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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.

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE			
Western Washington Area 72 Quarterly Business Meetings			
January 2 & 3	January Area 72 Quarterly	Seven Cedars Casino Sequim WA	
Area Standing Committee Quarterlies			
Saturday Nov 1 10am-2pm	CPC Quarterly Meeting	NWVeterens Center 216 Francis St Port Angeles 98362	Zoom ID 833 4771 9488 Passcode: SERVICE
Saturday Nov 1 10am-2pm	Archives Quarterly	Edmonds Presbyterian Church 22600 96 th Ave W Edmonds WA 98020	Zoom ID 895 8451 3370 Passcode: Archives
Saturday Nov 8	PI Quarterly	Congregational Church 301 South Lewis Street Monroe, WA 98272	Zoom ID 896 5804 3258 Passcode: Publicinfo
2026 Conferences			
February 27- March 1	PRAASA 2026	Honolulu Hawaii	
Workshops			
Saturday Oct. 19 th Noon-2PM	Area Archives work Party	Archives Repository 3905 Steilacoom Blvd SW Lakewood, WA 98499	
Sunday Oct. 26 4:30-5:30	Registrar Workshop	Virtual	ZOOM ID 633 540 5154 Passcode: registrar
Sunday Oct. 26 3pm-4pm	PI Workbook Study	Virtual	Zoom ID 872 1003 9770 Passcode: 02416
Saturday Nov 7 th Noon-2PM	Area Archives work Party	Archives Repository 3905 Steilacoom Blvd SW Lakewood, WA 98499	
Saturday Nov 22	Third Legacy Workshop District 25	Virtual	Zoom ID 861 7239 0689 Passcode: 045219
Study Groups			
4 th Sunday 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Cooperation with Professional Community	Virtual	Zoom ID: 872 1003 9770 Passcode: 024176
4 th Saturday 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Corrections 8/23/2025	Virtual	Zoom ID: 828 6821 9335 Passcode: 343910
4 th Sunday Noon-1:30pm	Treatment Roundtable July 27, August 31 st , Oct 26 th ,	Virtual	Zoom ID 8125591 9512
4 th Sunday 3PM-4PM	PI Workbook Study	Virtual	Zoom ID872 1003 9770 Passcode: 02416
Up Coming Newsletter Topics			
December Online Only	The Group Inventory	Due Nov 20	Submit Word Doc to Newsletter@Area72AA.org

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THE HISTORY OF A.A. SPONSORSHIP

What do we mean by “Sponsorship” in A.A.?

“In A.A., sponsor and sponsored meet as equals, just as Bill and Dr. Bob did. Essentially, the process of sponsorship is this: An alcoholic who has made some progress in the recovery program shares that experience on a continuous, individual basis with another alcoholic who is attempting to attain or maintain sobriety through A.A.

“Although sponsorship is not mentioned specifically in the first 164 pages of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the practice developed out of 12th Step work that early A.A. members conducted with people who were interested in the A.A. program. Guidance on 12th Step work can be found throughout the first 164 pages in passages like this:

“But the ex-problem drinker who has found this solution, who is properly armed with facts about himself, can generally win the confidence of another alcoholic in a few hours. Until such an understanding is reached, little or nothing can be accomplished.”
(*Alcoholics Anonymous*, Pg. 18)

A.A. pamphlet: *Questions and Answers on Sponsorship*



Questions
&
Answers
on
Sponsorship

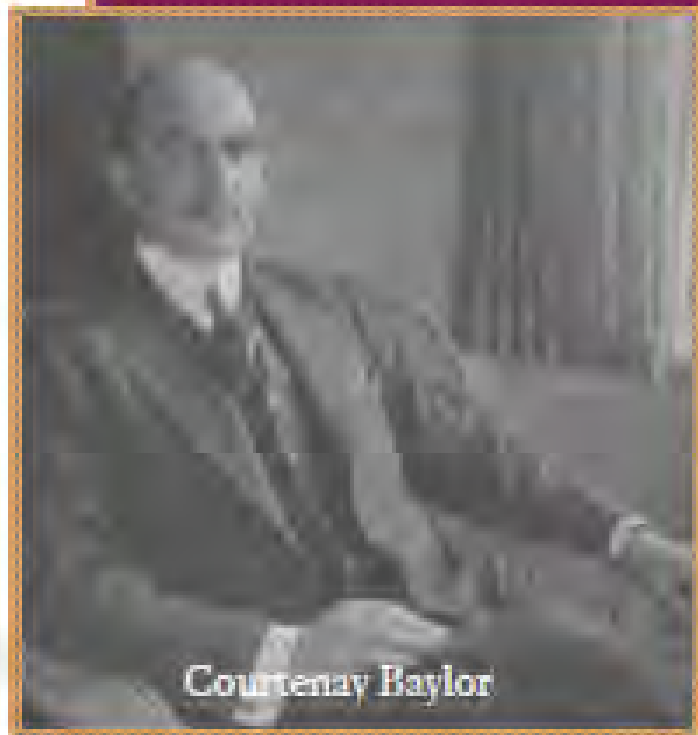
Revised A.A. General Service Conference approved November 1990

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Sponsorship Before A.A.?

The Washingtonian Society

(1840 - mid 1850s) for “reformation of drunks” grew quickly by one-on-one recruitment—one alcoholic carrying the message to another—but they did not appear to have anything like ongoing sponsorship. ([silkworth.net](#))



Courtenay Baylor

Courtenay Baylor & the Emmanuel Movement

The Emmanuel Movement was started around 1911 by a doctor and a clergyman, “for people suffering from mental distress” ([emmanuelboston.org](#)) of all kinds.

Courtenay Baylor, a successful businessman sought help for his drinking problem and subsequently became, “the first recovered alcoholic to work as a lay therapist and professionally paid addictions counselor.” ([aaagnostica.org](#))

Baylor’s role in A.A. history is that he treated Rowland Hazard who was also an Oxford Group member and who then helped Ebby T. who carried the message of recovery to Bill W.. Baylor, however, was Rowland’s therapist, not a sponsor.

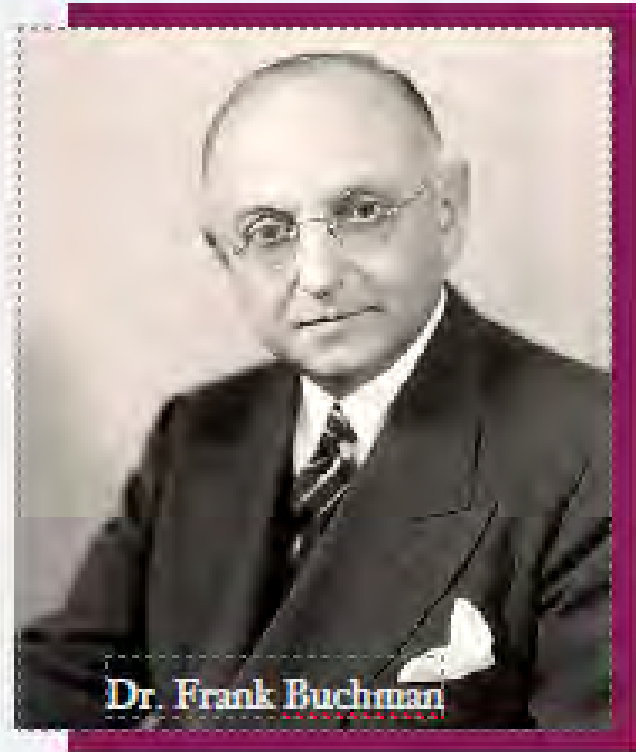
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The Oxford Group

The Oxford Group was a Christian movement founded in 1921 by Frank Buchman that strove to transform society by changing individuals one at a time, especially those in the upper class.

