Area 72 Grapevine Literature Chair
April 2025

Language Coordinator – Charley P.

Name: Charley P.
Position: Area Language Coordinator
District Number: 56
Date: March 23, 2025

Quarterly Report – Q1, Panel 75

Hello Area 72!

The first quarter of Panel 75 is behind us, and the Language Steering Committee has been hard at work. Below is a summary of our progress, challenges, and upcoming goals.

Accomplishments This Quarter

- **Formation of the Language Steering Committee:** We now have a dedicated core group, having met three times so far. Special thanks to Joe T. (DCM, District 19) for serving as Secretary.
- **Standing Committees:** Districts 1, 57, and 58 selected two committees for interpretation: the P.I. Committee and the Grapevine/Literature Committee.
- **Interpretation & Translation Work:**
 - Successfully interpreted **five events** into Spanish, including:
 - The P.I. Quarterly
 - GSR School (Feb. 9)
 - Grapevine/Literature Quarterly
 - Corrections Quarterly (*after securing Finance Committee approval*)
 - Central Districts Pre-conference
 - Translated **dozens of documents**, with many more pending completion before the April Quarterly.

Challenges & Resolutions

1. **Equipment Logistics:** Transporting interpretation equipment has been a key focus. Thanks to Bob F. (Past Delegate, Panel 49) for helping secure custody of the equipment after the Burien Little Assembly.
2. **Unpaid Translation Work:** Several significant Q4 (Panel 73) translation jobs went un-invoiced during the transition. After investigation, our lead translator, Claudia, has now been fully compensated. A huge thank-you to her for her patience and professionalism.

Goals for Next Quarter

- Ensure smooth **interpretation coverage** for upcoming Spanish-language events before the July Quarterly.
- Continue managing translation requests via **Google Drive**.
- **Recruit a Translation Coordinator** (remote service position) to:
 - Monitor translation requests.
 - Notify translators when documents are submitted.
 - Distribute completed translations.
 - Submit monthly invoices to the Alt. Treasurer.
(No advanced skills needed—just basic Google Sheets knowledge!)

Interested in helping? Email me at languagechair@area72aa.org.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Newsletter Editor – Erin E.

Name: Erin Ewing
Position: Area Newsletter Editor
District number: Area
Date: 3/24/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

I published and distributed the First Edition of the Newsletter. All 3 editions total have been made available on -line. I have been getting great Committee participation!

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

It has been challenging for the membership as we changed from a monthly physical copy to the Monthly On-line only publication with Quarterly printed and mailed issues. There has been a bit of confusion on the distribution of the mailings as well. Hopefully we can reduce the unwanted copies as people communicate their mail preferences to the Area Registrar. In the meantime. Please share any additional copies you may have received with your District, Intergroup and meetings.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

The Ad Hoc committee has been hard at work looking at the options we can offer the membership regarding the distribution of the newsletter. My hope is that we can hear from the groups on what they want. We have discussed this at the Area Quarterlies and hopefully the DCM’s and GSR’s can take the questions back to the area Membership and see if they agree that we should change to the on-line format for distribution or should we continue to print and mail. If we do choose mailing physical copies at what frequency should we be mailing? Monthly?, Quarterly?

My Goal for the next quarter to recruit a committee to manage the editing and maintenance of the newsletter with me. An editorial board. Please let me know if you or any of the area membership are interested in participating? Erin Ewing 206-354-8228 Newsletter@area72AA.org

Public Information – Julie U.

Name: Julie Udell
Position: Public Information Chair
District Number:
Date: 3/22/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- We had our first PI Quarterly in February with good participation. More districts are electing PI Chairs, and our committee is growing. PI Workbook Study began, they are held the last Sunday of the month on zoom. Great dialogue and sharing what people are doing in their districts to carry the message.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- In keeping with spiritual parity, we are seeking a solution for our Spanish speaking members regarding participation in the workbook study. We are considering hiring an interpreter to join us on zoom or conduct the study during our quarterlies where the area provides an interpreter already. Open to ideas from others.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Our next quarterly with be training on how to speak at non-A.A. meetings. Our PI chair from District 9 will be sharing materials they have and presenting how they conduct workshops. We will also be reviewing the tools from AA.org, watching the PI videos, downloading and presenting them and outlining a presentation.
- I also want to thank Angel DCM District 34 for asking me to present at his district meeting. It was a pleasure to participate and watch the passion his district GSR’s and Chairs have for service. And they filled their open PI Chair position! DCM’s please feel free to contact me to share Public Information about what we do and what we do not do. I am happy to come and share how we carry the message.
- My goal this quarter is to visit as many districts as possible!

In love and service,
Julie

Registrar – Houston L.

Name: Houston L
Position: Registrar
District Number: 25 (Practice these Principles – 4th Dimension)
Date: 3/25/2025

Dear District 72 AA Trusted Servants,

Another month and another 400+ registration requests for changes, corrections, and information. To say I am overwhelmed would be a bit of an understatement. I am focused on registration and then getting the Directory up to date as soon as possible. I am looking forward to seeing our members, our DCM’s and Alt DCM’s and hopefully some GSR’s and Alt GSR’s at the Quarterly in just two + weeks.

Last Sunday, March 23, 2025, I held a Registrar Workshop, it had been rescheduled from the previous week as my internet failed. There was a small group, but I was able to introduce the Workshop Power Point and the Fellow Connection database that is at the heart of registration for Area 72 and the GSO (General Service Office of AA in New York)

There will be more workshops to keep everyone informed and to continue to answer questions and give support to all District Registrar’s.

Upcoming Zoom Workshops are June 15, 2025, September 14th,2025 and January 11th, 2026, all from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

Of course, you can contact me for questions or concerns at #206-280-5645 (Call or Text) and registrar@area72aa.org . Please check out the Area 72 website at Area72AA.org / Events.

I am struggling and grateful at the same time as I think many do in a new service position. Wondering what I have gotten into and if I am up for the task. Continuing to remember what my predecessor told me to keep in mind – that AA Service is for FUN and for FREE. It is with great humility that I look for a new service sponsor and that I pray for my HP to hold my perfectionist’s hand.

In Service and with Respect,

Houston L

Secretary – Don N.

Name: Don N.
Position: Secretary
Area 72
Date: 3/22/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Went through my first Quarterly, as Secretary, in January
- Completed summary and minutes from the January Quarterly

- Held a Secretary’s workshop in February, it was pretty well attended and we covered a variety of topics
- I love reading all of the reports that get submitted, this Area is doing amazing work

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- I have to get into the rhythm of taking notes during discussions at the Quarterly while also presenting and making updates to the PowerPoint presentation
- I have to look into recording the Secretary Workshops on Zoom, I thought I was doing it, but ended up not being recorded

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- I have another Secretary Workshop scheduled for April 30th at 6:00 PM PST, Zoom ID 440 174 1504, Passcode secretary
- I hope to get the minutes of the April Quarterly out quicker than I did the January Quarterly

Sound/Zoom – Anothony G.

Name: Anthony Grennan
Position: Sound and Zoom
District number: 8
Date: 3/13/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Had a great quarterly!!
- Finalized our team for training purposes
- Received storage equipment for our tech gear
- Upgraded our video output to Zoom

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- Let one of our team members go. Never had to do this before in an AA setting. It was a little awkward but got through it using the support network in place at the Area level of service.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Dial in our process for successfully holding the space for a good experience on Zoom and in person for Area 72 business quarterlies audience.

Tech & Web Chair – Patrick M.

Patrick M.
Area Tech & Web Chair
District Number:
Date: 3/23/25

Greetings, groups of Area 72!

It’s been an active first quarter here as Tech and Web Chair! I started this rotation thinking of how the Tech & Web committee could serve as IT support for other Area committees... and after quickly seeing how big this job is, I’ve had to rethink that plan :) That said – we will continue to look for ways for tech-minded folks in A72 to support other committee efforts.

We had our first quarterly committee meeting, with a good turnout. We had a total of 31 people – mostly District Tech & Web trusted servants, with a few DCMs and Area trusted servants as well. We got to hear people’s stories about tech in their AA lives. People talked about supporting hybrid groups; setting up district websites; helping non-technical people access online resources; and how online meetings helped people participate in AA during challenging times. The recurring theme throughout was how much joy being of service in AA brings to people. That doesn’t surprise me one bit. Service nerds are a special breed; tech nerds are a special breed; so when the techy service nerds get together, we have a good time!

I’ve also done a bit of exploration outside of Area 72, to learn about how other areas use technical resources to carry our message. I hope to present some of these ideas to other folks within Area 72 to see if they find them useful. I started by learning more about online tools for Bridging the Gap and Prerelease. I met with Shari, a long-time participant in the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend and one of the maintainers of their website. BTGWW provides a form that will route requests to the appropriate area based on address. Suzi (Treatment Chair) and Chuck (BTG coordinator) met with Shari and me to learn about their tool and how to use it.

I’ve worked closely with Webservant Shu to monitor and address Area 72 technical issues and help people with any problems that they have. We meet each week on Saturday evening to go over any pending work. I have to say that working with Shu has made this a lot of fun! I’ve also gotten to work and talk with several DCMs and Area 72 trusted servants, another bright spot of my life.

There were two specific technical issues that came up, and I would like them to bring to the Area’s attention for a few reasons. Please bear with me as I use some technical jargon, which is partly to make a point and a request.

First, we had an issue with importing the Seattle meeting list. The list had grown big enough that importing it took too long, and it was timing out. John B brought this to our attention and proposed a viable solution. We also contacted the Twelve Step Meeting List developers and told them about our problem – and they coded up a fix! Not only did it solve our problem, but it also benefits any service entities using the TSML Wordpress plugin.

Second, we had an issue where our DNS records were misconfigured, and some emails were incorrectly being flagged as spam. Emma brought this to our attention, with a plan for how to address it. We got together, worked through it, and addressed the problem.

Here’s the first thing I want to point out: we have some outstanding people helping us. Both John and Emma did a wonderful job at identifying problems, proposing solutions, and implementing them. That said, I think that the level of technical expertise required to recognize and fix these problems is beyond the scope of AA service work. We’re all happy to do it, because we love AA and tech – but we run the risk of becoming overly dependent upon a small number of people, and unable to align with our Principle of Rotation.

I think over the long-term, we may need to hire an outside IT firm to monitor and address specific technical issues. I think of this as similar to how we handle finances: our Treasurer and Alt Treasurer do the bulk of the work, but we hire a CPA to do our taxes. However, we live in Western Washington, which is a pretty technically-minded area. I simply don’t know how many people we have capable of doing this work. We may have a critical mass sufficient to do the specific technical work on a volunteer basis. We may not. We need more information.

I intend to prepare a short survey for DCMs and GSRs to share with their groups and districts, to try to get a sense of how many people we have in Area 72 who may be capable of doing this work. Responses will greatly help inform future recommendations.

That’s it for now. Thank you for letting me serve as Tech & Web Chair. I’m living a dream I never even had!!

<3 Patrick
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Treatment – Suzi O.

Name: Suzi L.
Date: 4/19/25
Position: Area Treatment Chair

April 2025 Quarterly Report
Area Treatment Chair

Area Treatment Chair is a wonderful position. I am experiencing some amazing growth from the new District Treatment Chairs. There are so many panels and speakers coming out of the districts. These people have the biggest hearts. They are truly helping the newly recovering alcoholics.

The Greater Seattle Intergroup H&I Team are working their tails off. I am so honored to be able to observe their hard work and coordination coming out of this intergroup and Mike’s team.

The Area 72 Treatment April Quarterly will be hosted by Greater Seattle Intergroup on April 12th starting at 9:00 AM.

Special thanks to Mark S. Area Treatment Secretary and Chuck P. Area 72 Bridging The Gap Chair. Their work is exceptional.

We had a fabulous turnout for the first Area Treatment Workbook Study Group on February 22nd. We completed the first half of the Workbook. The second half of the Workbook Study Group was completed on Saturday, March 22nd. We had some great comments and suggestions.

We were also able to accommodate Jason from District 2 with some panelist from District 39. Carol F. Treatment Chair for District 39 said she and Judy P. really did well, and the treatment center was thrilled with their panel.

Treatment and Bridging the Gap are hosting our second orientation on Sunday, March 30th to address processes and procedures related to Bridging the Gap coordination between the BTG Committee and the treatment centers. We will have an online/Zoom refresher on the BridgebyZip program. It is a simple program that can be confusing. Which we plan to resolve.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Suzi L.
Area 72aa Treatment Chair

Webservant – Shu D.

Name: Shu D.
Position: Area 72 Webservant
District number: 56
Date: April 5th, 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- I held two workshops for our area trusted servants on the basics of Google (Gmail, Google Drive, Area website), any additional questions that were brought to the table, and I had help from Patrick (Tech and Web Chair) and Emma S. one of our Techs. I attended the Tech and Web, Archives and Treatment quarterlies, District 31 district meeting, and met with a plethora of individuals over the phone and on zoom to further assist them in any way that was needed.
- Co-chaired the Tech and Web Steering Committee meeting, held our first Web Steering committee meeting, and met with Patrick (Tech and Web Chair) almost every Saturday night to triage issues, requests, and all things tech related; we make a great team!

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- I don’t see things as problems, I see them as challenges to be worked on and figured out. What I have learned (with the support of others) is that most things can be figured out and resolved or not; it is an area of consistent change, flexibility, adaptability, and collaboration.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Out of the Tech Steering Committee meeting in February, there are four of us who are working on a project around security, both within the Website and within our Google structure; there will be more information to come over the next several months as to what that will look like. There will be plenty of notice and details before anything happens.
- Patrick and I are working closely with the Archivist and Archives Chair to develop a procedure for archiving relevant documents at the end of each rotation.
- To continue to document procedures and information that will be useful to the next trusted servant in this position.
- As always, please reach out if you have any questions and thank you for this opportunity to serve you as your Panel 75 Webservant.

Young People’s Chair – Heather S.

Name: Heather Spencer
Position: Area 72 Young People’s Chair
Date: 3/23/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

We had our first Young People’s Quarterly on January 25th, 2025 at the Seattle Intergroup. We had a great turnout, both in person and on zoom. I was excited to hear about the amazing service work happening throughout many districts in Area 72. At our first quarterly, we spent time talking about what a Young People’s committee chair does, as well as going through the Young People’s committee handbook and the Area 72 website. As a committee, we brainstormed ways to get young AA members involved in general service. We also talked about how to reach young still suffering alcoholics in the community. We discussed some ideas of projects we’re interested in working on as an Area, as well as topics the committee is interested in hearing about at future quarterlies. Overall, we used the first quarterly to get to know each other and share ideas about how we can make this rotation great!

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

Not too many problems have arisen so far. I am still looking for a secretary for the Young People’s committee (reach out if you’re interested!). The committee also expressed some concern/confusion about the status of the videos they recorded last rotation. I have reached out to our past delegate about where it all stands with GSO and I plan to bring back information to the committee once I get a better understanding of the situation.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

I am currently preparing for our next Quarterly, which will be held on Saturday, April 26th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at the Lynnwood Alano Club. It will be a hybrid event. I’m excited to have members of the Young People in Service Committee from Area 8 (San Diego/Imperial) join us at our next quarterly to share some of the great work they are doing in their area. This quarter, I hope to work with other committees to see how the Young People’s committee can help carry the message to still suffering young alcoholics. For instance, at juvenile detention centers, schools, adolescent treatment centers and psychiatric units, etc.. I am also interested in the possibility of hosting some workshops/events to get more young AA members involved in general service.

DCM SHARING

District 1– (Hispanic Linguistic District South of King/Snohomish County Line to Olympia including Olympic Peninsula) DCM Jose M., Alt. DCM Rodrigo M.

Name: Rodrigo M.
Position: Alt DCM

District number: 1
Date: 4/5/25

- Our District meeting is the 4th Thursday of the month
- We have 4 committee positions filled, PI, CPC, La Vina, and Corrections
- Santiago, in Corrections didn’t have much of an idea what he was supposed to be doing until he attended the Corrections Quarterly and now he has a better understanding of Corrections and is starting to get involved
- We have asked our 9 GSRs that attend the District meeting to have their points of order and agenda items ready when they come so the meeting doesn’t get so rushed
- I believe that’s it, thank you

District 2 – (Camano Island, NW Snohomish County, Arlington, Stanwood) DCM Saundra R., Alt. DCM Lori N.

Name: Saundra Rose
Position: DCM
District Number: 2
Date: 4/2/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- District 2 has been reviewing and discussing our past inventory topics. This past month’s review has identified our strengths to be, keeping new GSRs engaged and their return for additional rotations.
- District 2 has been able to have difficult but productive conversations regarding “The Plain Language Big Book” and other changes made during the COVID Pandemic. We educated ourselves regarding the content of the PLBB and changes made in the 12x12. District 2 has explored the motions that moved the aforementioned decisions forward and are collectively working on a group conscious feedback for Area 72.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- District 2, as with most district rotations, struggled with structure changes within our treatment service community.
 - We appear to have a strong presence in the treatment facilities in our district and at times the objective of this service work was becoming “muddy”.
 - As a district, we worked on the concerns for a couple of months, as did the AA groups that took the panels/meetings into the facilities.
- The outcome was, in this writer’s humble opinion, a beautiful thing. Our recovery community, as they learned how to practice and apply our traditions, self-corrected and this service opportunity continues to be a large part of District 2.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- District 2 hopes to fill all of our open positions by forming small committees that will share our need for service reps throughout the northern district’s meetings.
- District 2 also has a goal of organizing a spaghetti potluck, just for fun and fellowship.

District 3 (SE Snohomish County, Lake Stevens, Highway 2 Corridor to Steven’s Pass) – DCM Dan H., Alt. DCM

Name: Dan H.
Position: DCM
District number: 3
Date: 4/1/25

Over the past few months, our District has participated in several key events, including GSR School and the Pre-Conference. These were collaborative efforts—hosted jointly with neighboring districts, where fellow DCMs and their committees often took on the heavier lift. I’m grateful for their leadership and support. Alongside our regular business meetings, these events are a reminder that the work of carrying the message is rarely done alone.

It’s no secret that service at the district level can sometimes feel like unfamiliar territory. It can be a challenge to step into these roles, especially when the work isn’t always visible. That’s why I have so much appreciation for those who do say yes—whether you’re helping organize an event, attending business meetings, or simply showing up to learn more about how our structure works. Whatever part you play, your efforts truly matter.

For me, this past season has brought a deeper awareness of what service really means. The sense of responsibility has become more real—and so has my appreciation for all those who came before, quietly doing the work that keeps AA strong and ready for the next person who reaches out.

District 4 – (Skagit County Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley) - DCM Sue J., Alt. DCM Annabelle K.

Name: Edward S.
Position: DCM
District number: 4
Date: 4/5/25

- We have almost all of our committees filled, still looking for a CPC
- We helped co-host the pre-conference with the Northern Districts, which went really well
- We’ve updated our website and included some information from District 46 and District 11
- I was just speaking with the DCM from 11 and we’re considering a bid for the Northern Districts for the 2030 Area Assembly also working with the No Reservations group, a monthly speaker meeting which has been going on for about 17 years
- In June we will be having a halibut taco feed, we would love to have you guys come out

District 7 – (South Clark/Skamania Counties) DCM Rose B., Alt. DCM Robert E.

Name: Rose B.
Position: DCM
District number: 7
Date: 4/1/25

District 7 has had some busy committees this quarter.

- Corrections will officially be entering the jails soon as Scottie and Robert have been working with Skamania County.
- Jennifer Jo, our PI Chair, has been busy too. She’s been working closely with various community outreach organizations.
- We officially have a Young Person’s Chair, Liz, and she is energetically tackling her new position.
- Our Treatment chair, Joey, has taken over for Matt and is doing amazing work in our local treatment centers.
- Archives, run by Paul, is still going strong and CPC as well as Bridging the Gap are both very active.

I’m honored to work with such caring and hard working service members.

Challenges we face as a district are being new in our various service positions. I have faith that we will all work together smoothly by the end of the rotation.

Goals and aspirations for District 7 haven’t been recently discussed as we are all just getting started in our new roles. Personally, I am committed to seeing that these committees continue to grow and develop to further help the still suffering alcoholic. I also continue to encourage groups in District 7 to have a GSR. Currently, we have approximately 20.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Rose Bell

District 8 – (Thurston and Mason Counties) DCM Debbie B. Alt DCM Melissa K.