It was the responsibility of OG members to pass long the Group’s life changing message.

An unintended benefit of Oxford Group membership was that some members with drinking problems found they could recover from their affliction by application of Oxford Group principles.



Dr. Frank Buchman

The Oxford Group was brought to Akron by Harvey Firestone, the rubber magnate, after his son, Bud, found sobriety by practicing their program. Dr. Bob and his wife, Anne, joined, hoping to find help for Bob’s drinking that was slowly destroying his medical career.

Meanwhile, Bill W. also joined the Oxford Group at Calvary Church in New York City and found spiritual guidance from its head, Dr. Sam Shoemaker.

A.A. drew many of its principles from the Oxford Group including Confession and Checking (similar to Steps 4 & 5) but members answered to the group, there was no system of individual sponsorship.



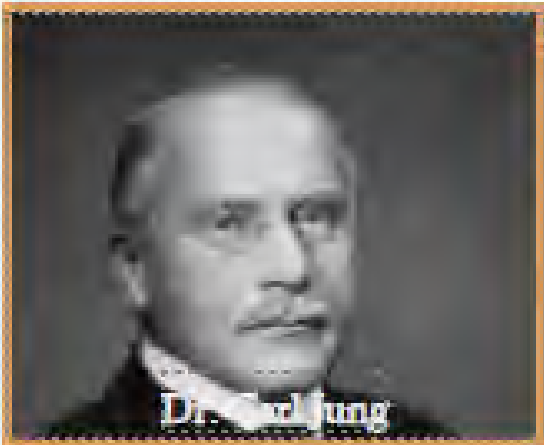
Dr. Sam Shoemaker

Bill W. once wrote in the AA Grapevine that “Dr. Sam Shoemaker was one of A.A.’s indispensables. Had it not been for his ministry to us in our early time, our Fellowship would not be in existence today.” Sam started Calvary House, a hostel where Ebby T. stayed for a time. Sam also ran Calvary Mission, a place for “the down-and-out,” which Bill W. visited in 1934 near the end of his drinking. Sam was also an early member of the Oxford Group and introduced Bill to it.

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Rowland Hazard

Rowland Hazard was a successful Rhode Island businessman with a serious drinking problem. It was Rowland’s struggles with alcoholism led to his direct involvement in the chain of events that gave rise to Alcoholics Anonymous. The story of how he underwent treatment by Dr. Carl Jung is found in the *Big Book*, pages 26-28. Jung told him he was a hopeless alcoholic and would die of the disease, the only solution being a “vital spiritual experience”.



Hazard sought help from Courtney Baylor and from the Oxford Group, where he already had friends. Having received help from both the Emmanuel Movement non-religious approach and the Oxford Group, Rowland Hazard then carried his message of recovery to Ebby Thatcher, a relative in trouble with the law because of his drunken escapades.

Here’s what Rowland had to pass along:

- The necessity of a spiritual awakening, which he learned from his treatment by Dr. Carl Jung
- Courtenay Baylor’s principles and personal example of recovery by “emotional rearrangement”
- The Oxford Group tenets for spiritual transformation that would later provide the basis for A.A.’s 12 Steps
- The importance of carrying the message



Was this sponsorship? Not quite - not yet..

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The First A.A. Sponsor

Upon learning that their friend, Ebby Thatcher, was on the verge of commitment to an asylum as a result of a drunken escapade, Rowland and two fellow Oxford Group members went to the court to ask for Ebby's release to their care.

They then shared with Ebby their Oxford Group recovery experiences. This led to Ebby's acceptance of the principles of the Oxford Group and his own sobriety.



Bill Wilson & Ebby Thatcher

Encouraged in the example of personal evangelism, Ebby later sought out an old drinking buddy, Bill Wilson.

Bill had been admitted four times to Townes Hospital for treatment for his alcoholism, from 1932 to 1935. It was during his last stay that Ebby suggested, "Well Bill, why don't you choose your own conception of God?" (*Big Book*, Bill's Story, page 12), which led to Bill's spiritual experience.

Bill later always referred to Ebby as his sponsor.



The Charles H. Townes Hospital
2852th Central Park West
1934-1935



The Seiberling Gatehouse

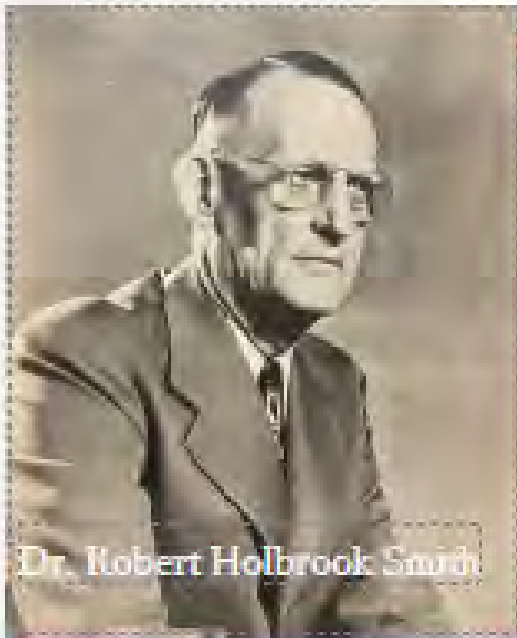
Likewise, after Bill W. brought the message of recovery to Dr. Bob and established their lifelong relationship,

Dr. Bob always referred to Bill as his sponsor.

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Early Sponsorship Develops in Akron

The process that developed for sobering up drunks in Akron involved first, admission to St. Thomas Hospital for a week of treatment overseen by Dr. Bob Smith and Sister Ignatia. Drunks were notoriously unreliable about paying medical bills, so someone needed to vouch for them. Initially, this was Dr. Bob himself, then it became the responsibility of one of the other members, who became known as the “sponsor”.



Dr. Robert Holbrook Smith

“In the earliest days of AA, the term “sponsor” was not in the AA jargon. Then a few hospitals in Akron, Ohio, and New York began to accept alcoholics (under that diagnosis) as patients—if a sober AA member would agree to “sponsor” the sick man or woman.

“The sponsor took the patient to the hospital, visited him or her regularly, was present when the patient was discharged, and took the patient home and then to an AA meeting. At the meeting, the sponsor introduced the newcomer to other happily non-drinking alcoholics. All through the early months of recovery, the sponsor stood by, ready to answer questions or to listen whenever needed.” – “Living Sober”



Saint Thomas Hospital, Akron, OH

Sponsorship Explodes in Cleveland

May 11, 1939 - Led by Clarence Snyder, a small group of alcoholics who had been driving to Akron once a week for Oxford Group meetings, started a meeting in Cleveland. Dr Bob helped them get set up for treatment with a recovering alcoholic physician at Deaconess Hospital. The group decided on the name "Alcoholics Anonymous", after the recently published book.



Clarence Snyder

October, 1939, the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper carried a series of five articles on A.A. by Elrick B. Davis and the little group was deluged with hundred pleas for help. Members with often only a few weeks sobriety started making six to eight 12-Step calls each evening and sponsoring the newly hospitalized. Sponsorship caught on but needed some guidelines, so Clarence wrote the first A.A. pamphlet, with advice on finding, qualifying and helping newcomers.

"Yes, Cleveland's results were of the best. Their results were in fact so good, and A.A.'s membership elsewhere was so small, that many a Clevelander really thought A.A.'s membership had started there in the first place. The Cleveland pioneers had proved three essential things: the value of personal sponsorship; the worth of the A.A.'s Big Book in indoctrinating newcomers, and finally the tremendous fact that A.A., when the word really got around, could now soundly grow to great size." - Bill W., A.A. Comes of Age

Meanwhile, drunks from all over the country had been coming to Akron, often put on the train by desperate wives hoping the new treatment they had read about in Time Magazine or the Saturday Evening Post could save their alcoholic husbands. Some stayed with Bob and Anne before returning home. These newly recovered men (mostly) then returned home and started groups, seeding A.A. into cities and towns across the country and becoming sponsors themselves.

Varieties of Sponsorship

Bill W.'s Spiritual Sponsor



Father Ed Dowling

Father Ed Dowling, a nonalcoholic Jesuit priest helped start A.A. in St. Louis. Beginning in 1940, Father Ed became Bill W.'s close friend and in many ways the confidant the A.A. co-founder needed in the years when he struggled to build the Fellowship and deal with his own personal demons. Bill referred to Father Ed as his spiritual sponsor.

What did Father Ed have in common with Bill W. and the other alcoholics he sought to help? The answer might be: a) He suffered, and b) He had a passion for helping others. His story is told in the book, *The Soul of Sponsorship*.

Service Sponsors

“A service sponsor is usually someone who is knowledgeable in A.A. history and has a strong background in the service structure.

“The service sponsor begins by encouraging the member to become active in their home group – coffee, literature cleanup, attending business or intergroup meetings, etc. The service sponsor should keep in mind that all members will not have the desire or qualifications to move beyond certain levels and, thus, the service sponsor might help find tasks appropriate to individuals’ skills and interests.”

Questions & Answers on Sponsorship, page 25

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
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Hi Area 72,
Like all things in AA, service sponsorship looks different for different people and that’s one of the things I appreciate about it. My experience as both a service sponsor and a service sponsee has shown me that there’s no single “right” way to pass on what we’ve learned about AA’s service structure. It’s about sharing our experience, strength, and hope in this area of recovery.
When I first got involved in General Service, I had no idea what I was doing. My service sponsor encouraged me to attend a Service Manual Study, and that has been so valuable in my journey. Through studying the Service Manual and Concepts with others, I’ve begun to truly understand how our service structure functions and how deeply it’s rooted in the spiritual principles.
As a service sponsor now, I try to follow that same example: guiding others to resources, encouraging participation, and reminding them that it’s okay not to know everything right away. We learn together, one meeting, one discussion, and one concept at a time. I encourage everyone involved in service, or curious about it, to attend a Service Manual Study. It’s where the “why” behind what we do really comes to life, and it deepens both our understanding and our gratitude for the service structure that allows AA to continue helping alcoholics everywhere.
With gratitude,
Courtney

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Hello Area 72!

It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the Assembly in Lynnwood! What a fantastic family reunion!! I hope to see many of you at upcoming Gratitude events, workshops or the January Quarterly.

I mentioned this in my Assembly report, but I’m going to note it here as well: in 2026 we will resume GSR and DCM workshops! I need partnerships from districts to help coordinate and plan them. I’m happy to help how I can, but I need **YOU** to help with locations and other logistics.

Over the years, I have learned that my one of favorite part of General Service is being around and talking to alcoholics. As Alternate Delegate that often comes in the form of workshops and District visits.

If you see me at one of these or at a local meeting, please say hi!!

As always, please reach out if I can help you or your groups or district in any way. “The Electeds” look busy or whatever narrative might occur to you, but I assure you, I am not too busy.

At the end of his personal story, Dr. Bob outlines the reasons why he spent so much time passing on what he learned to other alcoholics looking for solutions. Of the four reasons he lists, while all apply to me, three come to my mind as incredibly applicable to my General Service journey: a sense of duty, paying the debt to those who took the time to pass it on to me, and my favorite: it is a pleasure.

It is a pleasure to be a member of Area 72. It is a genuine honor to serve Area 72.
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Greetings Area 72,

It’s early morning on a weekend post Assembly. As the flurry of memories of the weekend settle, a few distinct themes keep rising to the top. First was the large attendance, second, the spirit of A.A. in Area 72 and the love of our fellowship among all of our members, and three, the patience and tolerance of our Area Body as we forged through business on Saturday. It was a remarkable weekend, and a significant hurdle for me in serving as your chair. By the end, aside from the memory that I had to remind myself to breath as we moved through business on Saturday, what was left was the sense of accomplishment I felt for our Area and a deep sense of joy and love as the anxiousness leading up to Saturday ebbed away with the tide.

Some highlights for me were as follows:

The Friday panels and the topics and organization set a beautiful tone and pace for business on Saturday. Our Alternate Chair, Lisa S., did an incredible job getting us prepared for the weekend. I gained a new understanding of how important our Assembly Fridays are. Thank you, Lisa!

The patience, love and kindness from all of you that filled the room on Saturday and the depth and understanding of the topics at hand were amazing. I learned about the strength and spirit of our Area these last

three months working with all of you in preparation for the Assembly. My heart is full.

And the importance and value of the pre-assembly process. In reflection, the efforts everyone put in to insure the Area was as fully informed as possible made all the difference. Thank you all for such an incredible year in service.

Next up for me these coming months are attending our bid with Area 92 in Nashville in two weeks to bring the National Corrections Conference to Washington in 2027. We have our numbers together and a slide presentation and opening skit by our Corrections Chairs ready to go. Wish us luck. Also, it’s gratitude month and I have the honor of speaking at a couple of Districts and attending still others. I was honored to attend our Area Secretary Don’s 50th A.A. birthday gala last week. Let’s all wish Don a happy 50th! And last, preparations for our January Quarterly in Sequim are underway and planning for our Area Inventory, to be held on Friday night of the upcoming Quarterly. We are blessed this year to have our most recent Past Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi F., facilitate our Area Inventory on Friday. We have assembled an informal ad hoc committee and will be reviewing several years of past area inventories in preparation for the event.