Name: Debbie B.
Position: DCM
District number: 8
Date: 4/1/25

Hi from District 8! We had lots of activities in the 1st Qtr.

- In January, we hosted a Chairing a Meeting Workshop. We had 69 participants, 64 in person, 5 online. Lots of people with comments about it being helpful. The Committee just had their after event meeting and a document is in process and will soon be available. Stay tuned.
- In February, we hosted the 1st GSR School, In March, some of us attended a Pre-Conference in Chehalis hosted by District 28. Others attended by Zoom on March 26.
- Melissa and I attended PRAASA in Anchorage - super cool.
- We have 1 District Chair position left to fill.
- We are going to be working on our budget in April.

It will be great to see all of you this upcoming weekend.

Love in Service
Debbie DCM D 8
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District 9 – (Central Tacoma, Fircrest) DCM Shannon H., Alt DCM Mark S.

Name: [Shannon Hanson](#)
Position: DCM
District number: 9
Date: 3/11/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Meeting the new GSR’s and liaisons that are serving this rotation has been amazing, we not only hit the gate running with pre-conference planning, GSR school which was very well attended with our south sound 7 family, we are also hosting the July quarterly, so we are keeping busy here! Big Thank you to the host committee for doing a great job.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- We are trudging along, we did suffer the loss of a dear committee member, Tom R that has served various positions in district 9 the last several years, he will be missed. With that a liaison position came open and we are looking to fill a CSO Director position.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- This next quarter we are planning on working on hosting the July quarterly and having fun as we do business in D9!!

District 10 – (Kitsap Peninsula) DCM Mike D., Alt DCM Hollie M.

Name: Mike D
Position: District 10 DCM
Date: 04/04/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- Our district is active and striving. We currently have 28 active groups on our district schedule which is located online at dist10.org. Each group holds meetings at least once a week and other groups have as many as 31 meetings a week. There are 20 out of the 28 groups having General Service Representatives.
- We have all Trusted Servant positions filled at our district level. In fact, we have added another trusted servant position at our February district meeting called the Twelve Step Service Committee Liaison. This position will benefit our district and Puget Sound Central Service Officer in communication and hopefully support our CSO in Tacoma with volunteer support in the future.
- As I write this report, we have our district handbook revised and ready for committee approval at our March 30th meeting. It was held off for the addition of our latest Trusted Servants duties and responsibilities written in for the Twelve Step Service Committee Liaison.
- Some of our groups have started meetings to study “The Plain Language Big Book.” Participation is good.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with:

- Working on ways to show the groups without GSRs the benefit of having a voice and a link between their group and the General Service Conference.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter:

- Attending more meetings in our district without GSRs to update them on the Conference Agenda Items, so they know what’s going on.
- Continue with studying the A.A. Service Manual and 12 Concept.

I am grateful to be of service,

Mike D. D10 DCM

District 11 – (Whatcom County, Bellingham) DCM Josh C., Alt DCM

Name: Josh C.
Position: DCM
District number: 11
Date: 4/5/25

- We’re doing great work and have a lot of GSR participation
- Most of our commitments are filled, just a couple had to back out recently, but others have stepped up to fill in temporarily

- We’ve recently tried to get information back to our delegate through the groups
- We’re trying hard to just get better at getting information disseminated through the community
- We’re working hard with the wonderful women of Whatcom County as they put together the Northwest Girsstock which they have been doing for the last 8 years, it’s a weekend of fun and fellowship April 25th – 27th

District 12 – (North and East Snohomish County, Everett) DCM Shane M., Alt DCM Diane C.

Name: Shane M.
Position: DCM District:12
Date: 3/21/2025

Hello Area72 Greetings from District12!

- We came hot off the heels from a great GSR School at Recovery Café in Everett with Districts 3,12,19,24,and 42 it was super great planning this Event Together with Lupita Alt Delegate.
- We took that experience to our Pre Conference planning. we used Emails then created a Google workspace and had regular Zoom meetings till the Day of North Districts Pre Conference March 16 yay!!!!!! Everything went well we had our Coffee Urn quit and some Sound problems.
- There were a lot of People in person and Zoom from Districts 2,3,4,11,12,19,24,42,46 and 3 Districts from Tacoma participated online.
- P I made sure all our district 12 GSRs had Pre Conference Packets, Materials, and the agenda and all the background info.
- We learned how to get to the Google Form for feedback to our Delegate.
- We are working on making District 12s business meeting Hybrid on a trial basis.
- We are all registered for the Business Quarterly to include renting a room! Woo Hoo! Road trip!
- We keep working on filling chair positions and inviting people and groups to participate.
- This truly is very rewarding being of Service to AA and the still suffering Alcoholic.
- Oh, and we got to do a Bridging the Gap too!

If you’re in Everett on the First Thursday of the month at 7 to 8:30 pm, come say hi at the Recovery Café Everett.

District 14 – (West Seattle, White Center, Vashon Island) – DCM David J., Alt DCM

Name: David J
Position: DCM
District number: 14 (West Seattle, White Center, Vashon Island)
Date: April 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- As a result of active engagement by several fellows in District 14, we were able to fill 5 open district service positions, including Alt DCM, Corrections, Accessibility, Public Information, and CPC. That leaves only one remaining open committee chair, Young People’s Chair, and we are confident we will fill this position soon.
- Our Public Information Chair teamed up with the Greater Seattle Intergroup CPC/PI Chair to have an AA table at the first Westwood Village Community Resource Fair in West Seattle on Saturday, March 22. This was a fantastic way to carry the message and was very well received.
- Teamed up with an amazing group of DCM’s and Alt DCM’s from Districts 15, 17, 18, 31, 32, 40, and 41 to host a GSR Workshop at Greater Seattle Intergroup on Saturday, February 22, led by our Alt Delegate Lupita. At least 60 fellows were in attendance eager to learn and share about how GSR’s can be more effective in their important roles.
- Once again teamed up with DCM’s and Alt DCM’s from Districts 15, 17, 31, 32, 40, and 41 to host a Delegate’s Pre-Conference in Phinney Ridge on Sunday, March 23. Over 100 people attended for a wonderful show of support and engagement in discussion about agenda items for the upcoming General Service Conference. The event went great! Our lesson learned: we underestimated how many snacks our friends would consume!

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- Two of our groups contacted me with safety concerns in their meetings, both involving disruptive activity in their groups. I am grateful for guidance available from GSO in the form of the “Safety in AA” pamphlet and other writings that helped these groups work to form a group conscience about the matters and allow their meetings to continue in a safe way.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Fill the remaining open service position in District 14.
- Attend a wider variety of meetings in the district to understand their group conscience and establish greater communication.
- Reach out to 3 meetings without a GSR.
- Continue to enhance the connection with DCM’s and their Alternates from not only the nine Greater Seattle districts but beyond Seattle as well.
- Work with Central District DCM’s to establish a timeline, location and plan for the Delegate report-back from her time at the General Service Conference.

District 15 – (Downtown Seattle, West Capitol Hill) DCM15 John (Peeps) P., Alt DCM

Name: Peeps
Position: DCM
District number: 15
Date: 4/5/25

- We get 10 – 14 different groups at our district meeting, I’m expecting a new group at our April meeting
- We’re struggling a bit, we have to replace our Alt DCM and our Secretary
- Other than that, we’re gung-ho and looking forward to tomorrow

District 16 – (NE Seattle, University District) DCM Scott

Name: Scott
Position: DCM
District number: 16
Date: 4/5/25

- We have a relatively small number of active groups, but we’ve seen some growth lately with new groups moving into the area and new groups forming which has been a boost of enthusiasm for our District
- Most of our positions are filled

- We identified some priorities at the beginning of the year, one of which is to visit the unrepresented groups and invite participation, asking how we can help support them
- We also have a lot of young people that are active and that is a big priority for us
- There is a serious lack of meetings around the University and none on the campus, do that’s an unmet need
- We are planning a bid for the YP Quarterly for July
- We also have an Archives Chair who is organizing our archives and considering a strategy for organizing our digital archives

District 17 – (NW Seattle, Ballard) DCM Taylor B, Alt DCM Josh B.

Name: Josh B.
Position: Alt DCM
District number: 17
Date: Apr 1, 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Alongside other DCMs, Taylor and I helped plan the GSR School hosted at GSIG on Feb 22. It was great to see all the other DCMs and GSRs!
- We participated in planning for the Central Districts Pre-Conference.
- Natalie became our district registrar at our February meeting.
- Woodland Park Women has continued to take a meeting into a Swedish facility for pregnant people with alcohol and substance abuse issues.
- We started using our area Google accounts to organize our district minutes, event flyers, etc.
- Our district participated in the central district’s pre-conference Lots of great conversations from the GSRs with Courtney and Lupita. Great attendance (around 104 people).

Goals for the next quarter

- We've started planning our district's gratitude banquet. David & Sonny will be taking the lead.
- We'll be inviting some area/intergroup trusted servants to our district meetings. GSRs are interested in learning what those committees are doing for AA and how to get involved.

District 18 – (Renton, Kent, Tukwila) DCM Lara R., Alt DCM Lee R.

Lara R.
DCM district 18
Alt. DCM Lee R.
QUARTERLY REPORT
APRIL 2025

Hello Area 72

- We have had so much fun in district 18 learning our new positions and filling our Committee Chair positions. We still have 1 vacancy but hope to fill that at our next District meeting.
- Our accomplishments are that our district meeting has grown so much we needed to move to a different venue. We have moved back to our pre pandemic location, and it feels good to be back there.
- Our registrar, also alt. DCM, has successfully registered our new servants and everyone is up and running with emails. God bless Lee.
- We co-hosted a GSR School with central districts and hosted a pre-conference with the eastern districts. District 18 has a bit of an identity crisis geographically, but we like to keep our options open.
- We have scheduled our summer picnic for July 27th and have agreed to meet quarterly for a potluck before the district meeting starting in April.
- There are a number of district 18 servants on the 12 step committee for Seattle Intergroup and they have stepped up to reinstitute the chat feature on the Seattle AA website. Hooray for the young people!!!
- The servants in district 18 are absolutely on fire for service and are inspiring to watch. They are truly making my job as DCM easy and amazingly enjoyable.
- Goals for next quarter are to have Lupita come and conduct a condensed GSR School at the district meeting and to make sure our groups know how to get their group conscience to Courtney before the deadline, so we do our part in helping her to be as informed as possible while she is there to serve our Area.

Gratefully in service,
Lara R.

District 19 – (Southwest Everett, Mukilteo, Mill Creek) DCM Joe T. / Alt DCM 19 Bryanna B.

Name: Joe T.
Position: DCM
District number: 19
Date: 4/5/25

- We’re getting 12 and 19 to do a co-picnic again this year
- We have a banquet coming up
- We’re doing a 3rd legacy meeting prior to our regular district meeting, we’re currently talking about the Traditions now which fills m Spirit and helps me serve better
- We’re trying to keep the ball rolling with corrections at the Snohomish County jail, we were just able to get a couple meetings in at the end of the last rotation and the new Corrections Chair is trying to continue that
- It’s nice to get the help of some of the people with established sobriety time an helping alcoholics with challenges get to meetings

District 21 – (Grays Harbor County and half of Pacific County) DCM Lisa B., Terry P. Alt DCM

Name: Lisa B
Position: DCM
District Number: 21
Date: 3/24/25

- Eight people attended the Southern Preconference from District 21 on April 15th. It was very informative, and we had some fun too.
- Our March District 21 meeting was held on Sunday April 16th. We discussed the Preconference, reviewing our district handbook, and the upcoming district inventory.
- Our district hotline chair, Dori B., reported that so far she has some volunteers for the hotline and is working on getting the VoIP system up and running soon.
- Our district Corrections chair needs books to take into the correctional facilities in our district.
- We also discussed making a budget for the district.

- We had our district inventory on Saturday March 22nd. There were 10 people in attendance, including Derek our Area Chairman who facilitated the inventory. Even though there were only a few of us we got a lot done and came up with some great ideas to increase interest and attendance. The ideas ranged from changing the time of our district meetings, rotating the location, going hybrid, and visiting the group to encourage participation.
- Terry P. our Alt DCM is finalizing a bid for the April 2026 Quarterly to be presented at the April 2025 Quarterly on April 4th and 5th.
- Terry and I will both be attending the April Quarterly in Vancouver. Thank you for letting me serve.

Lisa B. DCM 21

District 22 – (North Olympic Peninsula) DCM Pete P., Alt DCM Monica W.

Name: Pete P & Monica W
Position: DCM & Alt-DCM
Date: March 20, 2025

Events

Come to the Olympic Peninsula in May for the Olympic Roundup A.A. conference. Registration, program, and more information available at <https://olympicroundup.org/>

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- We landed on a modified budget in January that reflected a more realistic (lower) bottom line of expenses.
- We have filled almost all open chair positions.
- GSR attendance has been greatly improved in the last quarter.
- We have had several cooperative projects with our neighbor Districts 55 & 56, including our GSR school in late February (also thank you District 43 for participating) and researching and preparing a bid for one of the 2026 Area Quarterlies.
- Attendance at Area Quarterlies by both Monica (Alt-DCM) and myself remains a priority.
- Monica and I are getting into the habit of showing up at various group business meetings and have made this a focus for our rotation.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- We still lack a Newsletter and Accessibilities Committee Chair
- The District is very challenged financially, lacking a prudent reserve and historically low balance in its checking account. Contributions from groups have been down, so despite a budget that reflects less spending, we are still flirting with missing bill payments. Groups are being asked to review their treasuries and contribution splits.
- District 22 is currently listed as an Incorporated c(3) nonprofit organization. This presents several problems, including breaking anonymity of named officers and a misuse of the c(3) “public benefit” designation.
- Our Districts response to Bridging the Gap requests has been haphazard at best.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Attend at least ½ of the meetings in our District that do not have GSRs and encourage them to participate.
- Continue research and conversations regarding correcting the entity status of District 22.
- Improve our system for responding to Bridging the Gap requests to insure that we address all of them.

District 24–(Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace) DCM Lisa J., Alt DCM Jan H.

Name: Lisa J
Position: DCM
District number: 24
Date: March 19, 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter

- I’m super proud to be part of District 24 and all the work the district chairs are doing!!
- Our YP Chair, John B., has been working on contacting schools in our district and seeing that literature is available for those that need it. Specifically Young & Sober, Stories from AA Grapevine. He’s also been working with the district to hopefully get the Young Persons video shown in Health classes at the High Schools.
 - Our Treatment Chair, Kelly L., is working with Techs at the only treatment center we have in our district to bring in AA meetings twice a month, as well as talking with them about Bridging the Gap. She has been putting together a list of names and numbers, male and females, so those in treatment or detox have a contact when they come out. Both chairs are also working closely with each other, as well as other chairs, to be of maximum service to anyone struggling with alcoholism.
 - We had a very successful gratitude banquet in March with around 270 in attendance and an abundance of food. It was a great time, with great participation from home groups and volunteers. A special thank you to both our speakers.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- None that I can think of.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin working on in the next quarter.

- We will try to be sure our GSRs have what they need to get their groups conscience and report back to our Delegate prior to Conference.

District 25 – (Online Only) DCM Joanne G., Alt DCM Thom R.

Name: Jo G.
Position: DCM
District Number: 25 (online only)
Date: April 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

District 25, being the first ever online AA district, continues to attract new groups to its ranks. We are comprised at the time of this writing of 48 groups that are mostly situated within the boundaries of the United States but at least three are operating outside the U.S. so that we are truly a district without “geographical boundaries” as we are described by Area 72 when District 25 was formulated and then that wording added by majority vote at Assembly during the last rotation. Additionally, we have had two more members stand for committee chair positions which they now hold leaving only the CPC and Young People’s committee chair left to fill. I have reached out to the Area72 chairs of these committees to speak at upcoming district meetings to inform and encourage anyone and everyone to maybe stand and fill these positions sooner than later.

Because we have gotten so large it was impossible to hear all reports from all of the groups and committees and still work through any old district business or introduce new business and discussion time was all too short. A solution might have been to simply lengthen the regular district meeting. However, we decided to try another format wherein we simply called for anyone present to “Ask questions of the other groups or committees, Make announcements that might be pertinent to the whole, or express and concerns or challenges their group was experiencing, or changes to their schedule, etc.” Everyone is encouraged to weigh in on any of these subjects if their groups have experience with solutions or similar challenges and this new format was formally adopted after a two month trial and seems to be working well to ensure that the business meeting is not too lengthy from month to month while still provide time enough to conduct district business.

Problems or issues District 25 is facing or has already dealt with:

It is my contention that it is because District 25 is enthusiastically involved with committee work and service in general that we continue to be the online district that online groups gravitate toward joining. Obviously at some point we may become too large to work effectively but that is how new meetings are created, and new districts will continue to crop up as well. There are, if my information is correct, nine online districts in existence at this time. And at some point, there will be a sufficient number of online districts that an online area will be needed if for no other reason than that the problems online groups and districts experience are often very different than anything the geographically tethered districts and areas deal with on a regular basis.

District 25 is experiencing one such obstacle at the present moment. With 3 “international” groups and many members living outside the U.S. boundaries being regular members of online groups that otherwise are comprised of folk living inside the U.S. we have discovered that those people living outside the geographical boundary are not able to access the Area 72 website to gather information for their groups or as individuals about the subjects and events that all other Area 72 people are considering, addressing, or being made privy to. That, of course, includes the Area Newsletter. What this means is that there are a good number of members who cannot be of service or any service they might wish to take on is limited by their inability to communicate directly with Area 72.

It is my understanding that this “firewall” was first devised when it was more difficult to insure against computer sabotage and “thievery” but that was some time ago and new and easier means to secure the website while still allowing for people to access it who are legitimate members and trusted servants is possible.

So, District 25 is working to overcome this particular challenge to insure that all of our people can enjoy the same rights, opportunities and inclusion as everyone else in Area72 and that AA’s message will be available to all who seek.

Goals District 25 hopes to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter:

Our Grapevine/Literature committee recently hosted a quarterly with much success and I know that several other committee chairs hope to follow in the footsteps of the GV/Lit folk. That being said I would also like to drum up interest in and enthusiasm for District 25 to soon put in a bid to host/cohost an Area Quarterly or Assembly. To do so online only would dramatically cut the cost of such a production for the Area and for groups and districts. In a time of economic challenges, of which Area 72 is certainly not immune, more fiscally feasible ways must be considered and District 25 would like to help with that if able.

District 27 – (Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties, Longview, Kelso, Ilwaco) DCM David K. Alt. DCM Deborah B.

Name: Dave K.
Position: DCM
District number: 27
Date: 3-21-25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- PI and CPC committee formed and working. They are meeting monthly.
- The Corrections and Treatment committee was just recently formed and is getting started.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- Getting other groups involved with their district business
- Filling open sub-committee positions

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Attending other group business meetings.
- Filling up those vacant sub-committees at our district.

District 28 – (Lewis County, Centralia) DCM James Mc., Alt DCM Pamela L.

Name: Jim M.
Position: DCM
District: 28
Date: March 31,2025

Accomplishments:

- Treatment Chair bringing panels to treatment centers to help the struggling alcoholic in real time.
- Corrections chair and Alt Chair bringing both men and women in recovery to jails to share their stories of recovery.
- Formed an ADHOC committee to update District handbook.

Current problems:

- Funding District Chairs and Committees goals to aid alcoholics in recovery.

Goals:

- To recruit District home group members as volunteers to aid in fulfilling our objectives.

Jim M. dcm28@area72aa.org

District 29 – (Puyallup, Eatonville, Orting) DCM Fred J., Alt DCM Amanda M.

Name: Fred J.
Position: DCM
District number: 29
Date: 4/1/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- We have had enthusiastic participation in our business meetings and service.
- We had excellent attendance by our GSR's at the pre-conferences.
- The district has started to participate with other Puget Sound districts in several service committees. That appears to be going well.
- I have been trying to get to all of the meetings in the district. I have a few left to go and it has been fun meeting new people and essentially re-introducing groups to the district function and roll in service.
- We have a very active Third Legacy Program (Roadshow) that has been very well received in the district.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- The District still needs to fill several alternate service positions. I would like to see more involvement at the group level in the service committees.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Fill the Alternate Service positions at the District level.
- See more active involvement at the group level in the District Service Committees.

District 31 – (Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila) DCM West C., Alt DCM Christine S.