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.

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2025 Assembly Thoughts
One of the things I’d hoped we would experience at this year’s Assembly was a Spiritual Arrival on Friday, a Spiritual Experience on Saturday, and a Spiritual Sendoff on Sunday.

Thanks to the thought and care that went into the panel presentations, the spirit of respect and sharing at the microphone during Saturday’s business, and the beautiful sobriety countdown and speaker share from Crystal J. on Sunday—I think we certainly achieved it!

My heart and mind were full of love and buzzing with gratitude for the wonderful work everyone did to make this Assembly so meaningful. I deeply appreciate the host committee for their hard work in creating a seamless experience for all, and for handling the inevitable bumps with grace, humor, and patience.

Thank you to all the attendees for your good humor through challenges like the *bumping bass* on Saturday night and the *missing breakfast* on Sunday morning. You were truly practicing the spiritual

ACCESSIBILITY
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We had a successful quarterly in October, hosted by District 18. Special kudos to Shasha B., our District Accessibility Chair, who coordinated the event. The venue—an audio-visual studio—was inspiring and well suited for meaningful interaction. Our discussions were rich with ideas about how we can better support one another, and I left truly encouraged. Please expect the minutes to be sent out before the end of this month.

The Assembly was wonderful—I genuinely had a blast. I was honored to sit on a panel with several dedicated DCMs who researched and presented updates on pamphlets and other World Services literature. Both the Grapevine literature display and the Archives traveling display were outstanding. Those rooms were buzzing with energy and engagement throughout the weekend.

I was also proud of our Chair for his excellent time management and of the Host Committee for their hard work and the wonderful meals they provided.

Accessibility Quarterlies – 2026

- All scheduled from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM*
- **January 17** – Hosted by District 10
 - **April 18** – Hosted by District 46
 - **July 18** – Hosted by District 37
 - **October** – To be determined.

Upcoming Goals

- Send quarterly minutes within two weeks.
- Distribute quarterly flyers two months in advance.
- Release the agenda two months in advance.
- Participating in at least six Accessibility workshops in 2026
- Support District 24 in creating a “Safety in AA” workshop

Your service sib,

Bud W
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principles of our program, and it did not go unnoticed!

I had an absolute blast working with the host committee and putting out fires as they came up (as best I could!). This is such a fun service position, and each time I serve, I’m reminded how much it deepens my understanding of love in action.

Thank you for letting me serve as your Alternate Chairperson. I’m loving every minute of it!

Appointed Servants

ARCHIVES CHAIR
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Hey Area 72!

Our Archives Quarterly is coming up this next Saturday November 1st from 10am - 2pm. District 24 will be hosting us with a potluck. **The main dish will be BBQ Chicken Sliders and Coleslaw!** So, feel free to bring some side dishes to share! We will have a **Special Guest from California Northern Interior Area 07. Past Archivist Nancy K. will present on Early AA Women's History.** I will also have a special treat for all of those who are able to attend in-person.

Attached are 4 documents for your review:

1. Standing Committee Minutes for August
2. Standing Committee Minutes for May
3. Agenda

Venue Information:

Edmonds Presbyterian Church
22600 96th Ave W, Edmonds, WA 98020

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 895 8451 3370

Passcode: Archives

Link: [Click here to join us!](#)

Excited to see you all soon!

In Love & Service,

Jennifer Ramirez

Archives Chair | Western Washington Area 72
Panel 75

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“DON’T STAND TOO CLOSE TO MARY” — A REFLECTION ON SERVICE SPONSORSHIP

There’s a saying about me: “Don’t stand too close to Mary — she’ll have you in service before you know it!”

With love and in service,
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And it’s true. I’ve never met a quiet corner of A.A. that didn’t need a chairperson, a coffee pot, or a little enthusiasm.

When I invite someone into service, it’s not just about filling a job. It’s about discovering the heart of A.A. through our Steps, Traditions, and Concepts — the spiritual toolkit that keeps us growing, connected, and useful.

I tell every sponsee or service sponsee who’s ready to grow:

- The Steps clean us up.
- The Traditions teach us to live and work with others.
- The Concepts show us how to serve with love instead of ego.

That’s the lateral journey — from self to unity to service — and it’s where the magic happens.

Back in 2017, I stumbled across a website that changed everything for me: 12-12-12.org. It’s the work of a member named Dennis F. from Arizona, who wrote one of the most spiritually centered inventories I’ve ever seen — weaving all 36 principles of A.A. into one life-wide design for living. His approach rocked my world.

It helped me see how the Traditions and Concepts aren’t just for meetings — they’re for marriages, work, creativity, and even traffic jams.

And because I believe in keeping up with the times, I’ve even brought ChatGPT into my service world. I use it to record my story, build archives, and make materials that connect A.A.’s timeless principles to today’s challenges.

One of my favorite sponsees once said to me, “You make being messed up look doable.”

In the end, that’s what service sponsorship means to me: living in such a way that others see recovery not as perfection, but as possibility.

We are always an example of the Big Book — either one somebody wants

to read, or one everybody’s trying to ignore. The choice is ours.

So if you see me coming, don’t run. Just bring a notebook — and maybe a coffee pot.

By Mary N., Area 72 Archivist

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Service Sponsorship, A Quiet Expressions of Love

Have you ever gotten really excited about something that brings you so much joy and fulfillment that you want to share it with others? That’s what service work in AA has become for me.

Service sponsorship, like recovery sponsorship, is rooted in connection and humility. By seeking a service sponsor, we admit there’s more to learn. That wisdom and experience come from others. By being a service sponsor, we practice stewardship, sharing what’s been freely given to us, not as authority, but as responsibility.

A service sponsor is part cheerleader, part compass. They help us check if our triangle is in balance (Unity, Service, Recovery). They help us talk through the Traditions and Concepts, check in on our motivations, and remind us why we serve in the first place. They also help us see where we’re really at, and the value we bring, from a 900-foot vantage. Far enough to gain perspective, but close enough to still walk beside us.

Service work can seem procedural, setting up chairs, taking notes, sitting in long business meetings until 11 pm, but through the lens of sponsorship, these become spiritual disciplines. Acts of gratitude. Quiet expressions of love for the still-suffering alcoholic and for Alcoholics Anonymous itself.

Service sponsorship moves us beyond the self. It’s how our fellowship’s moral and spiritual memory stays alive, one conversation, one commitment, one joyful act of service at a time.

Want to talk about how you fit into service? Find someone who inspires you and start up a conversation. It’s an expression of love.

Sincerely,
Sooz

CORRECTIONS CHAIR
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The year was 2023(panel 71) and I had been a GSR coming in late on the rotation for a few months. I attended my first quarterly and someone asked me who my service sponsor was.

Wait...what? I have to get another sponsor? Well, the response back, we don’t HAVE to do anything but knowing the traditions and how the Conference works is important when we are the messengers of our Homegroup’s conscience as GSRs. A service sponsor can teach you and answer questions you have about how AA works. I immediately

freaked out, went home, to District 3, and asked the DCM to service sponsor me.

We got right to work and started reading the 12 concepts out of the service manual. Elections quickly came up and my service sponsor asked if I’d make myself available to be DCM. That was another wait, what moment and his reason was that I had a service sponsor and was studying the 12 concepts. It is now the end of 2025(panel 75) and I made it through panel 73 serving as D3’s DCM and am now an area appointed! I have a different service sponsor today and she is AMAZING. I do attend a service manual study. I also have several service sponsor. I came in to this general service thing not knowing what to expect and what I found is an entire side of the triangle! My service sponsor helps me put the good of AA at the forefront of my heart, which is exactly where it belongs.

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I began casting around for a service sponsor when I submitted a resume to be an Area 72 Appointed trusted servant. For the first thirteen years of my service in Alcoholics Anonymous, my sponsor had been in service at comparable levels. We felt I didn’t need additional sponsorship at those times. To be honest, I was interested in working with someone outside of the current lineage. My sponsor has long supported hearing from more voices of service experience.

I cherish my service sponsor’s broad view of service, and their welcoming, positive spirit. A favorite story of mine was when I called them to complain, to air a resentment about how “some people” were acting, in some instance or another. Their response was, “Oh, isn’t it great that so many people are willing to be in service." Yes, I had a chuckle from having a character defect subtly pointed out. I also gained a sense that with a service sponsor, I want to bring questions or doubts “beyond” what I might bring to my sponsor.

The following is an edit of the story, Camp Gratitude, from the June 2023 GV issue, by Bill K, from Everett, WA. “One day my sponsor asked me to go on a retreat with him. He even offered to pay my way. I was willing to do anything to stay sober. It didn’t sound like fun, but I told him I’d try it anyway ... At one time or another, everyone at the retreat passed through the lodge to hang out by the fire and I

eventually got to know almost all the 150 people in attendance. Before I realized it, I was chatting everyone up ... Sobriety isn’t just about not drinking. It’s so much more. It’s about relationships. It’s about feeling comfortable in my skin and in the world.”

I’m not always comfortable in my own skin; I am an alcoholic. Take the drink away, and I am uncomfortable in my own skin. Several times in service as the Grapevine Literature chair, though, I have been called on to respond to a representative’s question and concerns. I get an opportunity to channel the service focus I learn from both my sponsor and from my service sponsor. Akin to the famous line from the General Service Office, “Our experience suggests...”, I have the opportunity to assist members find the right answer to their issue, within the realms of the group and/or district conscience. I am grateful that members trust me enough to reach out with a concern. And as I learn to ask for, and to accept, help as an Appointed chair, my service sponsor’s words live with me. “Never miss the opportunity to let someone experience the joy of service.”

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Next Steps

Thank you to everyone who participated at the Area Assembly this past October. I am excited to be part of the changes to our area newsletter.

We are currently seeking resumes and inviting members from across the area to join our steering committee. No formal training or computer skills are required—if you’re interested, we will provide all the training you need. Anyone can do this!

Join us as we create something new and help change the way Western Washington stays connected. If you’d like to get involved or learn more, please reach out—we’d love to have you on board.

Service Sponsors

Part of what drove me to Participation in General service is I had a sponsor who was an acting Alt DCM. We started working together and going through the steps as I embraced recovery she planted the seeds of service. She explained the importance of a home group that I consistently participated in and had a service position. After a few rotations as coffee maker, Secretary she recommended I make myself available for Alt GSR. I agreed and was promptly elected to my new 2 year position. (2 years seemed like forever!!) then I learned

I would most likely rotate into the GSR position (another 2 year rotation!) suddenly I realized I had just committed to being sober for 4 years!!! That was a length of time beyond my understanding at the time. She acted as my sponsor and my sponsor for quite some time. She worked on the traditions with me, and we started to read the AA Service Manual together.

I made it through all 4 years of my commitment 1 day at a time and also managed to stay sober the whole time. I did a short stint as an accessibility chair and then changed home groups to Kitchen Group on Capitol Hill and again became the alt GSR, which led to GSR, which lead to alt DCM and then DCM of District 40. At that point she encouraged me to get a new Service sponsor as I had exceeded her service experience. So, I did get a new service sponsor and have learned way more about service than I ever knew. My new service sponsor encouraged me to make myself available for an appointed position this year and here I am.

This journey has been an incredible opportunity for growth, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who has supported me along the way. Today, I sponsor others in service, sharing my experience, strength, and hope, answering questions, and offering encouragement—just as others did for me.

I hope you will join us and experience the spirituality of service

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Service Sponsors: Giving It Away to Keep It

Greetings Area 72!

I'm still riding the high from our awesome assembly! It truly thrills me to witness the passion, energy, and dedication for AA in action and I'm deeply honored to serve on this panel.

When I first became a GSR, I was fortunate to be part of a home group that believed deeply in service and took our responsibilities seriously. One group member, a friend volunteered to be my *service sponsor*. Honestly, I had never heard that term before. But it didn't take long to understand just how valuable and impactful that relationship would be.

She guided me through the process, walked me through the agenda items, and helped me bring thoughtful, informed reports back to my group so we could gather our group conscience together. We even scheduled extra meetings outside our business meetings to dive into the topics in depth. I remember those lively discussions so clearly and the thoughtful questions my home group would ask.

Her guidance made all the difference. I truly don't think I would have been prepared for the role of GSR without that support. She also taught me what an

assembly was all about how to participate, when (and how!) to go to the microphone, and how the whole process worked.

My first Area Assembly remains one of my favorite memories. Our district chartered a bus it was over three hours away and the ride was filled with laughter, fellowship, and connection.

Today, I still have a service sponsor. It's important for me to have someone I trust to check in with, ask questions, and seek guidance. And now, I have the privilege of serving as a service sponsor for others. I want their experience to be as meaningful and fulfilling as mine was.

Service has taught me the truth in the phrase: *Give it away to keep it*. That's the heart of what we do.

In Fellowship,

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November Newsletter Report

I am so happy to address the topic of “Service Sponsor / Sponsee.” I am excited because I have a Service Sponsor, he is a wonderful man who has given me such wonderful and consistent examples of service in AA. However, I want to be honest and tell you all that in many ways he is a sponsor who I rarely connect with because I am afraid. I realize in writing this that vulnerability, honesty and follow-through will make me good sponsee. I only call when I am in deep fear and regret that I feel I am not stepping up to my commitments. So, writing this article for you all and myself is my chance to get right sized with myself and my service sponsor and truly create and commit to a working relationship and be present with not only a sponsor but also be proactive and humble and teachable in my service commitments.

My DREAM

As the Area 72 AA Registrar

To truly involve myself in my relationship with my service sponsor and my service commitment.