Name: West C.
Position: DCM
District number: 31 – (Burien, Normandy Park, Sea-Tac, Des Moines & Tukwila)
Date: 4/1/25

My name is West C, DCM31, and I feel humbled and blessed to have witnessed our district really come together this first quarter of Panel 75.

We meet monthly every second Wednesday via Zoom and once per quarter in person. Dawn P stepped into the Alt DCM role in January, and we are getting close to filling all our district positions.

I would like to thank Shu D for being super supportive in helping all our new trusted servants register on the area website, access our new e-mails & give us a very informative presentation at our February meeting.

Our March in-person meeting at Grace Lutheran Church was highlighted by "Lupita the Great's" presence as she educated us and filled us in on all things AA.

Our GSR's participated and learned a ton at GSR school in February at GSIG and we had a full D31 table last weekend at the Central Group Pre-Conference.

Thank you D32 for co-hosting our 52nd annual Burien Little Assembly with us at Grace Lutheran Church. It was a well-attended success, and I felt we all came together to knock it out da pawk!

I would also like to thank D14 for helping spearhead our 2026 Quarterly bid and am super excited to be a part of *TEAM AWESOME!!!*

Bottom line, I am looking forward to growing & thriving with D31 going forward! We plan to host workshops and many other fun events.

My goals include attending every D31 homegroup's business meeting, welcoming in an Area 72 guest at each of our monthly meetings while carrying the message of hope to the alcoholic who still suffers.

At Your Service with Gratitude,
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District 32 – (Auburn, Federal Way) DCM Nicole F.J., Alt DCM Robert B.

Name: Nicole J.
Position: DCM
District number: 32
Date: 3/11/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Several new GSRs (and new DCM) attended GSR School and several new committee chairs have connected with their committees.
- We have had our 3 regular district business meetings by the time of writing this report (4 by the time we have out April Quarterly).
- During our March meeting we had Karen and Dan from the Intergroups Corrections Committee share with us the importance of a corrections committee/chair in the hopes of helping us fill the open D32 corrections position.
- We look forward to having Jen (Area 72 Archives Chair) come to our April meeting to discuss Archives.
- A new meeting (Silver Linings Group) has been started at the Brookdale Senior Living - Federal Way. This group has started to meet the needs of a AA residents that have accessibility limitations and to encourage fellowship with the larger AA community of District 32. This is an open meeting the meets on Saturdays at 11:00a.m.
- Our Events Chair (Dave) has started planning our annual summer picnic by researching locations and a survey has been created to determine the best dates to hold the event.
- A list of all District 32 meetings has been created to identify “silent” groups for future visits to share information about District 32 monthly meetings, service at the district level, and to determine if there are any issues/problems that any groups might like district help in solving.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- Lack of group attendance at district meetings even though we are a hybrid meeting. As mentioned above, a list of “silent” groups has been created for DCM & Alt DCM to attend to encourage group participation at the district level.
- Several vacant committee/service positions. Hopefully additional group participation will result in more involvement in service to fulfill our primary purpose.
- Low/infrequent financial support from D32 groups – need to attend group business meetings to review our financial responsibility in carrying the message to help the still suffering and AA as a whole.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Increase group engagement at district meetings by inviting “silent” groups to attend.
- Fill vacant committee/service positions.
- Conduct a district inventory.
- Create a committee to review and update our district handbook.
- Have committee chairs reach out to individuals/groups to help fill open committee positions.

District 33-(Ravensdale, Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Summit) DCM Cheri D., Alt DCM Cristina Mc.

Name: Cheri Davidson
Position: DCM
District number: 33
Date: March 31st, 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Getting established with the new rotation has been a process. I am afraid Mark’s (District 33s last DCM) calm aurora gave me a false belief that it would be an easy transition into Dist. 33 DCM. It was easy but felt internally hard for me, likely due to my own expectation of self so taking God with me helped. I am proud of the turnouts we are having at each business meeting. We have a total of 24 groups in our District and of those groups we have 15 with GSR. We had 10 of those attend the eastside pre-conference in Renton last week. Of our 15 Committees, we have 11 Committee chairs filled. Many new faces. Our budget has been discussed and

approved for the year including funds to send one person to attend the PRSSA Conference 2025. Alt DCM Christina attended and has reported back to us our March District meeting. We also have formed an ad hoc committee to determine how best to deal with the Finances of our re-established Gratitude banquet.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with: No real issues thus far. We were having lots of discussion about the funds from the November Gratitude banquet. It seemed to be discussed without much resolution, hence the formation of the ad hoc committee. More will be revealed.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

This next quarter we would like to reach out to those meetings not participating at the district level with the hopes of listening and learning and what we can do at the district level to attract.

We also have a couple Community events coming up for the A.A informational booths, Maple Valley Days and Covington Days.

Looking forward to Report Backs

Love in service
Cheri Davidson DCM 33

District 34 (Bellevue, Redmond, Mercer Island) –DCM Angel M. Belinda Alt. DCM

Name: Angel
Position: DCM
District number: 34
Date: 4/5/25

- It has been a busy quarter for us
- We have visited a lot of groups
- We had an event called a Speed Dating Workshop
- We hosted the CPC Quarterly
- Attended meetings on line and a lot of committee quarterlies
- We offered to co-host the PI Quarterly in August
- We have invited members of the Area to speak at our events
- We filled some committee positions

Belinda, Alt DCM shared

- We have been doing a lot in our district, attending committee quarterlies
- I personally attended PRAASA
- I have a place procured for our Gratitude Banquet in November

District 35 (Issaquah, Sammamish) – DCM John K., Alt. DCM

Name: John K.
Position: DCM
District number: 35
Date: 3/23/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Continued to fill key committee positions: Treasurer; Alt Treasurer; D35 Eastside Intergroup Representative; Bridging the Gap.
- Several new GSRs/Alt GSRs rotated into District to represent their groups; excited for the energy, enthusiasm and ideas they are bringing.
- Our GSR turnout for the Eastside Pre-Conference Meeting was excellent.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- Our District is quite active, yet <50% of the groups in our district have GSR representation. We continue to visit with unrepresented groups to share information and answer any questions they may have, but progress has been slow to come. We’re open to hearing any ideas you have had success with to overcome this challenge.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- A year ago, we undertook a District Inventory and spent the past months discussing and prioritizing the many key findings we found as a result of that process. Our goal for this year is to put into action what we felt were two top priorities:
 1. We are forming a committee to delve into how we can better attract a broader cross-section of our diverse community to our rooms. We seek to better understand the barriers these underserved segments of the community face, and how to better inform them that A.A. offers a potential solution.
 2. In the past (pre-Covid years), District 35 had a core number of young persons attending the various meetings in our area. Today, there is a much smaller representation in our rooms, despite the increasing challenges alcohol and drugs represent to our community’s youth segment. We are forming a second committee, headed by our Young Person’s Chair, to develop a plan for engaging this segment and attracting them to our rooms.
- Recently, District 35 was approached by a Middle School teacher in our community, inquiring about bringing speakers into her classroom during the “Alcohol Unit” of her health class. She had previously taught at a Bellevue middle school where there had been a speaker program of this nature in place and was interested in bringing it to her current classes. Just last week we received word that she had been given approval to proceed.
This effort is a joint collaboration with District 36 and their Young’s Person’s Chair, and we are now working out the details: dates, finding and vetting speakers, scheduling a “talking to non-AA audiences” workshop, etc.

District 36 (NE King County, Duvall, North Bend) – DCM Michael L., Alt. DCM

Name: Mike L.
Position: DCM
District number: 36
Date: 4/1/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Three good district business meetings. I think we have a good meeting pace and content. Invited Bud W to present to the group on Accessibility and Lupita (Alternate Delegate) to talk about pre-conference and the General Service Conference. Both were well received. I have had a chance to participate in area service on the Area Finance Committee, the Language Steering Committee and the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee. All three have been enlightening and fun to work with fellow Area trusted servants and learn about these important committees and the work they do to support AA in Western Washington. The District Corrections Chair, Natalie C, has been busy getting AA back into Echo Glen Children’s Center. There are volunteer coordinators at the facility who have been working to get a meeting started and we have several volunteers going though the updated process to visit the facility. Our Events Chair, Jerry G, has been planning and executing several AA gatherings to provide fellowship in the valley. Tami B, who is serving as both District Registrar and Web Servant has put the dual role to good use by keeping our website and meeting schedule up to date. She is providing us with vital information on the groups who are not represented at district via GSR or group contact. We also have an Archives Chair, Allison S, and our Young Peoples Chair, Sam S, who have been active in Area Quarterlies. Our Eastside Intergroup Representative, Patrick S, provides a face for District 36 at the Intergroup and is also a member of the Intergroup Board. Our District Secretary Heather C and Treasurer Dwayne B keep the business side of District 36 in order. I am so grateful to these

two for their service and support of District 36. We have a great and lively group of GSR who attend regularly and represent the best of AA in the Snoqualmie Valley. I am in awe that so many people are willing to give back and I love the meetings that I attend throughout our district. Please visit the district website here: <https://snovalleyaa.org>

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We are still lacking key service positions in the district, and I feel stretched trying to make sure our obligations are met. I have been trying to attend Area Quarterlies where we don’t have a current District Chair. This has been with mixed success. We have requests from Districts to support some district and area initiatives that would be handled but Chairs that we don’t have. I am asking the active members of the district how we can support these without Chairs. We also need a succession plan for the DCM, because we don’t have an Alternate. I feel we don’t need solutions to these immediately, but the district should be aware of the impact to service without these positions filled.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Continue to spread the word about service. Get GSR or group contacts from meetings that are not participating in District. Or find out how the district can help them if they can’t participate.

District 37 (North Clark County, North Vancouver, Woodland) DCM Lauren G., Alt DCM Tom C.

Name: Lauren G.
Position: DCM

District 38 (Kirkland) DCM Kim H., Alt DCM Cheryl L.

Name: Kim H.
Position: DCM
District number:38
Date: March 16, 2025

- Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]
- District 38 will be hosting a Founders Day event on June 7th. What has been really inspirational is to see new people from our district be invited to be a part of that committee and thrive. All of the sub-committees have been filled, and it is uplifting to see the meetings raising their hands and participating.
 - Being a part of General Service has changed my perception of AA and I want to share that with everyone I know (in AA). I have been a part of a concept study and an intensive Traditions study so I can better understand AA, as a whole. Again, something I am proud of is how many people in District 38 are showing up and being interested in General Service. I want to keep that momentum going and help transmit the information when it comes to the Groups of the district and the GSRs.

- Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]
- We still have a handful of positions that need to be filled however we have partnered with D39 in treatment and Bridging the Gap to create a list of people who are available to sit on a panel in a treatment center. D39 has been very supportive and would like to work together to make sure the message keeps getting delivered.
 - I have reached out to some people who I know are involved in corrections, just not at the district level. Sometimes we need to be approached in order to understand what might be available.

- Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
- Our biggest goal is to kick off this Founders Day without any hiccups. I know that some groups are interested in having more fellowship events and possibly a workshop. With the support of past DCM 31, we might be able to enlist her knowledge with an emotional workshop.

District 39 – (Kenmore, Bothell, Woodinville) DCM Rob M. Alt. DCM

Name: Rob M.
Position: DCM
District Number: District 39
Date: 3/21/2025

Topic: Sharing the Success of Your District or Committee’s Events & Workshops

I’m thrilled to be serving as District 39 DCM. Our district engagement has been on the rise, and this past month, we’ve filled all our positions. I’m so grateful for the positive energy and willingness of the entire district team to ‘lean in’ and support each other. My goal is to help foster enthusiasm for service and encourage people to share their experience, strength, and hope, rather than just filling positions. When everyone’s passion comes together, it brings more people on board.

On March 4th, we held our third district meeting of the year, which was also our first in-person meeting since 2021. We’re lucky enough to have the flexibility to hold hybrid meetings in a great facility in Bothell. We had a great turnout for both in-person and online attendees. Thanks to the hybrid feature, it was our biggest meeting yet, and everyone was grateful to meet and connect.

Our 3 person events team is strong and supported by a willing group. Our summer picnic is already planned and came together quickly. It’ll be held at the Willis Tucker Amphitheater on July 26th from 11-2 PM with live music provided by Ray’s Garage.

We’ve had a great start to the year and also secured a circuit speaker and venue for our annual gratitude dinner, scheduled for November 7th, 2025. More details will be shared in the coming months.

Our district principles for this rotation are as follows:

1. Foster Involvement: Our growing team is made up of people who genuinely want to serve, support Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), and go beyond just checking boxes. Our goal is to provide support and connect people with those who have more experience.
2. Have Fun: Service should be enjoyable and rewarding. Our goal is to help prioritize fun and well-being. It’s more important to attract people than to promote them.
3. Promote Positivity : Create an environment where everyone feels welcome and encouraged to contribute. Let’s leave negativity at the door. We want everyone to feel welcome and bring positivity and support to each other.
4. Get a Buddy: We encourage every chair position to find a buddy, “alternate” (Alt), to assist and help them along their journey, spread the work out, and make it more fun. It’s always more fun doing something with a buddy.
5. Embrace Imperfection: Basically, don’t sweat the small stuff. The goal is to help all realize that perfection is not what is needed. District and Area members are committed to supporting us, so just lean in, it is what it is.

With sincere gratitude, dedicated to serving our district and Area 72
Rob M D39 DCM

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District 40 – (East Capitol Hill, Madison Beach) DCM Chris B., Alt DCM Morgan S.

Name: Chris B.
Position: DCM
District number: 40
Date: 4/5/25

It’s been a busy month for the District, partnering with the both the Central Seattle Districts and the Hispanic Linguistic Districts we hosted our first Pre-Conference of this rotation at St John’s Lutheran. The Pre-conference was well attended, and we had lots of great conversations from our GSRs with both our Delegate and Alt-Delegate. I am always so amazed by all the perspectives that we come to as a fellowship, things I had not even considered until it’s brought up and I get reminded instantly how grateful for the process I am.

Beyond co-hosting the recent GSR school and Pre-conference our small but energized district has all of our Committee Chairs filled, we have Chairs putting together proposals to host their Committee’s Quarterly, Chairs bringing back so much great information to our District, and we have great GSR participation!

Yours in Service

Chris B

District 41 – (North Downtown Seattle, Magnolia) DCM Nate L., Alt DCM Ganelle H.

Name: Nate L.
Position: DCM
District: 41
Date: April 1, 2025

First, I have to say that it’s been a joy to serve as DCM for District 41. Since January, I’ve had support from so many members that have helped me transition into this new role. Starting a new service role can feel like drinking from a firehouse and an immense amount of grace is needed as new roles are established. District 41 has not only been supportive of me, but of each other as we continue to carry the message to fellow alcoholics.

Our District has been busy! In January, we decided as a group to do a deep dive into our annual budget and formulate a plan to ensure that we remain financially self-supporting for the entire year. We engage in several events over the course of the year, many of which require 7th tradition contributions. Because of this, we’ve had to prioritize certain service and fellowship opportunities to ensure that our costs are covered. I will say – our district did a PHENOMINAL job with this effort and I can’t be more grateful for the hard work of those that helped shape our forward-looking budget.

We’ve also been successful in hosting a GSR school and a Preconference alongside other Districts. Coordinating event plans can feel stressful, but our groups have worked diligently not only by ensuring our responsibilities have been met but also supporting fellow members from other districts. I’m also so proud to see so many GSRs attending our monthly business meetings and those who have chosen to be committee chairs at the district level.

We have faced some challenges, particularly related to inflation. It’s no secret that inflation continues to be an issue, especially as our costs have increased for events we have hosted for several years. Even in the face of these challenges, many groups in our district have been EXTREMELY generous and diligent in contributing 7th tradition contributions to District 41, which has meant so much.

As we continue into 2025, we hope to continue being financially self-supporting and serving members in our district. We are also looking forward to attending the upcoming April Quarterly in Vancouver, where we will be able to re-connect with other districts from Western Washington.

I can’t express enough how grateful I am to be a part of District 41. I was welcomed with open arms by this group of folks when I relocated in 2022 from South Carolina, which shows the love and compassion that AA continues to provide in my life. Our district looks forward to seeing many of you as we continue to be of service in 2025!

In service,
Nate L.
DCM41 (Queen Anne, Magnolia)

District 42 – (NW Seattle, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park) DCM Teresa H., Alt DCM

Name: Teri Harte
Position: District 42 Committee Member
Date: 3/19/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.
Greetings! District 42 is growing healthier each month. Groups that had stopped contributions in the last rotation are sending in 7th tradition splits again. Many thanks!! We had a well-attended banking presentation by Homegroup, online, in January.. As a District we still need to vote yay or nay, yet everyone is clearly engaged with pertinent Q&A. Great attendance continues, GSR’s, Alt. GSR’s, A.A. Members- we filled three more committee positions in February, made a Bridging the Gap connection moments before our Treatment Chair was elected, and March brought in a GV/LV LIT chair! I am visiting meetings within D42, continue to sponsor, meet my recovery sponsor and service sponsor, attended a GSR School @ GSIG, co-hosted the Northern Districts’ Delegate’s Pre-conference, and am beyond blessed to have made it to PRAASA in Alaska Area 02!

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.
On a personal note, I need to work on time management and work-life balance. Delegation is around the corner- after we have all the kinks out; I promise!

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
Fill-fill-fill! D42 has only four remaining Committee Chairs to cover: Third Legacy, Archives, CPC and PI. I’ll be scheduling the June D42 inventory, Delegate’s Report back and perhaps co-hosting TWO separate picnics.

Thank you for this honor to serve!
Teri H. DCM42

District 43 – (Gig harbor, Purdy, Port Orchard) DCM James B., Alt. DCM Leah W.

Name: Jim B.
Position: DCM
District number: 43
Date: 3/20/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- We have set up an ad hoc committee to get our district handbook up to date. We have also passed our budget for this year and are working on next year's budget. Our treasurer has been working with the Alternate Treasurer to be more transparent on where the money is coming from and where it is being spent.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- We still have the web servant position open, and I was asked what the difference between the Webmaster and Web servant is? I could not give a good response to that question. so, if anybody has information on this please email me at my dcm43@arca72aa.org would greatly appreciate it. I was just lost for a lack of words.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- I hope to have the District handbook updated and ready by next quarter. I have told my District that if they have an idea to bring it to the district business meeting, that I will not shut it down and say that's not how we do stuff. Instead, we will take a look at that and discuss it with the body and let them decide. Something I need to work on, something I need to remember is that I work for them and not they work for me. Something I’m learning is how to take me out of it.

District 44 – (North Tacoma, Gig Harbor) DCM Kari M. Alt DCM Susie M.

Name: Kari M.
Position: DCM
District number: 44
Date: 3/23/2025

- Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]
- Most positions are filled. I was sick in February and my Alt DCM, (Susie) along with our Treasurer ran the District meeting, and I attended, on Zoom. I love how excited District 44 is and learning from each other. I attended the Pre Conference in Chehalis along with a couple other GSR’s.
- Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]
- Accessibility and PI. - Trying to get these positions filled as well as Grapevine. At our last business meeting, I stressed the importance of having these positions filled and to please take back to your home group members
- Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
- Getting all of the positions filled; Getting started on a road show for groups.

District 45 – (SW Pierce County, JBLM, Steilacoom, Spanaway) DCM John C., Alt DCM Mary W.

Name: John Cameron
Position: DCM
District number:45
Date: 3/13/25

- Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]
- The district just hosted a very well attended GSR School with Lupita rocking the service house with a bunch of great topics. Just a few were touched upon;
 - The most important service position in AA is the GSR.
 - Sometimes suiting up and showing up is the best we can do, and that’s 1000 times better than not.
 - Exploring the Area 72 website is crucial.
 - Important Dates were talked about. Preconference, Assembly, Quarterlies
 - Effective communication from GSR to group
 - Unity, Fellowship, Friendship within the Committee Structure
 - We highlighted the new person in service
 - There was great participation and Q&As
 - Someone brought some FANTASTIC Maple Bars with BACON!
 - Recruited and onboarded an on fire Registrar for our district from the GSR School event.
 - Had our Secretary step down but managed to get another who appears to be super proactive and efficient sending me lists and reports before being asked.
 - Was able to get our CPC committee up and running.
 - Organized a local ZOOM viewing party for the NORTH pre-conference
 - Got our treasurer set up with all online banking and is bringing reimbursements into the 21st century with Zelle payments
 - Began working on our Summer Gratitude Picnic
 - Ongoing service manual training.
- Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]
- We don’t have an official budget process, so we are looking forward to solve that
 - We will be working on updating our Handbook
 - We are looking into district communication via an app Group Me etc This mainly is because I remind individually by text about emails being sent and it would help to send out a group message.

- Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
- We have a local Military Base Joint Base Lewis McChord that we’ve always had a hard time getting meetings in. There is an established meeting that is looking to become a group.
 - We have a couple Liaison positions that need to be filled.
 - Ad hoc committees to work on budget and handbook.
 - Fill one of our open Liaison positions PI, Accessibilities, Grapevine

District 46 - (Whidbey, Fidalgo, San Juan islands) DCM Dave J., Alt DCM Corbin T.

Name: Dave Johnson
Position: DCM
District number: 46
Date: 4-1-2025

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM THE PAST QUARTER.

One of the focal points of this past quarter has been onboarding our new elected/appointeds and incoming GSRs. Thanks to the leadership of the outgoing and incoming area webservants and registrars, we have been able to fully update our groups and our service positions as they interface with Area 72 and GSO. Our secretary and registrar were particularly instrumental in taking the bulk of that information and guidance and applying it at the district level.

We participated in holding the Northern District’s Pre-Conference. Thanks to vigilant eyes, I was able to amend our poster to avoid copyright infringement with the GSO and its ownership of the “blue people.” Our area webservant made the prompt and necessary changes that I sent to her. We may not be organized, but we certainly seem prompt in making amends. Thanks to everyone involved in the Northern Group and the hosting by D24, it was a well-attended, successful assembly. Thanks to Courtney (aka Crystal) and Lupita who presided over the gathering.

It bears mentioning that because of the late release of the complete pre-conference documents, several of the district’s groups had little to no time to set up any special meetings to discuss the agenda items. One such example is the Eastsound Group which holds its business meetings on the Sunday following the district meeting. By the time they received the final documents, there was no time to disburse the information and hold a separate meeting to discuss the documents. This has happened in the past as well. I respectfully request the release of the final documents package before the third Saturday of the month preceding the cut-off point for input.

Our third legacy chair held a zoom workshop which marks the beginning of our holding both hybrid and zoom-only workshops. This allows us to do more workshops and will make them more available to a wider audience. Our new secretary attended an area workshop and has developed a new way of taking minutes and presenting information. Our new webservant has been putting in significant hours learning how to update our website. Our P.I., CPC, and Corrections chairs have all attended service quarterlies or workshops. This is an active, energetic, and dedicated district!

CHALLENGES

One of our biggest challenges relates to our business meetings. Unlike a number of districts which might have far larger numbers of GSRs, we are able to hear reports from all of our GSRs. We ask them to submit their reports online and limit their shares to two minutes. It takes just under an hour to cover these reports. Why do we do this? Because we can and because:

Only when a GSR keeps the group informed and communicates the group conscience can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole. This communication is a two-way street, making the GSR responsible not only for bringing forward the group's voice, but for taking back to the group Conference actions that affect the Fellowship's unity, health and growth. (GSR Handbook Area 72, P.7)

Using online reporting and allowing GSRs to give information they deem important or interesting at the district meeting truly allows all our groups to share their experience, strength, and hope. It is a place where challenges and accomplishments can be shared, problem-solving occurs and good ideas can cross-pollinate among the groups.

We do the same with elected/appointed. Along with standing committee reports that might take a little more time (treasurer's report, minutes, registrar/schedules) we don't have a lot of "free" time left. We are experimenting with mini "in-service" presentations that run 10-15 minutes, including a Q&A. Our first one covered Corrections and this month we have a special presentation from one of our members who attended PRAASA.

This puts us at the two-hour mark, which is the mandatory cut-off point. I am incredibly grateful that our district is willing to commit to this period of time. And we are always looking for ways to make the meetings more efficient. I am especially grateful to our Alt DCM who keeps me on the path.

PLEASE SHARE SOME GOALS YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE OR BEGIN WORK ON IN THE NEXT QUARTER.

- Use zoom only and hybrid meetings to increase the number of workshops our district holds.
- Offer to host the Delegates report back
- Determine which inactive groups we might visit and work towards establishing a closer relationship.
- Continue to improve/expand our website

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service ... as one of my predecessors once said "Service-It's Fun!"

Dave Johnson D46 DCM
dcm46@area72aa.org
360-317-4893

District 54 – (Bonney Lake, Buckley, Enumclaw) DCM David H., Alt DCM

Name: David Hancock
Position: DCM
District number: 54
Date: March 17, 2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- As the District started the year with a new rotation of Service Committees and many General Service Representatives (GSRs), I am excited to be part of this Team that will be together for the next 2 years! We had an awesome Banquet in early February and our District Orientation on March 18th which we put together to help familiarize this rotation in the Inverted Service Triangle, WWA 72 Website, our new D54 roles, the District Handbook and the Gmail / Google Drive.
- The WWA 72 Delegate (Courtney) hosted a General Service "Pre-conference meeting" where our District facilitated a "Watch Party" for our GSRs on March 16th. Historically, we have merged our Pre-conference & Assembly get-togethers with the South Sound Seven Districts. This "Watch Party" was full of food & fun and it was held close to home where we had a dozen GSRs present! Our GSRs are now working with their respective Groups to establish a Group Conscience on the various questions.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- We are diligently working to fill the Alt DCM position along with a few others (CSO Director 1, Third Legacy, etc.).

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- The District Service Committee Chairs have begun attending the Western Washington Area 72 (WWA 72) Sub-committee Quarterlies and are developing their goals for District 54.
- We are beginning to plan for our Summer Picnic over the next Quarter and have already had two Groups step up to co-host the event!

District 55 – (Sequim area) DCM Danielle E., Alt DCM Steve S.

Name: Danielle E.
Position: DCM
District number: 55
Date: 4/2/25

Hello area, 72

We are off to a great start.

- We have 13 groups out of 17 coming to our monthly district meeting. I have plans to reach out to those who are not attending to try and get involvement.
- We were able to fill our final position of treatment chair last month as well as having two positions open up and refill immediately. As of right now district 55 does not have a young person's chair but we did send a liaison to their quarterly and are talking about creating the position permanently.
- We are still in the process of updating our district handbook hoping to have this 100% complete by June.
- Our Accessibility Committee has been working hard and has started a meeting in one of our inpatient rehab facilities that we have been trying to get into for a very long time. They also have a great system in place to provide rides to those who have difficulty making it to a meeting.
- Our PI-CPC chair Last rotation came up with a business card with a QR code that takes people to our schedule. This has helped reduce the cost of printing schedules and made it easier to get them out into the community. We are also able to track metrics for how often it's scanned.
- In February one of our meetings outside 6 feet hosted a sponsorship workshop which was well attended. We also had our annual Valentine's Day potluck speaker meeting.
- At the end of February, we hosted a GSR school with districts 22, 56 and 10. We made this a potluck and it was a great turnout with 40 in attendance. I believe greatly due to this we had more GSR's attend pre-conference than ever before.
- I'm so excited that more members are learning about the importance of service and what makes A.A. work outside from our small area.

Grateful to be of service

Danielle E D55 DCM

District 56 – (East Jefferson County) DCM Angie G., Alt DCM Crissy D.

Name: Angie G.
Position: DCM
District number: 56
Date: 4/5/25

Respectfully submitting our report for District 56:

Accomplishments

This quarter our district is working on fiscal solvency. Each of our committees and trusted servants developed a budget. This is a significant feat, as it has been quite some time since the District has been immersed in budget activities.

Our district held a GSR training with districts 55 and 22 in beautiful Sequim, WA. The event was well attended and we are grateful to Lupita for sharing her experience, strength and hope with GSRs across the Olympic Peninsula, the majority of whom are new.

We are delighted to report that ALL of our district positions are filled and the trusted servants are very engaged in their roles and reaching out to Area and other districts for information, advice and fellowship.

Our activities chair and her committee held 2 activities in the first quarter. The first, a spaghetti feed and speaker meeting, was attended by more than 60 members and their families. The second as a Saint Patrick's Day "Shake Your Shamrock" potluck and speaker meeting. Attendance was high (more than 60 folks attended)!

Challenges We are Facing

Our district conducted an inventory last summer and we have been stalled with prioritizing and implementing our priorities. Thankfully, we have a new, refreshed committee who has prioritized the inventory items. We plan to pick 1 or 2 items to work on this year.

What We are Looking Forward To

Our district is looking forward to partnering with districts 22 and 56 to host the January Quarterly on the Olympic Peninsula as well as host joint events

Some of our members are expressing concern that the Pre-Conference in-person sessions were quite a distance to travel and with only 1 option for virtual, we did not have 100 percent attendance by our GSRs.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie G
DCM District 56

District 57 – (Hispanic linguistic District everything North of King/Snohomish County Line) DCM Reyes H.

Name: Reyes M.
Position: DCM
District Number: 57
Date: 3/24/25

- District 57 Geographic Area runs from N. Seattle to Bellingham, WA.
- We are holding District meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month.
- We are bringing organized meetings with people from the area to the groups about "concepts", in order to understand them and motivate service in AA.
- We are visiting the groups without a GSR to motivate and find a new server.
- District 57 is a WA State Convention Host. On May 23rd, 24th, and 25th at the Delta Hotel in Everett WA.

District 58 - (Hispanic linguistic District: Olympia South to Washington/Oregon Line and West to Aberdeen) DCM Luis G. Alt. DCM

Name: Luis
Position: DCM
District number: 58
Date: 3/31/25

Hello to all the colleagues of Area 72. Warm greetings from District 58!
We are pleased to inform you that we have had a lot of activities.

- 1.- We attended the GSR school on 9/2 from which we learned the essentials of how to prepare reports and the importance of them being attractive and simplified so that the membership is involved.
- 2.- We attended the study meetings organized by the Hispanic Interdistrict Committee on 2/2, 16 and 23 and 3/3 in which the agenda items of the 75th G.S.O. Conference that will help prepare the final report 2025 were discussed. This information was taken to the groups so that they can get involved and send their proposals, opinions and suggestions on these points
- 3.-We have attended to participate in the invitations that the groups make us in their week of unity
- 4.-We continue session at the Centralia group, at 1 PM the first Sundays of the month with manual study meetings and second Sundays with report meetings. The Vineyard Committee.
- 5.-Roberto attended the quarterly on 2/15 continues to motivate subscriptions as well as doing raffles. The PI committee of comrade Wilfredo has prepared letters to ask for permission to take PI meetings to schools and churches. He also produced bulletins to stick in stores and laundromats. Ask for support with literature. Blue Book, 12 and 12 and living sober to take to bookstores and schools. The gray pot has been placed to raise funds for this purpose.
- 6.- I attended PRAASA from March 7th to 9th.

At the moment it is our entire report. Thank you for your attention, interest, and time. We wish you a happy 24 hours of sobriety!

Adjournment: Moved by District 19, 2nd by District 40: **Approved**

Closed with Responsibility Statement at 5:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Don N.
WWA72 Secretary



Oeste de Washington Área 72
Trimestral de Negocios Julio 2025



11 y 12 de Julio de 2025

La Quinta Inn

1425 E 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421

Hotel – La Quinta Inn

1425 E 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421 Teléfono: 253-383-0146 ext 5* *DEBE preguntar por la recepción para obtener la tarifa de la habitación por teléfono*

Costo: \$149 POR NOCHE + tax Use el código de grupo: July Quarterly Room Block o [reserve en línea](#)

La fecha límite para la tarifa de grupo de hotel es el 06/20/2025

Viernes por la noche – La Quinta Inn

5:00 pm – Cena sin anfitrión en el restaurante de su elección, así que reúna a algunos amigos de servicio y diviértase

7:00 pm – Presentación Especial del Delegado sobre la Conferencia

8:00 pm – Citas rápidas de designados del área, Ronda 2

9:00 pm – Helado y Compañerismo

Sábado – La Quinta Inn

7:30 am – 8:30 am – Se abren las puertas para el compañerismo

8:30 am – Mediodía – Reunión de Negocios

Mediodía – 1:00 pm – Almuerzo

1:00 pm – Reanudación de negocios

WW Area 72 Julio 2025 Formulario de Inscripción Trimestral

Las reuniones de negocios híbridas trimestrales están pensadas para ser autosuficientes. Los fondos excedentes se envían al Área 72 del Oeste de Washington.

Por favor, marque todos los artículos que desea incluir:

☐ Cuota de inscripción (presencial).....

\$20.00*

☐ Cuota de inscripción (VIRTUAL) . . .

\$10.00*

☐ Cuota de inscripción (AMBOS).....

\$20.00*

☐ Helado Social . . .

\$14.00

☐ Almuerzo del sábado

\$35.00

Elección de comida - (Marque UNO si compra el almuerzo):

☐ Buffet de pasta

Incluye pasta penne con salsa marinara o alfredo con lasaña horneada, ensalada César y fruta fresca

☐ Buffet de pasta sin gluten

Los pedidos de comida deben recibirse antes del 1 de julio de 2025.

Total adjunto. . \$_____

SE PROPORCIONARA CAFÉ, TÉ Y AGUA LIMITADOS

*La cuota de inscripción ayuda a compensar el alquiler y los gastos según la Moción 90.2 y es voluntaria

Por favor, marque su posición en un círculo:

RSG RSG Alt

MCD MCD Alt

Ex Delegado Voluntario

Otro Miembro de AA

Complete y envíe este formulario a:

Julio Trimestral 2025

C/O CSO

3640 S Cedar St, Suite S

Tacoma, WA 98409

Haga los cheques pagaderos a:

Distrito 9

La inscripción para el Trimestre de julio no es en línea. Los pagos deben realizarse con cheque o efectivo.

Nombre

Apellido

Nombre en el Gafete

Teléfono

Correo electrónico (obligatorio para los asistentes virtuales)

Grupo Base

Distrito

¿Requisitos especiales de accesibilidad? Póngase en contacto con altchair@area72aa.org

Fecha límite de solicitud de intérprete de ASL: 11 de junio de 2025 a las languagechair@area72aa.org

Cualquier pregunta envíe un correo electrónico a chelsea.weatherwax@gmail.com

Western Washington Area 72
July 2025 Business Quarterly

July 11th & 12th, 2025

La Quinta Inn

1425 E 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421

Hotel – La Quinta Inn

1425 E 27th St, Tacoma, WA 98421 Phone: 253-383-0146 ext 5* *MUST ask for front desk to get room rate by phone*

Cost: \$149 PER NIGHT + TAX Use Group Code: July Quarterly Room Block or [book online](#)

The cutoff date for the hotel group rate is 6/20/2025

Friday Evening – La Quinta Inn

5:00 pm – No Host Dinner at the restaurant of your choice, so grab a few service friends and have fun

7:00 pm – Delegate's Special Presentation on the Conference

8:00 pm – Area Appointed Speed Dating, Round 2

9:00 pm – Ice Cream and Fellowship

Saturday – La Quinta Inn

7:30 am – 8:30 am – Doors Open for Fellowship

8:30 am – Noon – Business Meeting

Noon – 1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm – Business Resumes

WW Area 72 July 2025 Quarterly Registration Form

Quarterly Hybrid Business Meetings are meant to be self-supporting. Excess funds are forwarded to Western Washington Area 72.

Please check all items you want to include:

☐ Registration Fee (IN-PERSON).....

\$20.00*

☐ Registration Fee (VIRTUAL).....

\$10.00*

☐ Registration Fee (BOTH).....

\$20.00*

☐ Ice Cream Social

\$14.00

☐ Saturday Lunch

\$35.00

Meal Choice – (Check ONE if purchasing lunch):

☐ Pasta Buffet

Includes penne pasta with marinara or alfredo sauce

☐ Gluten-free pasta buffet

with baked lasagna, Caesar salad, and fresh fruit

Meal orders must be received by 7/1/2025

Meal amount enclosed. \$_____

LIMITED COFFEE, TEA, AND WATER PROVIDED

*Registration fee helps compensate for rent and expenses per Motion 90.2 and is voluntary

Please circle your position:

GSR

Alt GSR

DCM

Alt DCM

Past Delegate

Volunteer

Other AA Member

Please complete and mail this form to:

July Quarterly 2025

C/O CSO

3640 S Cedar St, Suite S

Tacoma, WA 98409

Make checks payable to:

District 9

Registration is NOT online for the July Quarterly. Payments must be made via check or cash.

First Name

Last Name

Name for badge

Phone

Email (required for virtual attendees)

Home Group

District

Special Accessibility Requirements? Please contact altchair@area72aa.org

ASL Interpreter request deadline: June 11, 2025 at languagechair@area72aa.org

Any questions email chelsea.weatherwax@gmail.com

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Articles of the Month

AA members are invited to contribute their monthly District report and an AA related article on the ‘Topic’ of the month for publication in the newsletter. Address your report in an individual email with your District number and position to the newsletter editor in a word document. Flyers are to be sent in a PDF format.

Thank you for your service.

Elected Servants

DELEGATE
delegate@area72aa.org

Hi Area 72!

I have been so impressed with all your group conscience feedback! The thoughtful discussions and great write-ups have been heartwarming. I feel the love and dedication for AA. Thank you for taking the time to have the important discussions.

This week I am spending the majority of my time getting ready for the conference! I am a bit nervous, excited, and feel prepared to represent the best Area in the conference, Area 72! I bet most delegate say that...but I think we are 😊

Your District Committee Members are doing a great job getting the Delegate Report backs scheduled!

Flyers will be posted on the Area website when final details are available. Here are rough dates!

- Sat June 7th in Port Orchard (Peninsula districts)
- Sat June 14th in Longview
- Thurs June 19th in D18
- Sunday June 22nd – VIRTUAL!!
- Sunday June 28th for Southern Districts
- Sat July 19th Central Districts

Look forward to seeing you there!

Courtney

ALTERNATE DELEGATE
altdelegate@area72aa.org

CHAIRPERSON
chair@area72aa.org

Greetings Area 72,

April Quarterly

We had a great Quarterly. The accommodations were superb, the meeting room was very accommodating, and the energy in the room awesome, filled with excitement, enthusiasm, camaraderie and love. The highlight for me was the DCM and appointed sharing. It felt like the room was levitating during the appointed shares and I left the Quarterly on a spiritual high. I also really enjoyed our Delegate Courtney’s report in the morning. One thing I learned this quarterly in facilitating Discussion Topics is in the script in the beginning, I mention that it is suggested to not repeat what we have already heard at the mic. This is to save time. However, during discussion, this suggestion conflicts with getting a real sense of the Area Committee’s conscience on a topic. For example, if one person shares a popular conscience, and four others with the same conscience do share, then from the podium, it is hard to tell where the conscience of the committee is. So, I intend to discuss this concept at the July Quarterly during the opening comments so we can hear from everyone, even if it takes longer, so we all can get a sense of the conscience of the room.

Pre-Assemblies in August

Great job to our DCMs who really responded and met with me at the Quarterly to organize their district groupings for our upcoming Pre-Assemblies. Here are the final results so save the dates:

Saturday, August 2nd: Eastside Districts (18, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, and 39)
Sunday, August 3rd: Online District 25 (open to all) via Zoom
Saturday, August 9th: Pierce County Districts (9, 29, 43, 44, 45, 54)
Sunday, August 10th: Southern Districts (7, 8, 21, 27, 28, 37)
Saturday, August 16th: Northern Districts (2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, 24, 46)
Sunday, August 17th: Peninsula Districts (10, 22, 55, 56)
Wednesday, August 20th: Virtual District 25 and Catch-All via Zoom 6pm to 9pm
Saturday, August 23rd: Central (Seattle) Districts (14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 31, 32, 40, 41, 42)
Sunday, August 24th: Spanish Speaking Districts (1, 57, 58)

Locations and times are still to be determined, and you can check for that on the Area Events calendar. As the districts confirm dates and times it will be posted on our website along with flyers. I have requested all locations times and flyers be completed by the July Quarterly.

In Closing and As Always...

And last and as always, please feel free to reach out as I am available to any Intergroup, District or Home Group to share on service and/or personal recovery, to facilitate group or district inventories, or assist in group resolution or just answer random fellowship and/or service-related questions. Just email me as I am always happy to be of service.

Derek S., Area Chair
chair@area72aa.org

ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON
altchair@area72aa.org

Hi everyone!