To be a worker among workers with the Area 72 AA Board, Elected and Appointed and Group and District Trusted Servants.

I want to have a relationship with the District DCM's and Registrar's so that every District is sure of who are their Districts active groups as well as their groups in our other categories (Inactive, Pending, Unknown...) so that the District leadership can involve their active groups members in engaging and involving these other groups in our amazing service structure.

I want to support the Groups, District and the Area with what each of these entities needs to support our members, inspire others into service and grow in our recovery.

To have guidance and support in service that involves study of our Program Steps, Traditions and Concepts to build my service understanding.

My REALITY

Staying honest, I have not achieved my DREAM and that is on me. I know the service work before me and pray that I can bring my recovery to this and support the Fellowship. Being able name and see my dream of service to the Area is important and achievable every 24 hours. Thanks to all the examples I have in my life and in my program, I know that I can start today and lean into my HP and my service sponsor and begin the work of love and service being vulnerable and humble.

Come to my monthly workshops or meetings listed in the events page on the website. The next one is **November 23, 2025 – 9:00am to 10:00am**

Thank you so much for letting be of service and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as registrar for Area 72!

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A.A. Service Sponsorship: Carrying the Message Through Action

In Alcoholics Anonymous, we often hear that “*service is gratitude in action*.” One of the most meaningful ways to live that out is through **service sponsorship**, helping another member learn how to serve A.A. beyond the meeting level.

Just as a personal sponsor guides someone through the Steps, a **service sponsor** guides someone through service work. They don't “boss” or “teach” in a formal sense, but share experience, strength, and hope about how A.A. functions—from group service positions to intergroup, district, or area committees.

A service sponsor might explain things like how a business meeting runs, how to give a report, what the Traditions mean in practice, or why group conscience is so important. They might walk a new G.S.R. through the Conference structure or simply share how they've learned to serve without ego, resentment, or burnout.

The goal isn't perfection—it's **participation**. Service sponsorship helps ensure that A.A.'s service structure remains strong, spiritual, and informed. It reminds us that we're not just maintaining an organization; we're **carrying the message** to the still-suffering alcoholic in countless unseen ways.

Just as recovery depends on sponsorship, A.A. itself depends on service

sponsorship. Someone once helped us find our place in A.A. Now we can do the same—one service commitment, one newcomer, and one conversation at a time.

Thank you!

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When it comes to being a service sponsor, I have not had the opportunity. At this point in my AA service career, I have had 2 service sponsors. Both with unique styles. My first one walked me through a traditions study that included 5 different materials. 2 pamphlets, 3 different books. That was pretty intense, and I got a lot out of it. But then I had to let that sponsor go because of personality differences. My second service sponsor has had a much more "let's see where you are at" type of approach. At first, I was all in and going and doing the things she suggested. Then I backed off and she responded accordingly. I suppose she has reflected the level of involvement that I have demonstrated. She has been there every time I have had a question and been very supportive of my journey but has also had a very keen sense of the temperature of my service commitment. It has been quite the experience to say the least. I never thought I would be involved in Area level service. It was never on my mind, but here I am going into my 4th year of it. Go figure.

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Service Sponsorship

There are so many ways people sponsor others in Alcoholics Anonymous.

I feel very grateful for the way that I have been sponsored in the past years. My very first sponsor told me that she would sponsor me the way she had been sponsored and that was face-to-face, page-by-page through the Big Book. When I started sponsoring people I learned a valuable lesson, reading page-by-page through our Big Book or Service Manual takes the ego out of sponsoring.

I have also learned that sponsoring someone brand new is no harder and no easier than sponsoring someone with decades of sobriety. The newest ones have questions about how on earth do you stay sober. The ones with years of sobriety ask why you

don't do it the way her last few sponsors did.

I have found that the Big Book and the Service Manual both seem to have been created by my higher power. And the text seems to have been rewritten each time I read them. The more I read both texts, the clearer they become. In my first few years of sobriety, I wanted to make changes to both books. Now I just read them both in a way that I changing certain words to keep me out of judgement.

My first couple of sponsors were all-round sponsors. As far as service went, I did as I was told. I emptied ashtrays, I washed cups, I stacked chairs, I gave my number to every new woman who walked into the meetings. Around six or seven years sober I got into general service. My first couple of sponsors had no general service experience, so I started asking ladies who made announcements in the meetings for service advise. After 25 years with the same service sponsor, I realized she had been my service angel. She now has close to fifty years of sobriety and she suffers from poor health. I finally asked another exceptional local woman to be my service sponsor. I have 34 years of sobriety and she has 18 years, but she has what I want, a strong service history in positions in which I have not served. An old sponsor of mine with 16 years of sobriety was sponsoring a lady with 45 years of sobriety and the elder woman told me she asked her, because she had what she wanted. I totally agree. My new service sponsor is kind and available and obviously she doesn't mind what I might consider dumb questions. I will now address my service sponsorship on some new experiences, but remembering the patience and understanding of all of the saints from my past.

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Hey Area 72!

"Now that the assembly's over, we have a bit of a lull in the service calendar... well, we do have the tech & web standing committee quarterly coming up next week. Then a couple weeks after that there's the tech steering committee, and then the web steering committee. Plus the PNC and PRAASA planning meetings." - me, to my sponsor, yesterday

So much for a lull, right? As my buddy says: ride the wave and enjoy it

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We have a LOT of stuff on the agenda this quarterly, and I don't think there's any way we get through it all. That's cool – it means we'll have plenty to discuss in January.

Last time, we ended the quarterly by going over some challenges that people have had, and looked for people who can help out. We did some matchmaking, and so this weekend we'll find out how that went.

As for the rest of the agenda, we'll flex our tech muscles and work it out the day of

 **The**
next Tech & Web Committee quarterly will take place on Saturday, October 25 via Zoom. We'll open the room at 9:30am for fellowship. Then at 10am we'll kick off *Real Serious Business*™, and wrap up by noon.

Where: Zoom
Meeting ID: 540 797 4045
Link: <https://area72aa-org.zoom.us/j/5407974045>

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Service Sponsorship in AA: A Personal Reflection

When I first found AA, I was introduced to the idea of sponsorship—a trusted guide who helps navigate the Twelve Steps and supports recovery. Over time, I discovered another layer of support within AA: service sponsorship. While a traditional sponsor helps with personal sobriety, a service sponsor guides one through the responsibilities and spiritual principles of AA service work. Service sponsorship is about mentoring someone in AA service roles, whether it's chairing a meeting, serving as a group secretary, being a GSR, or participating in district or area committees. The service sponsor shares experience, strength, and hope—not just about staying sober but about carrying the AA message through service. They help newcomers understand AA's Traditions, Concepts, and the importance of unity and responsibility. I remember feeling overwhelmed when I was asked to serve as my home group's General Service Representative (GSR). The acronyms, procedures, and responsibilities seemed daunting. That's when my (now) service sponsor stepped in. They didn't just hand me a manual—they walked me through the process, attended meetings with me, and encouraged me to ask questions. Their support and guidance made me feel capable and connected. Through service sponsorship, I learned that AA service isn't just about logistics—

it’s a spiritual practice. It taught me humility, patience, and the value of working together for a common purpose. My service sponsor reminded me that mistakes are part of learning, and that the goal is progress, not perfection. Service sponsorship helps keep AA healthy and growing. It ensures that trusted servants are supported, informed, and inspired. It also deepens our recovery, as service connects us to others and to AA’s primary purpose: helping the still-suffering alcoholic.

For anyone considering service work in AA, I encourage you to seek out a service sponsor. Their experience can make the journey less intimidating and much more rewarding. And if you’ve been in service for a while, consider becoming a service sponsor yourself. It’s a way to give back and help AA thrive for future generations. Service sponsorship is a gift—one that strengthens individuals and the fellowship as a whole. My own journey in AA service has been richer and more meaningful because of the guidance I continue to receive. In AA, we say, “You have to give it away to keep it.” Service sponsorship is one of the best ways to do just that!

In love and service,
Shu D.

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Hi, Area 72!

It was so great to see many of you at the Area Assembly. I had several young GSRs approach me, asking how they can get involved in service with young people in AA. I’m always inspired by the love of service within Area 72. Over at the Young People’s committee, we are getting ready for our next quarterly. By the time this has been published, it will be over. I’m excited to share about it next month! We will be having a presentation on how to speak at non-AA events. I know a lot of the district YP chairs are looking forward to getting some guidance about how to speak with professionals in their communities, who have frequent contact with young people, as well as at fairs or other events in their districts. If your district doesn’t have a Young People’s chair, please come check out one of our YP quarterlies. We would love to have you! I’m also more than willing to come out to your districts to give a presentation about the Young People’s committee. Thank you to the districts who have had me out already!

Service sponsorship is something I knew hardly anything about until a few years ago, when I got more involved in general service. Many of my AA friends didn’t either. I always had a sponsor, but I just worked the

steps with them and mostly ignored the traditions and concepts. I’m learning now that if I want a well-rounded program and life, then I need to incorporate all 36 principles. I still have A LOT to learn and I’m incredibly grateful for my service sponsor and other mentors in service, who help me along the way. Like many of us, I still struggle to ask for help, and that extends to my service journey as well. But every time I have a question or need guidance, I have several people who are willing to share their experience, strength, and hope with me. I’m grateful to get the opportunity to share my experience in service with my service sponsee and others as well. I’m definitely still a work in progress and I’m looking forward to continue growing in service and in my recovery.

Thank you, Area 72, for allowing me to be of service!

In love and service,

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Hi All. D8 is busy, as usual. Our Gratitude Banquet Committee are the busiest bees around as that is coming up soon. Our Chairing a Meeting Workshop Committee is meeting for their 2nd meeting this weekend. There will be more focus on Safety than our last one (cuz we did an inventory post Workshop 1 - imagine that - inventories work for service groups too!) We are thinking about our budget for next year and are in the preliminary stages of that work. We are starting to think about when to do a District Group Inventory in early 2026. Service sponsorship makes service so much better - an easier !

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As a District Committee we’re experiencing life happen and changes underway, trusted servants and committee members stepping down for various reasons. We are learning more about how to ensure members feel safe upon entering the rooms of AA and the acceptance of taking selfcare, when needed.

The D10 Gratitude Banquet is coming up on November 8th, 2025 in Kingston, Washington and we are excited to be together again in fellowship and in gratitude. Our 3rd Legacy committee has a skit for this year's Gratitude event and were all looking forward to learning what they have in store for us!

Those that were able to attend Assembly this year from District 10 had a lot of fun together and I feel blessed to have such loving and dedicated GSR'S and to have Mike D as our DCM. I suppose with all the personalities we could easily have drama ensue for one reason or another, but that hasn't happened so far. The Assembly as a whole felt spiritual and I'm thankful for that.

Service sponsorship has been an unexpected gift in my recovery journey for several reasons. It is nice to know that I don't have to come up with answers and navigate being of service alone. I didn't take the 12 steps alone and I don't have to be alone while being of service to AA. The more I understand about the history and legacies of AA the more rooted I become, the stronger the foundation I have. I've gained all these gifts by meeting and reading with my Service Sponsor and now by sharing this with service sponsees.

Much gratitude for service sponsorship as it is a vital part of my continued growth.

In loving service,
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The biggest highlight from District 17 this past month was Erin L-G stepping up, making themself available, and being elected to be our new alt-DCM. They've been great to have as part of the district, and I'm looking forward to serving the rest of the rotation with them.

In other news, District 17 will be hosting our annual Gratitude Banquet on Nov 8 from 5-8:30 at St Alphonsus Family Center & Gymnasium. Detailed information can be found on the GSIG website.

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Hello Area 72,
District 18 is having a good time in service. We have continued our study of the Tradition and Concept of the month and with our newly appointed Third Legacy Committee Chair, Beth W., this exploration has been taken to a new level. There are a number of Gratitude Dinners happening around the District as well as the annual Holiday Alcathon happening at Serenity Hall. Southend Fellowship has found a new home at St. James Episcopal Church scaling down the meeting times to once per day at 5pm Monday through Saturday. This new change is a collaboration with the Kent East Group and should prove positive for attendance at SEF, which has been struggling a bit the past few years. Even in their struggle, they managed to send a contribution to Seattle Intergroup of \$10.00. This shows a real dedication to supporting the service entities and was truly appreciated, more so than the groups that are notoriously rich and don’t send distributions regularly because their funds go to other endeavors. No judgement, just reporting some interesting facts. The principle that no matter how poor a group is, we still have a responsibility to support our organization from our slender purses, and in so doing we are balancing our responsibility with our freedom. As for service sponsorship, it has immeasurably changed my sobriety for the better. The study of the Traditions and the Concepts has increased my knowledge and understanding of how important it is to study the literature that explores them. My Service Sponsor introduced me to studying the Traditions using AA Comes of Age, Language of the Heart, a variety of pamphlets and also included some Al-anon literature to get a full understanding of how these 24 spiritual principles can be implemented

into our groups, families and intimate relationships. In my experience, my service sponsor has shown me how to truly practice these principles in all of my affairs. For me, an alcoholic that has trouble relating and making true intimate connections, this deep dive into how to act and react in a spiritual way has revolutionized my sobriety and indeed, my life. Since being shown this type of study, I have implemented this literature into my sponsoring. When we complete the 12 Steps, we continue with the 12 Traditions and if they happen to last that long, we go onto to study the service manual and/or the historical texts. It is imperative that the average AA member understand where and how this program emerged so that they, too, can begin to grasp the responsibilities that come with membership. The more people we have sponsoring in this way the stronger our fellowship and ultimately our organization will get and remain. I am forever grateful to my service sponsor for showing me a real AA experience.