Wasn’t the 2026 Quarterly bid presentation awesome? I’m super excited to know where we’ll be gathering next year! I thought I’d take a moment to share a breakdown of how we arrived at the registration and meal costs. It’s not an exact science, but thanks to a fantastic budget planning spreadsheet, we’ve got a pretty solid process dialed in.

Here’s where we’ll be in 2026:

- **January 3–4:** Seven Cedars Casino & Resort (Sequim)
- **April 10–11:** Grace Lutheran Church (Des Moines)
- **July 10–11:** Summit Pacific Wellness Center (Elma)

Seven Cedars (Sequim)

- Main room rental: \$2,000 + tax = **\$2,175**
- Side room for Archives & Registration: \$350 + tax = **\$380**
- Badges, printing, Stripe fees, travel, misc.: **\$550**
- Coffee/tea for 100 people: **\$600**
- Water: **Included**
- Snacks: **None**

Total registration cost estimate: \$3,700
= \$25/person @ 150 paid registrants OR
= \$30/person if 100 ppl attended in-person
+ \$15/person if 50 ppl attended online

Meals:

- Boxed lunch: \$20 + service & tax = **\$27**
- Ice cream: \$16 + service & tax = **\$21**
- Friday no-host dinner: **Yes, restaurant options available**

Grace Lutheran Church (Des Moines)

- Main room rental: **\$550** (no tax)
- Side room: **None available**
- Badges, printing, Stripe fees, travel, misc.: **\$460**
- Coffee/tea (Costco + volunteers): **\$365**
- Water (store bought): **\$100**
- Snacks (store bought): **\$150**

Total registration cost estimate: \$1,625
= \$11/person @ 150 paid registrants
= \$13/person if 100 ppl attended in-person
+ \$7/person if 50 ppl attended online

Meals:

- Boxed lunch: \$18.50 + tax = **\$21**
- Ice cream (store bought & volunteer served): **\$5**
- Friday no-host dinner: **Yes, restaurant options available**

Summit Pacific Wellness Center (Elma)

- Main room rental (includes cleanup/stage): **\$370**
- Side room: **None available**
- Badges, printing, Stripe fees, travel, misc.: **\$600**
- Coffee/tea: **\$490**
- Water: **Included**
- Snacks (store bought): **\$250**

Total registration cost estimate: \$1,665
= \$11/person @ 150 paid registrants
= \$13/person if 100 ppl attended in-person
+ \$7/person if 50 ppl attended online

Meals:

- Boxed lunch: \$14.50 + service & tax = **\$20**
- Ice cream: \$6 + service & tax = **\$8**
- No nearby restaurant options for Friday, so we’ll offer a fajita buffet dinner for **\$18** (includes tax & service)

A Quick Note on Cost Planning

These numbers will be fine-tuned once contracts are finalized, but this is the framework we used for the bid presentation. “Travel” includes mileage reimbursement for the Alternate Chair, who is the liaison between Western Washington Area 72 and host committees, to attend pre-event walk-throughs about a month in advance. These site visits help us map out table and chair placement and plan the flow of the weekend.

Food for Thought: Are We Fully Self-Supporting?

As we’ve worked through this planning process, I’ve been thinking about our pricing model—specifically the practice of charging less for online attendance while in-person attendees pay more. While it makes sense on the surface, it raises the question: are we being *fully* self-supporting as a fellowship?

Those attending online are already saving on travel, lodging, and meals. Should they also pay significantly less for registration? Would a single registration cost—regardless of attendance type—better reflect our commitment to self-support?

I don't have the answer yet. Right now, we're following the Area's established approach. But I'm curious to hear how other Areas handle this. I'll report back as I learn more! In the meantime, email me your thoughts on this question to altchair@area72aa.org.

In fellowship,
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Appointed Servants

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- Accomplishments from the past month:
- We participated in Area 72 April Quarterly and had a ball!
 - We had our second Accessibility Quarterly and welcomed about 8 new district chairs.
 - I attended my first National Accessibility Zoom meeting and it was interesting.

- Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with:
- No problems, we are helping with getting info to different districts regarding ASL help, rounding up as much experience as possible regarding child care/baby sitting in meetings for groups that want to start offering it.

- Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next month.
- I want to get involved in the Remove Communities people in area 72. What are you, where are you, what can we do to help you?

- What am I grateful for?
- All of you, you warm my heart
 - My wife, who shows me the grace of God as I understand them.

Your Service sib,
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ARCHIVES CHAIR
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Hey Area 72!

It has been really fun serving you these past few months as your Archives Chair. I have been settling into this position and have been focusing on how I can be a part of supporting our Area's needs. The main component of fulfilling my responsibilities as Archives Chair is to maintain open communication at all levels. I have been chairing the Archives Steering Committee (ASC) meetings once a month where we have great discussions about how we can best serve you and receive feedback from each other on our current projects. I have been traveling out to Districts to present about archives and inform them that there is support available from our ASC for their archival needs. Our Archivist and the 6 members of our committee have been working on various projects that preserve how we have carried the message of recovery in Area 72. The work ranges from preserving historical documents to organizing our digital archives. The goal is to make the information available to others in various ways.

Two ways we make our archives available to the Area is through presentations and traveling displays at events. I am excited about our upcoming events and presentations. I will be traveling out to Districts 58, 21, and 34 to present on district archives. Our steering committee will be taking a traveling display to the Capital Jamboree out in Olympia on June 6th-7th. The ASC will also be taking the traveling display to Step Ashore in August. We also have more exciting events planned for the Fall. In September District 31 will be hosting a historical presentation that will be facilitated by our Archivist Maryland. We will also be hosting the Regional Archives Workshop in October. This is where Area 58, 72, and 92 come together to present on various topics relating to archives.

There is so much more I can write about however, I will save that for next time!

Yours in Service,

Jennifer R.

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Archivist April 2025 Repository

The repository activity highlights various activities and tasks completed, including attending the Area April Quarterly, reviewing the Archives Workbook, and preparing for a Regional Archives Workshop in October. The focus of the work parties will be on managing digital assets, solving connectivity issues, and organizing physical archive displays. The 4/20 work party included Joyce B, ASC member, Heidi, and Kim, D24 Archives Chair; we were challenged with digital files but found camaraderie and support. I experience deep gratitude when reflecting on my nine years in Archives and the healing found in the language of the heart, where we emphasize the importance of documenting facts and preserving the history of A.A. in Western Washington. Maryland N., WWA72 Archivist----

Newsletter

Hopefully, this writing captures my individual emotional and passionate response to the Area Committee's decision to stop printing eight of the twelve monthly newsletters due to budget constraints. I understand on a very experiential basis the significance of the printed newsletter, which dates back to 1955, and the impact of this decision on the varied and sundry members that make up the A.A. community. I have concern about the inclusivity and accessibility of a only digital newsletter, especially for members who may not have access to digital resources—knowledge, time, money, geography, etc.; not to mention adding another responsibility to the mental/emotional bandwidth of our already busy sober trusted servant members. Consider me silly, consider me naïve, I believe in the importance of the printed newsletter in carrying the message of 12-step servant leadership. I will always suggest looking for alternative middle-of-road solutions to fund both digital and printed newsletters. I have stories, actually, you have stories—almost everything that the author of the Assemblies chapter in OSD3 comes from some kernel printed in that document. There are two archival rules I try to follow: one, do no harm, and two, paper is the archival standard. If this goes digital, it may follow the precedent of 2012 when paper records stopped. After 2016, there are no paper records of your Delegates and, besides putting printing back on GSRs and individual members, archives is not the printer for 22 positions—we manage the collection of records of those 22

positions; their heartstring language-of-the-heart moments and observations recorded in the newsletter. I have listened as a trusted servant relayed what the newsletter has done for a member or two in correctional facilities. I am asking that we, the 66 members of the Area Committee remember the foundational principles of A.A. and the needs of all our members.*

Consider this: In 1955, a “state paper” was one of the most important matters facing Area 72 when it gathered—all 9, nine, Delegates from the nine Districts that started that meeting, ending the meeting with two additional districts. The occasion and institution of this ‘state paper’ was so big it was a moment of great sharing at the Conference. Think on that. At its inception, the ‘state paper’ was meant to document and share the most current information about A.A. in Washington ...And, in the 2000s, a servant leader was taught by an elder servant leader of the Newsletter Editor variety ‘that the printed Newsletter was a demonstration of gratitude’ to the groups...Can we not examine, with HONESTY, OPENMINDEDNESS, and WILLINGNESS the possibility of two solutions or a midway solution? As an Alcoholic Anonymous I want to refrain from using divisive phraseology. Yet. I. LOVE PAPER.

Maryland N., Member of A.A., Seeking Serenity, District 45, P75 WWA72 Archivist

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CPC: Recycle, Repurpose, Repeat

By the time you're reading this, our CPC Committee will have gathered for our second quarterly on May 3rd. Picture it: a room full of caffeine, commitment, and a few slightly nervous folks gearing up to roleplay with professionals where we practiced introducing Alcoholics Anonymous to educators, nurses, officers, and others who have probably seen a thing or two.

Our guest speaker, Julia, a vice principal from the Seattle school district, helped us understand how to make our message useful and relevant in the world of education. And then we practiced. Yes, *practiced*. Because the hardest part of CPC work isn't brainstorming contacts or making lists, it's having real conversations with real people, especially those who may have worn badges, robes, or lab coats in the chapters of our past that we don't exactly scrapbook.

Here's the truth: CPC work can bring up all kinds of feelings. Maybe we're talking to people who once judged us, or who we weren't completely honest with. Maybe we feel unqualified or unsure. But that's exactly why we do this work *together*. Because when we practice, we get better. When we study, we get prepared. And when we show up with purpose, something shifts—fear gets quieter, and confidence steps in.

And let's be real, service helps us grow in ways that are useful far beyond CPC. You learn to speak clearly, listen well, plan ahead, and maybe even wear pants that need ironing. Structure and accountability aren't just service perks, they're life skills (who knew?).

Now, let’s talk about recycling. No, not bottles—though, hey, good on you if you do that too. We’re talking about *recycling service materials*. There’s no need to reinvent the wheel every rotation. If you’ve got something that works, *reuse it*. Your time is valuable. So is your energy. Tweak, adjust, repurpose, but don’t feel like you need to create a new campaign every time you want to show up and share the message.

And speaking of repurposing—look around. Is there another district that has a killer PowerPoint? Borrow it. Find a group with a polished presentation? Invite them to share with the professionals you’ve made contact with. Then study it and learn to repeat it. Collaboration is not cheating. It’s efficiency with flair. Many groups around Puget Sound are doing great work, but some are doing it separately. Let’s unify and build a solid library of resources we can all use, like a good Tupperware collection—sturdy, dependable, and easy to share.

When sharing materials, check your links. Where does that QR code lead? If it goes to a local Intergroup site, great—just make sure that’s intentional. If you want something for all of Western Washington, make sure it serves the broader community. Think of it like labeling your leftovers—so the next person knows exactly what they’re getting.

To wrap it all up: your best CPC efforts start with working on yourself. Learn to speak clearly, plan thoughtfully, dress like you mean business, and show up with kindness. And if you do something well, set it up so someone else can do it just as well after you. Document it! Leave bread crumbs.

So let’s recycle our message, repurpose our resources, and keep showing up with purpose and a sense of humor. Service doesn’t have to be stiff—it can be strong, smart, and still fun.

—With gratitude for the lessons of service work,
Sooz
CPC Enthusiast, Part-Time Recycler

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Hi Everyone!! So much has happened!! I just have to say that the Area 72 Corrections Committee is the best! Everyone is ON FIRE to carry the message to the hand reaching out for it. I feel so humbled to participate in AA’s Third Legacy of Service. Service keeps AA running and helps members stay sober. As the saying goes, *“You can’t keep it unless you give it away.”* Service allows me to forget about myself. I am such a great alcoholic that I often forget that everything isn’t about me. More recently, I’ve been reminded to look for evidence of grace. And I can honestly say the evidence is overwhelming. Grace is all around. I attend an LGBTQIA meeting on Monday mornings that is run by incarcerated AA members, and this has become one of my favorite meetings that I go to. Service allows me to be humble. It’s not about prestige or power—it’s about humility, gratitude, and responsibility. It’s about a real and honest connection. It’s about you.

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The Third Legacy

District 29, Sumner: “One day, I heard myself talking about Step Three with a new “baby,” and I knew I believed what I was saying.” (P.M., March 1982, Spiritual Awakenings: Journeys of the Spirit)

In my drinking days I would barter what wasn’t mine for another nip. If it was your money, I wouldn’t repay it, if it was your drink, I’d finish it. No remorse. Save the remorse for my sober days when I am forced to not drink. If I could think that far ahead. I long argued with my sponsor that Step Three didn’t apply to me. My concept of a HP at the time wasn’t big enough; I couldn’t envision “take away these difficulties.” Like, I came here to not drink, okay?

My sponsor helped me realize that a continuous sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous isn’t about being clever. “And how is that working for you, Jack?” As I began to work with other men, I empathize with their struggles to acknowledge the spiritual aspect of the program. I’ll never forget the first person I worked with who, staggering through their Fifth Step, metaphorically reached up and pulled the light bulb string for themselves. Also, seeing tears of gratitude in the eyes of the person with whom I humble myself on a Ninth Step. To quote P.M. from Sumner, “I knew I believed what I was saying.”

I can’t transmit what I don’t have. If my HP can only lift the obsession to drink from me, that may keep me in the room for a short while. As my concept of a Higher Power expands through participating in General Service, I better utilize the Third Legacy. I make time for meeting deadlines. I admit my failures and don’t dwell on them. After the April Quarterly in Vancouver, WA, a friend comfortingly shared that in a year I should be comfortable in my position.

I recall attending a first Treatment Quarterly almost ten years ago. People were asking the questions I was asking, and we were together coming up with best practices. I had asked around at my home group only to be met with casual indifference. In general service, I found I could work with others, take suggestions (yes, it is possible!), and believe that we were doing our best. To me, this is an aspect of the Third Legacy.

Back to Step Three mentioned by our Area 72 contributor. I have to put in a plug for the Plain Language Big Book tool for reading Alcoholics Anonymous. “Take away my difficulties, so that when I feel I have been released from them, I can share my transformation to help others...” This new translation, this “share my transformation,” propels me into Third Legacy work, into knowing that I believe in the power of spirit in action. Into knowing that I believe that I cannot do this alone. And when I share, the burden is lighter. “Never miss an opportunity to let someone else experience service,” as my service sponsor says.

Jack
Grapevine Litterature

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Area 72 Language Committee Update – May 2024

Hello Area 72!

The Language Steering Committee continues to provide translation and interpretation services across the Area. Here’s a brief update on our recent work and upcoming needs.

Recent Work

- Focused on the **April Quarterly**, including:
 - Interpretation services during the event.
 - Translation of numerous supporting documents.

Upcoming Event

- Next interpretation: **P.I. Quarterly (May 10)**.

Volunteer Opportunity

We’re still seeking a **Translation Coordinator** (fully remote). Responsibilities include:

- Monitoring translation requests.
- Notifying translators of new submissions.
- Light administrative follow-up.

Interested? Email me or join our next Zoom meeting (last Thursday of each month).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR
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Hello Area 72,

I am grateful you are reading the newsletter whether it is on line or in print. We have worked hard to bring you the area reports, minutes, and happenings in a format you can easily digest. You will notice in the flyers section we even have a crossword puzzle submitted by a member. Check it out!

I am working on creating a committee to help me publish the newsletter monthly. People who can assist me with organizing the calendar, flyers, and articles for each issue. You will see a flyer in the flyers section that includes upcoming topics and a brief description of how to write an article

I have been invited to a few districts to discuss the newsletter and answer questions given that this will likely be an issue to be addressed at the area assembly. I encourage you to invite me as a guest in your districts to provide answers to questions from the groups.

I look forward to hearing from you all.

Thank you,

Erin E

PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR
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Our Public Information committees are actively engaged in forming new committees, organizing workshops, and distributing essential literature—including Big Books, Plain Language Big Books, and *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*—to local libraries. We are pleased to welcome newly elected District PI chairs and remain committed to expanding our outreach efforts.

We are eagerly anticipating our upcoming PI Quarterly on May 10th, where we will host a presentation and practice session on conducting workshops and speaking at non-A.A. meetings. Through these efforts, we ensure that the public is well-informed about who we are and what we do, carrying the message to those still struggling with alcoholism.

As Bill W. wrote in *A.A.’s Legacy of Service*, “Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but this one question. Is this service really needed? If it is then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A.”

A thorough understanding of A.A.’s traditions is essential for effective Public Information work. Collaborating with the public to support active alcoholics is a vital service, as many of us have received help through employers, law enforcement, or the courts. By fostering a deeper understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous, we break down barriers, dispel misinformation, and clarify misconceptions. The rest, we entrust to our Higher Power.

In Love and Service,
Julie U

Area 72 Public Information Chair

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THE THREE LEGACIES OF AA
RECOVERY, UNTY AND SERVICE
AAAAHHHHHH, The Third Legacy of
SERVICE.

Some of my earliest memories are going along with my mother while she was of service in our church and being on TV with my father as he made community service commercials at the TV station he managed. My mother was always volunteering for the Annual Fair at our church or helping serve at food banks, food for families at holidays and clothes for children in need. We were brought along and if there were ways that we could help we were put into service as well. So many of the careers I have invested in were in the service to others. Of course, this very important focus for my family did not stop from me from being an alcoholic and twisting service toward only serving myself.

Just like my athletic childhood and my focus on a healthy lifestyle, my previous focus on service and how it gave me purpose - AA’s focus on our Three Legacies brought me to familiar and loved commitment to service. When I started to truly work the steps of AA with a sponsor and part of, I stepped up to be greeter, coffee maker, post meeting clean-up. When I was such a wreck, broken, ashamed, and with no idea what would be next for me in this life it was service given to me and my service to others that gave me courage and bit by bit showed me a life beyond any I could have created on my own.

For many of us this is a very familiar story. Being given a life and learning who we are through service in AA. So many of us have a similar path in AA from greeter and coffee makers to group service and beyond. The beauty of service is that in AA its whole purpose is for us to keep our focus on keeping the doors open and the coffee brewing and saving our lives by welcoming others. For me no one person’s service is bigger, better or more important than another person’s. What matters is that I am of service and that this service brings me closer to the alcoholic who still suffers in and out of the rooms of AA. Service brings me in conscious contact with my Higher Power and that brings me in touch with myself. Service is a spiritual practice. This also keeps me in touch with my next indicated actions, the balance in my life, how I treat my home group members whether I like our group conscious decisions or not and to register as many other AA members being of services in Area 72. It enables me to encourage unity by being a good neighbor, a good partner, a good citizen.

Being a person who used to absolutely emersed myself in the idea of rebellion and

the action of speaking out, making my opinions known and my belief in protest and civil action that many times caused chaos and harm and an angry existence. By embracing the structure of AA and its structure and principles I have become the rebel with a cause. That cause is love, generosity, inclusion, and always seeking common ground. Our Three Legacies create our recovery lives, our groups, our fellowship, our communities and our freedom to be our best sober selves.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve...with love and respect, Houston L.

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A.A.’s Third Legacy
Bill W.’s 1960 Closing Talk — A Loving Summation

I truly love this summation of Bill W.’s 1960 Closing Talk. It holds to the spiritual aspect of what service to A.A. is all about. I pray we don’t become such sticklers for the business characteristic of Alcoholics Anonymous that we forget what the “God factor”. We must always be seeking Gods loving guidance when doing any service to the program.

Anyway, here is the summation –

As the 1960 General Service Conference came to a close, Bill W. stood before the gathered delegates with humility, affection, and a deep sense of spiritual responsibility. He acknowledged that something profound had occurred — that the movement had reached a defining threshold. Looking out at the trusted servants of Alcoholics Anonymous, he expressed his overwhelming gratitude and reverence, speaking not from authority but from the heart of one alcoholic to another.

He reminded them all that **God has wrought through us a great thing** — not a thing of man’s design, but of divine grace made manifest through fellowship and service. He recognized that **“the Conference is not only the guardian of A.A. services, it is the collective voice and conscience of our whole Fellowship,”** affirming the sacred trust they carried forward.

With deep love, Bill shared that **“our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence.”** Every act of service, from a handshake at the door to the work done in New York, had its roots in this calling. The goal was not expansion for expansion’s sake but the steady, quiet continuation of reaching the still-suffering alcoholic.

He reflected on how the Conference had matured, saying with wonder that **“we may be approaching the maturity of this society,”** not in pride but in recognition that A.A. had come of age spiritually, ethically, and structurally. He noted how trust had replaced fear, how responsibility had replaced dependency, and how **“we are beginning to learn that the spiritual inheritance we have can only be held by giving it away.”**

Bill closed with what many consider his spiritual benediction. He asked the gathered members to return to their homes and groups and **“carry the spirit of this Conference back to them... not just the decisions, but the love, the understanding, the unity, and the humility we have found here together.”** It was an invitation to live the principles not just in meetings, but in the whole of life.

And as he stepped down, he left not only words but a lasting reminder of the heart of Alcoholics Anonymous: **“Let us always love one another. And let us never be afraid.”**

“Let us always love one another. And let us never be afraid.” Powerful words.

Don N., Area 72 Secretary

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Hello,

It has been quite the month. I have had a few good talks with a few good members about different aspects of service. I have reached out to a webservant up in Sequim that helped me to navigate an issue around the treatment Zoom meeting being posted on district 22’s website. It turns out they pulled it from Area 72’s site and it was posted there without a password as well. That led to a different conversation where I talked with the treatment chair about Zoom safety. Apparently, Zoom monitors and lets people know when their accounts are left exposed without a password on the enter webs. Kinda cool but new to me.

I also had a talk with my service sponsor about various things going on with the tech team and our responsibilities and barriers to service that might need to be addressed in the future. This stemmed from a conversation with the current chair that I had at the quarterly meeting. All in all it has been a learning experience navigating the real world application of all of the things I have learned in AA from the steps to the concepts. Grateful everyday :)

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WWA72 Panel 75

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The AA Three Legacies
The AA triangle means more to me every year I am sober. I am seeing and feeling more meaning in our AA symbols. Recovery, Service and Unity are so deeply meaningful to me. The appointed position of Area Treatment Chair displays those legacies so clearly. All of the Group and District Treatment and Bridging the Gap Chairs are helping the still suffering alcoholics find their way to recovery. I am just amazed at the love and dedication they all display in reaching out through treatment centers, detox centers and rehabilitation centers. The energy I feel in those rooms when AA members bring in meetings and panels. Their love and dedication are contagious. They discuss their own struggles and treatment to find the joy and peace they found in RECOVERY. It is so clear that SERVICE is what takes our RECOVERY to the next level. It is like taking an elevator up to a higher level where you have a more clear view of you purpose – to give back and share what we were all so freely given.

When you are in service you start getting close to a whole new group of trusted servants who are filling their souls with the joy of serving others. They are totally resigned to reaching out and giving salvation to lost and sick brothers and sisters.

I challenge you all to attend one meeting of the Greater Seattle Intergroup H&T meeting on the first Saturday of each month, you will see RECOVERY, SERVICE & UNITY in person.

Getting out of yourself and working together purely for the benefit of others creates the most beautiful and fulfilling UNITY. These legacies don’t just happen to all people. You must first walk through each door of RECOVERY and SERVICE. The next door

you open is UNITY. There you will find peace, joy and unity.
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“We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed.” - *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p79 (look it up!)

My AA life provides lots of opportunities to feel like I’m being rocketed into a fourth dimension, but I think our Third Legacy of service is where it first became apparent to me. In fact, I’ve often thought of my experience in general service as being like riding on a rocket ship.

When I first started as GSR, people told me I was embarking on an incredible adventure. I attended all these training sessions, received manuals, spent time with other GSRs – all feeling like I was preparing for something. Then as DCM, it felt like I was strapped to a rocket. Everything was moving too fast, stuff around me was shaking, and I thought it might all blow up. Then one day, not long before my rotation as DCM came to an end, it felt like I escaped the confines of gravity. A starry night burst into view, and I felt a new sense of peace, as well as one of greater adventure and opportunity.

Okay, enough of our heads in the stars, let’s get our feet firmly planted back on earth where our fellow travelers are.

I’ve told this story before, but I don’t know that I’ve ever written it down. The first time I attended an Area event, I was overwhelmed by the recognition that people had been meeting like this long before I was even born, so that they could be ready for me the day I needed AA. I still get this feeling every time I attend an AA service event. The hairs on my arms stand up, my eyes get a little bit wet, and I can’t quite wrap my head around the enormity of what I’m experiencing – I can just do my best to take it in and appreciate it.

One of the things I love about AA is that we almost never know the effect we have on other people. We may catch a glimpse of it here or there – do general service long enough, and somebody will eventually tell you how you said or did something that inspired them in some way – but I doubt we have any real sense of the impact we have most of the time. I remember at that first Area assembly, watching our delegate listen intently as the Area body spoke for 9+ hours. I had never seen anything like it before, and I still recall that memory at Area events. I’ve had countless experiences witnessing people do AA service, that have shaped how I approach things.

I also get to bring my Third Legacy experiences back to my home group. We don’t do things perfectly in General Service, but we have developed an abundance of experience and have settled on things that work pretty well, informed by our missteps with things that don’t work so well. I pay attention to the way we conduct ourselves in General Service, and bring those ideas back to my home group. What do you know – our

Third Legacy principles work pretty well at the group level too!

Finally, our Third Legacy has changed how I approach Twelfth Step work. When I’m sitting across from a guy who has no idea what AA has to offer and the extraordinary ways his life might change, I know that I stand on firm ground. I have my own experience, which aligns with the experience of the fellowship around me, and the collective experience of AA as a whole. I know that every day, AA members around the world are actively participating in all three legacies, so that we can connect with other alcoholics and be effective in carrying our message. I know that a loving God has brought us together over the years, so in that moment when a seemingly hopeless alcoholic is desperate for a solution, an ex-problem drinker properly armed with the facts about themselves can win their entire confidence and show them a way out.

I have people in my life who I pray will experience the gift of AA. I’m sure you do too. I may not be the right person to carry the message to my loved ones – which is why I’m so grateful to you for stepping up and carrying the message. And for me to get to stand alongside you and do the same for you? That’s being rocketed into a fourth dimension.

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The Importance of the Third Legacy in Alcoholics Anonymous

When I first joined Alcoholics Anonymous, my focus was on not drinking, staying sober, working with my sponsor, and crawling my way through the steps. These steps were my lifeline, guiding me through the process of overcoming my dis-ease. As I progressed, I began to understand the significance of the Twelve Traditions of Unity, which helped me build connections and foster a sense of community; I had found my tribe.

However, it wasn't until I delved into the Third Legacy of Service that I truly grasped the full scope of AA's mission. The Third Legacy represents the general services that support AA's operations and outreach efforts. These services include the Alcoholic Foundation, the AA Book, the AA Grapevine, and the AA General Office. These components are essential for reaching out to individuals suffering from alcoholism and providing them with the support they need.

Service in AA is defined as any action that helps to carry the message of recovery to those who need it. This can range from the Twelfth Step itself to simple acts like making a phone call or sharing a cup of coffee with a fellow AA member. The sum total of these services forms the Third Legacy, which is vital for AA's growth and survival.

The Third Legacy ensures that AA remains organized and effective in its mission. It involves the establishment of meeting places, hospital cooperation, intergroup offices, and the creation of pamphlets, books, and other publicity materials. These services require committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences, all of which are supported by voluntary contributions from within our Fellowship.

Without the Third Legacy, AA would face complications and confusion, hindering its ability to reach those in need. The General Service Office, AA World Services, Inc., the AA Grapevine, Inc., and the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous are all

critical components that enable AA to function as a whole. These services are not only practical but are also based firmly upon spiritual principles, ensuring that AA's mission is carried out with integrity and dedication.

The Third Legacy of Service is indispensable to Alcoholics Anonymous. It provides the structure and support necessary for the organization to carry its message of recovery to individuals worldwide. By embracing and actively participating in the Third Legacy, members of AA can ensure that the Fellowship continues to thrive and grow, offering hope and healing to future generations.

Yours in service
Shu D. | Panel 75 Area 72 Webservant

YOUNG PEOPLE’S CHAIR
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Hello, Area 72!

By the time you read this, we will have had our second Young People’s Quarterly. It will be on Saturday, April 26th, from 12-3 PM at the Lynnwood Alano Club and on zoom. We are excited to have speakers joining us from Area 8, San Diego/Imperial. Members from the Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous Coordinating Committee will be joining us to talk about how they carry the message to young alcoholics in the community, as well as how they attract young people in AA to general service. I am excited to share what we learn from them and I’m grateful for them coming to share their experience, strength, and hope. Over the last few months, I have been contacted by several new district YP chairs and I’m looking forward to hearing about the continued service work being done across many districts in Area 72.

Regarding our newsletter topic this month, “AA’s Third Legacy”, it makes me reflect on what it really means to be of service. Sometimes, I get so wrapped up in all my committee work, that I forgot the small, important ways that I can practice our third legacy. I forget what it was like to be a scared 18-year-old girl walking into her first meeting. When a newcomer (or any member) walks into a meeting, it is my responsibility and privilege to reach out my hand and make them feel welcome. I want them to feel the spirit of love and service in the room when they walk in. I want them to believe (even if it’s just a little bit) that Alcoholics Anonymous is a place for them too and that there is a solution for them. Sometimes I think we as alcoholics (and humans) can overcomplicate things. If I remember my primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic, it makes everything a lot simpler. I strive to keep our third legacy of service at the forefront of my mind in my AA meetings as well as when I’m chairing the Young People’s committee. When I keep these things in my mind and in my heart, I know that I am doing my higher power’s will.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 72! Please feel free to reach out to me anytime!

In love and service,

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Hello everyone. Big things happening in Distric4 in the next few months. On May 18th at Inspire Church in Burlington we will be hosting an in person GSR school, from 1-4. On July 19th the Area 72 Treatment Quarterly will be held at Skagit PUD in Mount Vernon time TBD, look for upcoming flyer. We also have put in the bid for the July 26th Area 72 Young Persons Quarterly, will have more info on that as well. The Northern Districts will also be hosting our Delegate report back in June, also at Skagit PUD, again, date and time TBD.

We have also filled our vacant Archives Committee Chair position. Big shout out to Vinnie I, for standing for this position. Our area Archives Chair came up and went through the Archives in storage and was very impressed with some of the things that they found, and I believe she took some to be held and displayed at the Area Library. So, with that, that's my report. Look forward to seeing everyone in July ffor the Quarterly and/or the International. Edward S DCM 4 Annabelle Alt DCM 4

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District 7 is going strong down here in Southwest Washington. The remaining committees that need to be filled are Accessibility & Grapevine and Literature. Archives is active and creating a new agenda in collaboration with District 37, working together they have defined clear objectives including a new travel archives

display and wrapping up the books for storage. Our PI committee is donating essential AA literature, including "Alcoholics Anonymous" (The Big Book) in English, Spanish, and Large Print, "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions," "Alcoholics Anonymous Plain Language," and "Our Stories Disclose, 2nd Edition" to public libraries in southern Vancouver and the Columbia Gorge. They are collaborating with District 54 to run an AA Public Information Booth at the King County State Fair in July 2025. Additionally, they are laminating AA materials for display and distributing pamphlets and meeting schedules in local libraries. Upcoming events include the Vancouver Community Resource Fair on May 7, 2025, and the Clark County Family and Educators Transition Resources Fair on May 17, 2025.

We are also excited to announce we are in the Skamania County jail, bringing the message to those who are incarcerated. Our Corrections chair has worked alongside our Alt DCM to finally get inside the correctional facility. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Rose B

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Hi D 8 here. We are doing the work to be able present our budget at the May district meeting. That's our biggest task for now. Next month, we are going to have our new Hotline Chair teach all of us about the Hotline so we can pass that info along to everyone in our groups. So exciting to get smarter about how we can help the still suffering alcoholic. Summer is on the way and planning outdoor get together activities is another priority. Fun is always a great way to spend sunny days. Regarding the 3rd Legacy, that is a position we need to fill so we are working on finding someone who wants some service work! Debbie DCM D 8

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District 9 is trudging along with well attended business meetings and good attendance at the GSR school and pre-conference. We have two positions open, CPC liaison and CSO director, if you are in D9 and interested in one of these positions come see us on the third Tuesday, at 6:30 at the PSCSO. We are talking about the 3rd legacy in our district meeting, PI is taking road shows to any group that requests one. We have also been talking about a possible 3rd legacy workshop! We have asked the groups and are looking forward to the feedback, more to be revealed! Yours in service Shannon H DCM9

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Hello Area 72 Newsletter!
District 10 Meeting Halls are filled with enthusiastic AA members, eager to connect and attend to district business. Our district follows a rotating meeting schedule, moving through the cities of Poulsbo, Bremerton, Belfair, Kingston, and Bainbridge Island, WA. This rotation allows us to engage with each community and experience the unique spirit of every local hall. Each meeting begins with a 30-minute potluck, offering an opportunity for fellowship, connection, and a shared meal. The energy of the Fellowship is vibrant and active. This month, we completed updates to the District Handbook, explored and exchanged insights on Conference discussion topics, and began conversations around upcoming Area business matters. Remembering back to when I was a General Service Representative (GSR), I believed my primary responsibility was simply to collect information and report back to my group. At the time, the task felt modest, but I committed to doing my best. In return, my home group offered support and heartfelt appreciation. By the end of my term, I realized I had not only fulfilled my role of connecting our group to the broader AA community but also helped open new avenues for service among our members. Most importantly, I came to understand the importance of our legacy: ensuring that AA’s message of recovery reaches the still-suffering alcoholic. What I learned as a GSR piqued the interest in my future opportunities for being of service, such as serving on district committees, and learning more about what we do as an organization. The opportunities for growth continue to keep presenting themselves. Alcoholics Anonymous has built the foundation for me to become a capable person both inside and outside the fellowship, and I want to give back the skills and experience AA helped develop in me, by being of service to AA wherever I am needed. A favorite saying I heard in AA is... “you are welcome, wanted, and needed in the rooms of AA.” As I continue my recovery journey, I hope to impress upon fellow members how important they are and how much we need them inside the circle of AA.

In Love and Service,
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I Had a great start to April attending Committee Quarterlies we don't have Chairs for. I had my Homegroups Business Meeting Followed up bye Our District 12 Business meeting Thur then Straight to the Area72 Business Quarterly Fri and Sat. We Made it Past I5 construction and got back to Everett in time to attend Sat Night Live at 34 Oakes. Finished the weekend Sun attending the Service Manual Study at Seattle Intergroup with Our 3rd Legacy Chair Pete. I've been trying to get Committee Chairs to get signed into their Gmail Accounts . So we're going to have a workshop for Gmail Basics. Our Webservant Shu has been super helpful getting these people signed into their accounts.

I arranged for our Area72 Corrections Chair Aimee to come to District12s next Business Meeting.

I'm Continuing to research Venues to host Quarterlies here in Everett. Also looked into some Venues for North Districts Pre Assembly.

We had our First District12 Hybrid Business Meeting. We also got someone to Volunteer to run Zoom for us. Since the GSR schools we have got a Conference Hybrid Sound and Zoom setup up and running. With Small PA Speakers microphones fully integrated into zoom. We ran the Sound and Microphones for my Homegroups Quarterly Potluck Speaker Meeting with a Skit to test it all out.

Will be attending DCM School with North Districts April 27th. Started planning for Delegate Report Back and Pre Assembly with North Districts.

That's about it Unity Love Tolerance

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Greetings from District 14!

April was a rewarding month for our district. At our monthly meeting the team voted unanimously to support District 41's Public Information table at this year's Pride Fest at Seattle Center. We are really looking forward to partnering with our friends District 41 to carry the message at Pride Fest and hope that other districts will join us. In addition, District 14 elected a Young People's Committee Chair, filling our last open committee chair position.

On Saturday, April 26, our Public Information Chair teamed up with members of our incredible Young People's group, "No Matter What – Late Night," to host a Public Information table at West Seattle's annual "Be A Blessing Event." This event is an inspirational resource fair put on by young people for young people. I'm grateful for the service hearts we have throughout District 14, incredible examples of our Third Legacy.

Our Third Legacy, Service, offers us an opportunity to share our experience, strength, and hope with other alcoholics so that we can find sobriety together. In sharing this legacy, we take action to make a difference in the lives of others. These actions can be as simple as opening the doors of a meeting, making coffee, cleaning up after a meeting. They can be fun and rewarding, like hosting a Public Information table at a public event or taking a meeting inside the walls of a treatment or correctional facility. Love of the Third Legacy can also lead our fellows to give so much of their lives to General Service. I am very proud to be part of an Area and District in Western Washington that places so much value and emphasis on service actions big and small.

Looking forward, on May 25 I will join the District 14 Third Legacy Chair and other trusted servants in Area 72 as we come together for a Third Legacy Roundtable. Many thanks to Patty, the District 25 Third Legacy Chair, for leading this effort! I look forward to writing about this new forum next month.

Thank you for this opportunity to be part of the team. Enjoy the day!

Your Friend in Service,

David J

DCM, District 14

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Our staffing levels are on low side. We are missing an Alt. DCM and a Secretary. A member of the Broadway Group, who is interested in being secretary, will attend our next board meeting to throw their hat into the ring. The Sober Diversity group, in Rainier Beach, is likely to name a GSR at its next business meeting. They have never had one. I will attend several meeting in the coming days to announce our open positions.

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District 18 had a devastating loss of our PI/CPC Chair. It was a stark reminder of how baffling and powerful this terrible disease can be. The District has rallied to fill the position moving forward. Let us never forget why we are doing what we do for AA.

We filled our Accessibility Chair position which gives our District a full slate. Our new Web and Tech Chair is working on giving our website a facelift and we are wanting to make it more robust for those in the fellowship and those looking for help, both professionals and future members. We have voted to have a Potluck Quarterly before the District meeting, we have a mini-GSR School scheduled with Lupita and a report back with Courtney in June.

Our District meetings are full and vibrant and we are so blessed to have so many people on fire for service!! And Young People!!!! I love the enthusiasm of the young people. They are our future and we are so excited to have them with us.

District 18 is starting a Tradition Study once a month at St Matthews Lutheran Church at 1700 Edmonds Ave NE Renton, WA 98056 @ 5:30pm-6:30pm starting on May 5th. We will be using Language of the Heart, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, AA Comes of Age, and a variety of pamphlets to study the traditions. Everyone Welcome.

Thank you to my super awesome service sponsor for carrying this message to me so that we can pass it along. That is the way it is intended.

We have two new meetings starting in District 18 too!

District 18

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You are a trusted servant.

“Trusted servant” was one of many terms I heard tossed around in my early days of service in sobriety. But much like “primary purpose”, I thought I had an idea of what it meant. But my understanding of it now is so much stronger. Not just from acting as one for several years now. But being shown through the words and actions of those who serve with me. As well as the elder statesmen that helped guide me when I always felt like a deer in the headlights. One such man took the time to sit down with me and explain what was asked of my new position. The first position of service I ever held in AA outside of a group level.

I was to be the district web servant. Maintaining our website which held district information and where to find your next meeting. A job that was being done by our then DCM, who was pulling double duty. He and I sat down on day and went over the ins and outs of logging in, going through the settings, how to edit the words and pictures on the site, etc. I must have asked a dozen questions along the way. And right about the time I was going to ask the baker's dozen question. He stopped me and essentially said “Joe, I will happily sit here with you as long as you need me too and answer any questions you can throw at me. But let me first tell you that you are a trusted servant of AA”.

Ok, so I've heard those two words before. Another way of saying it's your job. You better not quit on us. Right? That's it. He continued. “I, and everyone in the district, trust you to be a steward of our website. Any decision you feel is in the best interest of helping our website serve our primary purpose. You have all our support.” “You were elected not just because you have a basic understanding of computers. It sure helps. But because we see in you the desire to serve the recovering and still suffering alcoholics”.

It wasn't until then that I realized my desire to serve and be responsible. As those who were there when I needed the hand of AA. Whenever I think of “trusted servant”. I am almost always drawn back to that afternoon. When one alcoholic talked to another. With the help of that man, and countless other people, I now know that I am responsible.

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The Circle and Triangle AA's third legacy To me the 3rd Legacy of Service is an expression of my gratitude for my sobriety and all of the people who have been there to help me. At my first meeting AA members reached out the hand of AA to me. From the guy who answered the hotline and told me there were no dues or fees, to the woman who handed me a newcomer's packet of pamphlets and became my first sponsor, and to the person who made the coffee, each person and service they performed helped put the pieces of me back together. As I worked the steps and learned about the traditions I began to notice that these AA members who were doing these things had something special that I wanted and I realized that if I was going to stay sober I would have to start participating in service too.

On Page 29 of As Bill sees it Bill talks about service being a “repayment for the help given to you”. I did not know what I could do or how I could be of service so I asked my sponsor. Since that time, I have been active in just about every type of service in AA and one of the biggest lessons I have learned is that I will never be able to pay back what was and is being given to me. The more service I do the more I learn and the more gifts I receive and the more gratitude I feel. Then the cycle begins again. I stopped trying to “pay back” a while ago and today my gratitude can go forward with the newcomer and maybe they can experience the joy and gratitude I have been given and keep passing that forward.
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Hello again from District 22, the far West of the Olympic Peninsula. This month as we always do in the Spring, we held our District meeting in the West End of Forks. It's quite a drive for all of those that come from Port Angeles, but support was awesome, as we had a great turnout. My motto of “If it's convenient, it probably isn't service” was answered by a strong lot of servants this month.

Heather C and I attended a treatment/Bridging the Gap workshop put on by Suzi L, the Area Treatment Chair. We are in the process of getting Heather set up in the Area database as a contact for BTG requests coming to our District and having a streamlined process for forwarding requests from our local treatment center. This is filling an important gap in our service structure.

Collaborative Events with other Districts include:

The annual Talent/No-Talent show, in conjunction with District 55, was April 5th, and well attended. Since our Alt, Monica W, and I were in Vancouver for the Quarterly, we can only report that rumor has it that a good time was had by all!

We have scheduled a Delegates Report back in conjunction with Districts 43, 55, & 56 for June 7th in Port Orchard.

We are working with Districts 10, 22, 55, & 56 to arrange a pre-Assembly meeting to discuss potential agenda items for the October Area Assembly; we have a tentative date of August 17.

The joint bid by our District, along with Districts 55 & 56, to host the January 2026 Area Quarterly was presented at the Area Quarterly this month and was approved by the voting body! We look forward to hosting you all January 2 & 3, 2026.

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Hello Area 72! I hope everyone's enjoying the nice weather and looking forward to Summer. We had some really good conversation at our April district meeting, and a lot of good feedback from GSRs on Conference items. I trust the GSRs were able to give Courtney

some really good feedback to help prepare her for Conference Week. Since the topic is AA's 3rd Legacy, I'll talk about what District 24 Third Legacy Chair is planning. Terry R., who was the January Quarterly Host Committee Chair was also planning presentations/events for our 3rd Legacy time held right before our monthly business meetings the first Wednesday of each month. He's done Google Docs/Sheets reviews, an overview of Area72AA.org, including Delegates corner, and has invited Greater Seattle Intergroup Alt Chair to May's meeting to tell us what GSIG does (and doesn't do).

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Terry has also planned a Founders Day presentation along with inviting members of Area 72 to talk with us about the service they provide. I'm really looking forward to all he has planned!

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DCM REPORT

As previously reported and relayed at the most recent Area 72 business quarterly District 25 finds itself still growing. Notably we have had several visits by representatives from groups outside the United States who very much want to be connected to the A.A. service structure but have no mechanism (as online groups in other A.A. “jurisdictions”) to so serve and have their voices heard. Many of the members (though not all) of these groups are U.S. citizens and want only to stay connected to the service structure they have been a part of before moving abroad. In polling the groups that are mostly situated inside U.S./Canada boundaries most District 25 Groups have at least one, if not more, individual members who physically live outside U.S./Canada boundaries if not all of the year at least part of it.

Herein lies the rub. Apparently the Area 72 website and tech committee chairs have in place firewalls to prevent “nefarious” foreign entities from infiltrating the system; and sadly this means that District 25 internationally located members and groups are not able to access the Area 72 website either. And unfortunately, and somewhat alarmingly, certain elected trusted servants at the area level have determined that they will not under any circumstances seek out a means to insure security while still making the website and its information available to those members. This deliberate obstinance is very concerning to our district and a committee is being formed and information and experience being gathered from all levels of the A.A. service structure to bring to the Area for discussion and resolution of this firewall. All members in the Area 72 structure (and that includes all online members identifying as being a part of District 25 - which by an overwhelmingly accepted and passed motion in 2022 insures that there are no geographical boundaries for District 25 to have to work around) must be guaranteed the same rights and privileges as all other members and that all trusted servants are in fact working toward this end and not governing the body based on their own fears, grievances, or opinions.

~Jo G Dist 25

The Circle and Triangle — A.A.'s Third Legacy

In Alcoholics Anonymous the symbols of a circle enclosing a triangle represents the organizations core values: unity, service and recovery. The circle symbolizes the wholeness and inclusivity of the A.A. fellowship while the triangle signifies A.A.'s three legacies. Here's a more detailed breakdown:

Circle: Represents the *entire A.A. world, the interconnectedness of members, and the idea of wholeness and unity* (emphasis added).

Triangle: Symbolizes A.A.'s three legacies: **Unity** (the fellowship and sense of community among A.A. members), **Service** (the willingness to help others, *both within and outside the A.A. program* [again emphasis added]), and **Recovery** as in the process of achieving and maintaining sobriety, which encompasses physical, mental and spiritual aspects.

At present District 25 is witnessing the corrosive effects not practicing all principles this symbology represents as not all of our members are being provided the same opportunities and privileges that other members have available to them day in and day out. District 25 seeks to insure that the ideals that are embodied in this symbology are once again made sound and sure and that the upside down triangle of the service structure does not upend (and the membership find itself being governed and dictated to) as it was designed to prevent.

Yours in service,
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“Service”

District 27 is growing in service! We have two new Co-Chairs for Corrections and Treatment. We have members taking meetings into the county jails both in Pacific and Cowlitz county and we just started having members take meetings into a rehab facility for the first time. There is a member working with the Southern Six (SW Washington Districts) with hosting and coordinating events together. Our PI/CPC committee is working hard at getting info out to the public. Being a witness to the growth of our fellowship is truly something I am grateful to being a part of.

Service + Unity + Recovery = A new life!

In service,
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For many of us, three in one is easy to understand. Most AA coins display the triangle clearly inscribed with the three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. Individually they're incomplete, always yearning for the other two. Usually, Recovery begins upon submitting one's will and life over to God. The cornerstone that adheres the legacies together. Unity, through fellowship with others in recovery who

practice the steps and traditions, leads us to do what is right. They helped guide me as I found the Way, the Truth, and the Life resulting in happiness, completeness; everlasting. But, for service it was first necessary to, as our coin also says, " to thine own self be true". That involved change from within. That change, upon occurring, directed the Spirit within me to Service. Trifecta complete! Service, the Third Legacy, can best be summarized for me by something Dr. Bob said about passing what he had learned to others who need it badly. he gave four reasons.

1. Sense of duty
2. It is a pleasure
3. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took the time to pass it on to me
4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip
- I suppose had I started with the summary I could have skipped everything prior. Oh well, better luck next time.
- P.S. A lot of Service happening here in District 28!
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Greetings from District 29. We continue to have robust involvement from all of our Trusted Servant Chairs. We are getting Active discussion on the Area 72 discussion topics. The recent April quarterly in Vancouver was a success from my perspective and I really appreciate the work done by the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee. Our district recently started a formal Third Legacy program last year. Generally we make a presentation at a birthday night meeting in lieu of a speaker. We have had great participation and the presentation has been well received by the groups. We have presented at roughly half of the groups in our district and look forward to being invited to present at the rest. This type of presentation certainly helps raise awareness for service beyond the group level.

In-service,

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AA's Third Legacy is a topic hard to narrow down to a couple of paragraphs. Personally, I believe it to be a lifelong goal to learn, experience, and grow through the never ending process of truly learning AA's Third Legacy. Simply put, the Third Legacy is the "sum total of all [AA's] services..." as written by Bill W. in the What Is The Third Legacy? article in the July, 1955 AA Grapevine. In this publication, he explains that "AA service is *anything whatever* that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer - ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and the AA's General Service Headquarters for national and international action." We perform these services as individuals, groups,

intergroups/central offices, areas, nationally and internationally.

Our current version of "The A.A. Service Manual" has grown from Bill W.'s "Third Legacy Manual" that was initially drafted in 1951. (That alone is an amazing discussion topic.) This manual describes everything from general service to our trusted servants. It explains the Structure of the Conference (the upside down triangle), the Group and its GSR, the District and its DCM, the Area Assembly, Area Committee, the Delegate, the Annual General Service Conference, Conference Committees, and the General Service Board. There is also great detail about the Board, A.A. World Services, A.A. Grapevine, and the General Service Office. And that's just the first half of it!

Recovery is often related to the Steps as Unity is to the Traditions. The Concepts are associated with Service and are "described in th[e] Manual [as] an interpretation of A.A.'s world service structure." As we meet with our fellow alcoholics at our home groups and meetings to achieve and (by the grace of God) maintain sobriety, I find great peace in knowing that we aren't just thrown together to figure this out on our own. We have these carefully thought out structures that we can use to not only help ourselves in our own recovery, but that we can continue to help the still suffering. Because it is in service that many of us have been able to maintain our sobriety and fulfill our primary purpose. With Gratitude,
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The AA Circle and Triangle: Embracing Our Third Legacy

The Circle and Triangle is a powerful symbol of Alcoholics Anonymous, representing the core principles of our fellowship: unity, recovery, and service. The circle signifies our collective strength and support, reminding us that we are never alone in our struggles. Meanwhile, the triangle, divided into three sections, highlights the essential aspects of our program: personal recovery through the Twelve Steps, the importance of fostering unity within our groups, and the commitment to service that reinforces our own sobriety while helping others. For this alcoholic, being of service is what keeps me happy and sane in my sobriety, and for that, I couldn't be more grateful.

AA's Third Legacy calls on all members to engage in service, emphasizing that our recovery is not just an individual journey but a collective effort. By taking on various service roles, from leading meetings to reaching out to the still-suffering alcoholic, we embody the spirit of the Circle and Triangle. Each act of service strengthens our community and contributes to the greater good of Alcoholics Anonymous. As we navigate our recovery, let us remember that through unity and service, we can face any challenge together and continue to support one another on this incredible journey.

With love and gratitude,
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DISTRICT 34 – MAY NEWLETTER ARTICLE

District 34 is operating well! The district continues to carry the message by conducting regularly scheduled hybrid meetings every 1st Tuesday of every month. District Officer's, Chairperson's, and GSR's attend and participate in the meetings.

April –

- Attended – Area 72 Committee Quarterly Business - Vancouver, WA
- District 34 hosted GSR School along with (4) other districts (33,35,36 & 39) at the Kelsey Creek Church in Bellevue, WA. The event had a good turnout with GSRs in-person and on Zoom. It was a (4) hour event taught by Alternate Delegate Lupita.
- District 34 DCM and Alt DCM visited the Mercer Island Group, along with other groups individually. The district is excited announce the addition of a new GSR that joined from the Mercer Island Thursday Night Group.
- The district is continuing to strive toward excellence by sharing, commitment to GSRs, Groups, Area, and GSO. Our group embraces the 3rd Legacy of recovery, unity, and service. From a personal perspective I embrace recovery through the Twelve Steps, achieve unity in the Twelve Traditions, and service by utilizing the suggestions described in Twelve Concepts for World Service and AA Service Manual.

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April saw a flurry of activities across District 35...

Coming off the Eastside Districts Pre-Conference meeting in late March, our GSRs prepped for their groups and garnered their group's conscience and then sent summaries on to Courtney. Hats off to the great pre-conference facilitators; our GSRs were well prepared.

Both our DCM and ALT DCM attended the Area Business Quarterly in Vancouver. The many reports were very interesting and informative, the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee gave a fantastic presentation (actually two) that was both thorough and creative, and the Committee "Speed Dating" event was a wonderful way to meet and get to know the committee Chairs. All in all, the weekend was further proof of all the excellent work being done in Western Washington, and that we are definitely not a glum lot!

At the Quarterly, Eastside DCMS got together with our Area Chair, and cemented August 2nd for the Eastside Districts Pre-Assembly meeting. Each District is currently searching for venue possibilities, which we

hope to select and announce in the next month.

April saw us start rolling on (3) committee projects, two of which will be joint collaborations with District 36:

- Taking speakers into 3-4 Issaquah Middle School health classes in late May during their “alcohol unit” curriculum. Leading this effort are the Young People Chairs for D35 and D36.
- The above-mentioned YP Chairs will also be spearheading a committee as to how we can more engage and serve suffering young people in our collective areas.
- A third committee is exploring how to attract a more diverse cross-section of our community into our rooms. Our starting point is to explore and better understand any barriers some people face that may keep them from seeking AA as a possible solution.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve,
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Hello fellow trusted servants - it is a great month to be a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am happy with the work being done in our district by our committee chairs, GSR and district elected. We are trying our best to make meaningful contributions to AA in the Snoqualmie Valley, support our great groups, and have fun. We invited Derek N to our April District meeting and he gave a great presentation on the 7th tradition and how our group contributions are used by Area and GSO. He answered questions from the floor, and we all appreciate Derek taking the time to come to beautiful Fall City for the District meeting. We ended the meeting talking about our open Chair positions. We still would like to fill positions for Accessibility, CPC/PI, Treatment/BTG, 3rd Legacy, and Alternate DCM. I talked about the importance of the work the district does for these areas and my concern that we are could be missing out on opportunities. This kicked off a lively discussion about 3rd Legacy and how we can reach out to members about general service. Some ideas: make a fun presentation on general service, get a captive audience (picnic or gratitude dinner), go to groups with 3rd Legacy presentation, and figure out how to simplify our explanation on what we do for general service. I was amazed and impressed by the numerous people that had the same concern as me and how good the ideas were. Each time I believe that I am the only concerned about an issue facing our district I am quickly disabused of that by the many people who are willing and ready to help.

I attended a new to me District 36 meeting recently and was invited to sit on their business meeting. First off, the meeting was fantastic with meaningful solution-based AA sharing. I was impressed (as a I always am) with the quality and depth of shares at our meetings. I always hear just what I need and love the candid, honest, and heartfelt stories from members. There was a new person who said they only had a few days of sobriety.

During a share, another person turned to them and told them they are the most important person in the room and my heart melted. I am so glad that there was a chair for that alcoholic just like there was a chair for me 18 years ago when I stumbled into my first AA meeting. Hurt, confused, and scared, I didn't know there were people who cared about me and would help me just because I told them I was an alcoholic. One of the topics of their business meeting was that they were currently low on Big Books (they gave one to the new person along with a schedule and list of phone numbers). They had to get more to keep in the sturdy plastic tub in the main room. I immediately thought "what a great problem to have - we are running out of Big Books because we keep giving them away." I left knowing I had another great treatment for my disease and that AA outside my regular meetings is alive and well. Thank you, Snoqualmie Friday Night!

Yours in Service,
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The 3 Legacies That Saved My Life

Nearly seven years ago, I walked into Alcoholics Anonymous feeling broken and lost. I wasn’t just looking to stop drinking—I was searching for a way to live. What I found were three legacies that changed everything: **Recovery, Unity, and Service.**

Recovery gave me more than sobriety. It gave me a new life. Through the 12 Steps, I learned how to heal, grow, and connect with something greater than myself. I stopped running from my past and started becoming the person I was meant to be.

Unity showed me I was never alone. For the first time, I felt seen and understood. In the rooms, I found connection, belonging, and a fellowship of people who truly get it.

Service taught me to show up for others the way people showed up for me. Whether it's sharing at a meeting or simply listening, service keeps me grounded and grateful. It reminds me that healing multiplies when we give it away.

These legacies didn’t just save my life—they gave me one worth living. If you're struggling, know this: there is hope. And you don’t have to walk through this alone!

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District 40 has been thriving. All of our committee chair positions are filled and it's finally starting to feel like it did before the pandemic. We are still meeting on Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month but we have decided to have a hybrid quarterly every three months to help facilitate community. Our first one will be the first Tuesday of May at Intergroup. Fellowship at 6 PM and the meeting starts at seven. All are welcome.

With the help of the Intergroup hospital and treatment committee a panel is being brought into an acute care facility next-door to Swedish Cherry Hill every Friday afternoon. The feedback from the facility staff and patients has been phenomenal. The King County juvenile detention center in our district has a men’s and women’s meeting every week. The woman’s is Thursdays from 7 to 8 PM and the men’s is Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM. There is a pretty extensive background check process. The men’s in particular could use some new blood. If you know anybody interested in either meeting with at least two years sober and five years from criminal justice involvement or hard drug use please have them contact volunteercorrections@seattleaa.org for more information.

I am grateful for this opportunity to be of service
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We alcoholics don’t typically get here on a winning streak. First, we needed to get honest with ourselves and admit that we are powerless over alcohol; the first of many humbling experiences to come. Through trials and errors we may trudge or sprint into new lives, experiencing joys and sorrows with our new freedom from alcohol. One man, desperately seeking to stay sober, shares his message to another; finding relief just by talking about his malady. Hearing Other People’s Experiences are the roots in which our program grew. On March 1, 1941, The Saturday Evening Post published the article titled “Alcoholics Anonymous: Freed Slaves of Drink, Now They Free Others” by Jack Alexander. Thus, a major turning point in A.A. 's history, showing that “this thing works!” Whenever I see the circle and triangle logo, it reminds me of the trials and errors that created A.A.’s Twelve Traditions as well as the Spiritual Principles that guide us. The growing pains that WE, as a whole, are uniquely qualified to help others like no one else, and serve the still suffering. District 42 is fabulous! Thank you all for your service, engagement and showing up each month! We have voted to stay with a traditional banking system for now, and are relieved to take this topic off our agenda! In April we had special visitors presenting; Jen R. Area Archives Chair, Stephen L. Monroe PI Booth Chair, DCM24 Lisa J. on Picnics,

and... BOB F. was in the house! He's promised us homemade cookies if/when we meet in person again!
Growing through Service,
Teri H. DCM42

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The third legacy of AA is our triangle, Unity, Service, and Recovery. I use it as my Spiritual toolbox.

If I'm not in Unity with other members of the fellowship the bottom left corner starts to open, and it starts to leak out my Spiritual tools. When I am working with newcomers, and being a part of and helping others with the program then it closes. The service side is the same if I am not being of help where I can then the bottom right corner starts to open up and starts to leak out my spiritual tools. When I get into service whether it be making coffee, greeting new comers, giving rides or whatever that might be then it closes up and I can start to use my tools as needed. At the bottom of the triangle, Recovery is a little bit trickier. If I'm not making my recovery first, then the bottom starts to open on both sides, and it leaks out faster. I know that my recovery depends on how I share my experience, strength, and hope at a meeting so that I can be the best me there is to still give help to the newcomer. So, I can keep the bottom closed. Then I can open up the top of the triangle and reach in and grab my spiritual tools as needed.

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Hello all my favorite Area 72 Service Warriors!
District 45 has been busy, busy, busy! As the Sun warms the our hearts and spirits our body and mind follows.
One of the coolest happenings is that a meeting has been gaining traction at JBLM one of the largest military bases in the country, and is located in D45. Pierce county has always had a difficult time maintaining a consistent meeting on base even though with 35K service members we know it's needed tremendously. We were able to facilitate their first business meeting and was apparent was confusion regarding military members donating, and before this awesome meeting of Army and Air Force personnel could elect a GSR was to make sure they could properly collect 7th tradition and fund one. More to come on this.
District 45 has been working hard to book multiple Area 72 events, including a really cool viewing party of one of the pre conferences. We have also put together hosting of DCM School on May 3rd, A Delegate Report Back, a Pre Assembly, Archives Quarterly, and CPC Quarterly. We work with an ongoing budget that has worked for us and our body voted to continue to do so as opposed to put together a more formal proposed/Actual accounting budget. Our Gratitude Banquet will be Nov1st and a Gratitude Picnic is held in July. We plan on working towards updating our District handbook.

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We held our District Orientation in March which we put together to help familiarize this rotation in the Inverted Service Triangle, WWA 72 Website, our new D54 roles, the District Handbook and the Gmail / Google Drive. For those that were not able to attend, we made the information available to the GSRs & Service Committee members at our April District meeting.

We are diligently working to fill the Alt DCM position along with a few others (CSO Director 1, Third Legacy, etc.). Our GSRs are working to get their Pre-Conference Group conscience together to support Courtney and her travels next month to the General Service Conference. We are planning a “Delegate Report-back” watch party in June as our District is hosting a Workshop when she is scheduled to meet with South Sound 7 (which District 54 is part of).

We have had two Groups step up to plan/host our Summer Picnic which is scheduled at Mud Mountain Dam on August 16th. Come join us!

The Circle and Triangle AA's Third Legacy
When Dr. Bob and Bill W. established the concept of the Three Legacies to assist A.A. in carrying on as they encountered health concerns, divine intervention is once again evident.

At D54, we incorporated a “Fun Fact” as part of our District Meetings to generate a little interest in the history and to have take a little break from the business being conducted. The following “Fun Fact” was from earlier this year.

When did Alcoholics Anonymous adopt the Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service?

a. On the 20 th anniversary of AA	b. During the 1955 St. Louis International Conference
c. When the General Service Conference was formed	<i>d. All of the above</i>

With gratitude,

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Hello Area 72,

This month's topic of service fits perfect with what's been going on in Sequim. We have been working with the other peninsula districts putting on events like the Talent No Talent Show, and getting reading to host the January Quarterly.

At our last district meeting we discussed creating a young person chair to work with the other peninsula districts on a committee. We are very excited about this growth in our community. Our Accessibility Chair has also made great progress getting into the local facilities to reach alcoholics who can't make it to meetings.

We are looking forward to our up coming events. Our Annual Auction on May 3rd, Olympic Round-up May 16-18th, Founders Day Picnic June 7th, and our Annual Salt Creek Picnic with District 22.

Grateful to be of service

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Four months into the 2025-2026 service rotation Greater Seattle Intergroup and things are running smoothly. GSIG is still in search of Chair Persons for our 3rd Legacy and Special Events Committees, as well as a Newsletter Editor. We are excited to have finally found a new chairperson for our Web & Tech Committee!

Some of the highlights of the past month have included sales of the Plain Language Big Book continuing to be brisk, with the books especially popular in treatment centers and jails. Also, we continue to seek additional web chat operators, as the demand for chat has nearly matched that of our 24/7 phone hotline, nearly doubling our total points of contact with still suffering alcoholics. Additionally, the GSIG Board voted in April to begin to provide bereavement leave to employees who have experienced loss of loved ones.

Finally, the date for the legendary GSIG annual summer picnic has been set for Sunday, August 17th. The picnic will once again be at Seattle’s Seward Park, Shelter #3, and AA members from around the region are invited to join us for BBQ, music and fellowship!

To volunteer, learn more or contribute to Seattle Intergroup, visit our website at seattleaa.org. We accept bank cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Paypal or Venmo. Checks can be mailed to PO Box 698, Seattle, WA 98177. Please consider becoming a monthly sustainer!

In service,

Jeff U
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The primary function of the Central Office of Snohomish County is to provide 24-hour telephone access for Alcoholics Anonymous in and for the greater Snohomish County area. It exists to aid the groups within the participating districts (2, 3, 12, 19 and 57) in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. The Central Office provides a plethora of services including, but not limited to, sharing meeting information, limited literature for purchase (both pamphlets and books), 12 step call support and many opportunities for AA service work. Furthermore, the Central Office of Snohomish County also provides gathering space for various events, workshops, and meetings that support our recovery community and encourage personal growth among members. It is a beacon of hope for those seeking recovery and a testament to the power of collective support.

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Member Articles

Our Area Newsletter

It looks like we may have missed the track in January.

For the past 54 years, Area 72 has printed and mailed a newsletter to its membership. It is a well-established tradition with a rich history that has carried, and continues to carry, some special little bit of Area 72 A.A. into people’s homes, our homegroups, intergroups and central offices, institutional facilities, and far off places.

Our Area’s history is filled with the newsletter. The word appears in our Area Handbook 75 times. We’ve purchased equipment for the

newsletter, then sold it because we thought we shouldn’t own anything. Then we bought equipment again. We’ve made decisions about what should or should not be printed in the newsletter, and changed our minds. We’ve printed outrageous articles and plenty of boring ones. We decided to translate a number of printings per year for our Spanish reading members. Throughout these 54 years, the groups have continued to expect, pay for, and receive 12 printed newsletters per year. And we’ve done so intentionally. In 1983, and again in 2010, the Area Assembly heard motions to reduce the number of mailings down from 12. Both motions were rejected by the groups.

So why then did our Area Committee decide, at the January Area Business meeting of this year, to reduce the number of printed mailings from 12 to four? It is my belief that this decision unintentionally ran afoul with our groups, and that what our Area does or does not do with our newsletter is a decision only the groups can make. This was a significant change that I believe was made without full understanding of its implications or alignment with the expressed wishes of the groups.

It appeared to me that this decision stemmed from a combination of factors. The incoming 2025 Area budget contained a significantly reduced newsletter budget and multiple Area Leader Servants spoke against the newsletter. While some of the Committee agreed or disagreed, for many I suspect that it was natural to follow the lead that appeared to be forming in the moment. After all, it was their very first meeting as an Area Committee. This is an example of why our Area has moved toward decision making by way of discussion topics prior to motion forming. They give us the time necessary for an informed group conscience.

Certainly it’s true that there is a newsletter issue (no pun intended). It has become very large, and it is very costly. Having received the newsletter for 25 years, it seems that it has slowly grown into a phonebook. Maybe we need a conversation about the scope and intention of the newsletter. Maybe our incoming newsletter editor could exert some of her delegated authority to bring the newsletter back down to a

manageable size. After all, her title is Newsletter Editor, not Newsletter Printer. I know her personally. She is a very smart and responsible person. I trust her.

In any case, while there is a conundrum to resolve with the size and cost of the newsletter, changes to the number of printed mailings should be decided only by the collected Group Conscience of our Area’s Groups. After all, it’s their newsletter and ultimately it is their decision.

Love all you weirdos.

Alan

Past Delegate 2019/2020

**OUR AREA HISTORY:
NO LONGER A MYSTERY**

Hi Area 72!! Donna here, your trusted servant from OSD III Sales.

I had an enlightened moment during the last Area Business Quarterly when I realized that our book, “Our Stories Disclose, Third Edition” (OSD 3) was discussed through 2017 and approved to be published by the 2018 Area 72 Assembly. After 5 years and delays because of Covid, we now have edition 3 available. However, because it has taken so long to publish, many members may not be aware of this book or the importance of it to our Area and maybe even your home group!

Some may know the history of AA from reading the ‘Big Book’, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, A.A. Comes Of Age or Dr. Bob & the Good Oldtimers... yet may not know how our Area 72 fits into that history. For instance; that the first Area Delegate, Dale A. (panel 1) attended the first ever General Service Conference in 1951

In 1966 Past Area Delegate, Everett K. (along with a small committee of A.A. members in our Area) produced our first history booklet titled "The History Of Washington State Alcoholics Anonymous 1941-1966". New information, unavailable to Everett at the time, resulted in a more accurate recounting of the stories during the earliest years of A.A. in our state. So, in 1987 the Washington Area published the first edition of ‘Our Stories Disclose 1941-1986’, and a second updated edition was published in 2004. Now comes the updated third edition, that even more completely tells the story about our Area history and some of the groups & people that were active in our growth.

Here are just a few of the important facts about this new book:

- “Our Stories Disclose... Third Edition 1939-2018.” is a 2-volume set that offers an in-

depth exploration of the experiences, anecdotes, and pivotal moments that have shaped our vibrant community.

- Work on this third publication of Our Stories Disclose (OSD 3) began with approval at the 2018 Area 72 Assembly and more research into our history began. It has been compiled, researched, edited and published by Western Washington Area 72 archivists, historians, ‘Oldtimers’, groups and individual members. The 2-volume set includes corrected & edited information from the earlier books, as well as updated information from the early days of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1939 to 2018. This meticulously researched history spans nearly eight decades of the fellowship in our Area.
- It is the story of the growth of A.A. in Washington State and portions of Northern Idaho, SE British Columbia, SW Alberta, and small portions of Eastern Montana, and Northern Oregon...all served by the Washington Area at one time.
- It is also the story of many individuals and groups struggling to free themselves from alcoholism and to carry their message of hope to others. A struggle which was often waged against staggering odds, from one tentative group in 1941 to the current 1400 registered groups in our Area with over 4,000 meetings per week.
- It includes some very early letters written near the beginnings of A.A. by desperate alcoholics, their friends or family members to the New York office of ‘the Alcoholic Foundation’ (now known as our General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous) and the replies and referrals from the New York office to recovering alcoholics in Washington State.
- It also includes not only the history of your Area (including the split from Eastern WA) but also the histories of the Area Standing Committees, the Districts and their Groups AND the Clubs, Halls, Intergroups & CSOs
- Districts 1 & 57 (our Hispanic districts) are printed in both English & Spanish.
- Bill W. once wrote, “Through Archives we are able to express A.A.’s collective experience, strength and hope gained through its rich heritage and renew our own sense of purpose.”

The 2 volume sets are \$25.00 (discounts are available for purchase by Districts, Intergroups, CSOs Clubs & Halls for re-sale) You can purchase sets in the following ways:

- Check with your local Intergroup, C.S.O., Club, Hall or District Office (many have them available to sell)
- Online credit/debit card orders: <https://area72aa.org/osd/sales> (See QR Code Below*)
- Mail Order Form with check (can be found Online, in your Area Newsletter, or ask your DCM
- The Archives Repository is open for pick-up and sales (cash, check, money order) most every Friday from 10am to 3pm, and the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month from 11am to 3pm Located at 3905 Steilacoom Blvd SW Lakewood WA 98499
- OR by special arrangement! You can email me at osd3sales@area72aa.org
- I will have sets available to purchase at each Area Assembly, Area Business Quarterlies, and any conventions, workshops & AA festivities that I can get to.

With Love, In Service;

Donna H.

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THE AA GROUP CONSCIENCE

By cultivating unity, you contribute to a collective consciousness that transcends division and promotes harmony among all beings. This supports Tradition One—Our common welfare should come first. Forming a united, cohesive group allows people to forge connections that support recovery. It means coming from your heart for a productive result.

My family told me they did not want to hear what I had to say. The idea of a group conscience was new to me. When I was married, I did what I was told. My husband decided all the major concerns and activities for the family. I never had a say until I came to Alcoholics Anonymous. At my first few business meetings, I shyly sat there. During the vote at first, I was not able to vote because my history stopped me, Thank goodness now I am easily able to vote when it is time to do that.

Over time, I found that the results of a group consciousness brought the wishes of the majority. However, even those that opposed the issue were asked to share. This really surprised me. Usually, it did not change the results, but it was interesting to me that you could even speak up to not agree.

Several years into the program, I attended an assembly that was held in a gymnasium with bleachers. The seats were filled with even all the chairs on the main floor full.

Next to the table with the chairperson had two microphones for each speaker to articulate for or against the items up for a vote.

The speakers for the concern gave their pitch. Then the person in opposition gave her comments. The room energy changed immediately. I felt the change in the whole audience. It was time for the vote and the matter was voted down. One person had changed the vote of a room filled with people ready to be in favor of the concern. They realized that the speaker had an understanding about the situation that they had not recognized. She was right It was a real surprise to me to see that one person can change a decision .This showed me how powerful a group conscience can be.

I see it as God informing them not to make the mistake of passing the item. It takes many people to bring together a right resolution to the matters at hand. This applies in all our meetings, we say Thy Will Be Done and in a group consciousness that happens. It is not the rule of a few people or an individual. It becomes the right answer for the situation.

Over my 39 years in AA, I am amazed at how valuable and perfect our organization is structured. The steps, traditions, concepts, and other procedures are all about our Higher Power running AA rather than a single person. We are blessed to have an association based in principles. This keeps me sober. It reminds me of principles over personalities.

By Marilyn R.

Flyers, Events, and Forms

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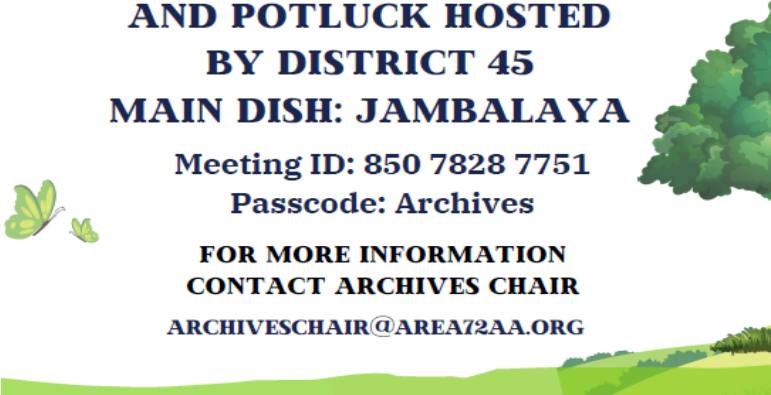
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add to the archive collection which currently contains over
700 photos, articles, newsletters, etc.

**ALL ARE WELCOME INCLUDING ANYONE INTERESTED
IN THE HISTORY OF GAY AA IN SEATTLE**
FOR INFO chac.reunion2025@gmail.com

DISTRICT 55 AA

**FOUNDERS
DAY PICNIC**

CELEBRATING
90 YEARS
OF AA

SPEAKER
MEETING
POTLUCK

**JUNE 7TH
2025
1:30PM**

DRINKS & HOTDOGS PROVIDED
MASONIC TEMPLE 700 S. 5TH ST, SEQUIM, WA

A graphic with a green and blue background. At the top, it says "Our Stories Disclose 3". Below that, "SCAN HERE FOR PAYMENT" is written above a large QR code. Under the QR code, it says "THANK YOU". At the bottom, there are two links: "https://area72aa.org/eod/voices" and "eod3voices@area72aa.org".

District 54 Picnic – 2025!

August 16th – 11am w/Food @ Noon

Mud Mountain Park - Chinook Shelter

BBQ Hamburgers and Hot Dogs Provided

Please bring your favorite side or dessert

Kids Water Feature and Playground!

50/50 Raffle – Fellowship – Fun!!



It’s Picnic Time!



Area 72 Grapevine, La Viña, and Literature Quarterly

June 14, 2025, 10 am - 2 pm Hosted by District 1

This Meeting will be held in-person and hybrid

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District 1, 201 S Division St, Suite B, Auburn, WA 98001  
or, Join us virtually, Meeting ID: 873 2199 0075 Passcode: 620280

<https://area72aa-org.zoom.us/j/87321990075?pwd=SUxzVG42QWRDQytjU0lyR0dmbm96dz09>

Come join us in person for fellowship starting at 9:30 am

The business meeting will start as close to 10:00 am as possible  
and end at approximately 2:00 p.m.

We are excited to have Guest Speakers, and learn more how to  
Carry the Message of Grapevine, La La Viña, and A.A. Literature

Interpretation will be in Spanish to English and English to Spanish

We look forward to seeing you



Área 72 Grapevine, La Viña, y literatura trimestral

Junio 14, 2025, 10:00am - 14:00 horas      Organizado por el Distrito 1

Este Encuentro se realizará de manera presencial e híbrida

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Distrito 1, 201 S Division St, suite b, Auburn, WA 98001
Únase a nosotros virtualmente, ID de reunión: 873 2199 0075 Código de acceso: 620280

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Únase a nosotros en persona para tener compañerismo a partir de las 9:30 am.

La reunión de negocios comenzará lo más cerca posible de las 10:00 am.
y finalizará aproximadamente a las 14:00 horas.

Estamos entusiasmados de tener oradores invitados y aprender más sobre cómo
Llevar el mensaje de Grapevine, La Viña y A.A. Literatura

La interpretación será de español a inglés e inglés a español.

“Esperamos verte”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GSR WORKSHOP
BELLEVUE | HYBRID
APR 19

GSR WORKSHOP
BURLINGTON
MAY 18

DCM WORKSHOP
APR 27

DCM WORKSHOP
MAY 3

[HTTPS://AREA72AA.ORG/EVENTS/](https://area72aa.org/events/)

Asamblea del Área 72 2025
Del 3 al 5 de octubre de 2025

Opciones de menú compradas

Helado del viernes

Triple Experiencia de Helado. Tres mini helados por persona

Almuerzo del sábado

Ensalada de pollo asado y quinoa (sin gluten, sin lácteos). Manzana, avellana, hinojo, ensalada de quinoa, vinagreta casera de hierbas

Chili verde de cerdo (sin gluten). Crema de maíz molido, patatas fritas de tortilla

Molinetes de coliflor, garbanzos y champiñones (sin gluten, veganos). Ensalada de quinoa, puré de pimiento rojo asado

Cena del sábado

Pimiento relleno de Frijoles rojos y arroz (sin gluten, vegano). Veloute de maíz vegano

Pechuga de pollo a la sartén (sin gluten). Puré de patatas con ajo asado, alcachofa, pimiento rojo y cebolla roja, salsa de mantequilla de limón y alcaparras

Chuleta de cerdo con costra de ajo (sin lácteos). Ragú de pancella-frijoles blancos y romero, puré de pimiento rojo asado

Desayuno del Domingo

Lynnwood despierta. Muestra de frutas frescas, huevos revueltos, tocino, salchichas, papas asadas con hierbas, mini cuernitos y mermelada

Opciones de Tarifa para Grupos de Alojamiento

Best Western Alderwood
9332 36th Avenue W
Lynnwood, WA 98036
\$ 99 + impuestos y tasas (1 King)
\$145 + impuestos y tarifas (2 Queens)
Para reservas de habitaciones:
- Llame al 425-775-7600 y mencione Area72
- Visite este enlace de reserva directa
Bloque de grupos disponible hasta el 9/12/25 según disponibilidad (50 habitaciones)

La Quinta Inn Lynnwood
4300 Alderwood Mall Blvd
Lynnwood, WA 98036
\$103 + impuestos y tasas (1 King)
\$103 + impuestos y tarifas (2 Queens)
Para reservas de habitaciones:
- Llame al 425-775-7447 y mencione Area72
- Visite su sitio web con el código de grupo Area72
Bloque de grupo disponible hasta el 9/12/25 según disponibilidad (80 habitaciones)

Asamblea del Área 72 2025
3 a 5 de Octubre de 2025
Centro de eventos de Lynnwood, 3711 196th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036 y a través de Zoom
LA REUNIÓN ANUAL DE NEGOCIOS DE WWA72
Este es un evento híbrido

Anfitrión: D24
<https://area72aa.org/2025-area-assembly>

LA INSCRIPCIÓN POR CORREO DEBE RECIBIRSE ANTES DEL 09/15/2025
(No hay reembolsos de comidas después del 15 de septiembre de 2025)

Nombre completo: _____

Nombre en el Gafete: _____

Grupo de Origen: _____

Distrito #: _____

Ciudad: _____

Correo Electrónico: _____

Teléfono: _____

Soy un/a:

- O RSG
- O RSG Alterno
- O MCD
- O MCD Alterno
- O Ex Delegado
- O Voluntario
- O Otro miembro de AA

Las solicitudes de accesibilidad deben realizarse a más tardar del 9/1/25:

Registro

Selección una:

- O En persona \$59
- O En línea (se requiere una dirección de correo electrónico) \$30
- O Ambos (se requiere una dirección de correo electrónico) \$59

*La inscripción paga el alquiler y los gastos; sin embargo, según la Moción 90.2, el pago de la cuota de inscripción es voluntario.

COMIDAS

Viernes Helado Social \$11

Almuerzo del sábado \$54

Selección una:

- O Ensalada de pollo asado y quinoa (sin gluten, sin lácteos)
- O Chik verde de cerdo (sin gluten)
- O Molinetes de coliflor, garbanzos y champiñones (sin gluten, vegano) \$78

Cena del sábado

Selección una:

- O Chile pimiento relleno de Frijoles rojos y arroz (sin gluten, vegano)
- O Pechuga de pollo a la sartén (sin gluten)
- O Chuleta de cerdo con costra de ajo (sin lácteos) \$49

Domingo Desayuno Buffet

TOTAL INCLUIDO: \$ _____

Total para la inscripción presencial o ambas y todas las comidas cuestan: \$251

El café estará disponible, en el lugar, para su compra.
Haga el cheque pagadero a:
Asamblea de Área 2025



Regístrese en línea a partir del 1 de Abril de 2025 en: <https://area72aa.org/2025-area-assembly> o envíe esta página completa a:
Asamblea de Área 2025, c/o Distrito 24
PO Box 439, Lynnwood, WA 98046