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When I first heard of the idea of a service sponsor. My first thought was just someone to ask about how the business of AA operates. How do I oversee a business meeting? What are the specific duties of this specific service position? What would Robert’s Rules of order say about how a particular motion was handled at an assembly or business meeting? And yes, a service sponsor is an excellent resource for finding answers to those types of questions. My service sponsor is a wonderful resource for those types of questions.

But can a service sponsor provide more than facts and resources? Can they provide spiritual guidance for this recovering alcoholic who is still just trying to stay sober just one day at a time? I did not think of conversations of that nature as reasons to call your service sponsor. Like your other sponsor.

Until one day where my service sponsor and I scheduled a zoom to just catch up and talk about how things are going for me as a DCM. I was going to start by going through some details of the previous month’s business meetings. Some challenges with how to handle specific motions that had come up. But after our greetings and being asked how things are going. I stopped for a few seconds. Took a deep sign. And told him the challenges of the work/life balance that come with being a DCM. The struggle of trying to accomplish all you set out to do. While still getting to enjoy the life that AA and sobriety has blessed me with. And on top of all that. The sneaky notion in the back of my brain that maybe I am not doing

enough. That I am failing my district whenever I could perhaps have spent more time. Or a situation didn’t seem to go my way.

After I got out all my thoughts and feelings (a lot of feelings) for what felt like several minutes. I saw my sponsor smile. Nodding his head and assuring me “Joe, this is a feeling I and almost everyone in our positions of service have at least once in their rotation.” Offering reassurance that It’s ok to feel what you feel and know that we are all volunteers. And we are all here to support each other, not just in the business of AA service. But also the spirituality of AA service. It is hard to describe the rush of warmth my heart felt when another alcoholic told me that it’s ok. It was reminiscent of the feeling of hope when first entering the rooms of alcoholics years ago.

Please consider asking someone to be your service sponsor.

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I am sorry to announce that Betty Olson passed away recently. She was sober 50 years and she was 103 years old. She was active in District 21 for many years and she lived in District 8 many years as well.

District 21 hosted the Southern Districts Pre-Assembly on August 10th. There were about 50 of us there. It was held at Summit Pacific Wellness Center in Elma where the July 2025 Quarterly will be held. Lisa, our Alt Chair came to our September 21 district meeting with a delicious cake and gave us some information about what needs to be done to prepare. The Chair of the committee for the July 2025 quarterly will be Jamy J. past DCM of District 21. There were 19 of us at the district meeting which is more than I have seen in the two years I have been coming.

There was an issue with the District Corrections Committee going into Stafford Creek for a short time. I advised the committee member who reported it to me to contact Aimee, the Area Corrections Chair and Derek our Area 72 Chair. The problem was resolved with a few new requirements to be met by the committee members taking the meetings into Stafford Creek. More volunteers are still needed. We are still looking for a chair for the CPC/PI committee and our District Hotline Chair is moving in mid-November so we have been looking for someone to take her place, hopefully soon so the outgoing chair can show the new chair how to do the job.

I wanted to mention how much I appreciate the DCM round tables Lupita is doing. I have been able to use several

ideas I learned there from other DCMs and they have been very helpful. We are still working on updating our District Handbook and our group changes for the Registrar and GSO. We are having our second annual Gratitude dinner on Saturday, November 1st from 12 to 4 at the Ocean Shores Lions Club in Ocean Shores. Terry P. my Alt DCM is chairing the committee and doing a great job getting volunteers. It will be a potluck and we will be providing ham. We are having people bring different side dishes according to the month they got sober. We will have a group basket raffle, and our speaker will be Lisa S.

Thank you for letting me serve.
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Hello again from District 22, the far West of the Olympic Peninsula.

District 22 is in the early stages of developing its budget for 2026 and getting feedback from our groups. Seems like It’s always a big production, bringing more than the usual number of GSRs to our follow up meetings. We are also getting ramped up for our annual Gratitude Dinner, which happens November 15th. I’d love to invite all readers, but if interested, contact us quickly as we have a hard limit on how many tickets we can sell.

Service sponsorship is an interesting topic for me. In all of my 35 years in Northern California, I never once heard the term. I think we all relied on our regular sponsor or network connections to help us work out direction and solutions. When we moved up here in 2020, I began to hear the term and was quite puzzled by it. It’s taken some time, but I have warmed to the idea, and this year even asked another servant who’s service ethic I admire to be my service sponsor. His experience has been quite helpful in several situations, and I’ll probably be testing him more in the future as I start thinking about what’s next after being a DCM. I currently have one sponsee who started out as a service sponsee, and it’s been an easy relationship. I guess the message I have about the topic is no matter how much time you have, stay open to new ideas and new levels of service.

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Service Sponsorship!

When I first got involved in service beyond my home group, I had no idea what I was doing. My sponsor encouraged me to take on a small commitment and later suggested I find a “service sponsor.” Through experience, I’ve learned that a service sponsor is someone who helps guide me through the traditions, concepts, and spiritual principles that apply to service work—just as my regular sponsor helps me apply the Steps in my personal recovery. Having someone to call when I’m unsure about a motion, a group conscience, or how to communicate with others in service has been invaluable. It’s not about rules or hierarchy—it’s about learning how to serve with humility and unity. She has been such a gift to me, not only in my service journey, but my recovery journey too!

Over time, I’ve also had the chance to be a service sponsor myself. It reminds me that we don’t just pass on information—we share experience, strength, and hope about what it means to serve AA faithfully. Service sponsorship helps keep us grounded in the principles of love and tolerance, especially when personalities clash or egos flare (including mine!). It connects us to the legacy of those who came before and ensures that the hand of AA will always be there for the next person who reaches out. If you’re new to service, find someone who’s walked the path—and if you’ve been around a while, offer to walk with someone new.

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September proved to be a busy month for District 25 as we prepared for the area assembly. Wording was finalized on the floor motion that was to be brought at the assembly regarding the geofencing that prohibits anyone outside the U.S./Canada geographical boundaries from accessing the Area 72 Website. That wording was then sent to the Area Chair and we prepared ourselves for the discussion we had hoped would open on the subject; but for naught as the fullness of the agenda and the lateness of the hour the motion was tabled until January. That is disheartening to some in the district but we look forward to January and in the meantime have created a “Communications Chair” (or as some are want to call a “Fence Jumper”) who will routinely download the information on events and possibly the newsletter and get it sent out to those District 25 members who let that trusted servant know that they are in need of that intermediary.

District 25 was very well represented at Area Assembly both in person and online; and the GSRs reporting back to district felt that their experience with the process was positive for the most part, though they felt like the long hours made it impossible to insure their full attention and best thinking on the tasks at hand.

Yours in service,

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Hello Area 72!
Service work is incredibly important to my recovery. I have a Service Sponsor and he has a Service Sponsor. I find his guidance an invaluable resource to help me navigate service work. He is incredibly knowledgeable with AA history and has served and is still serving District 27 in multiple capacities. He has not only walked me through the 12 steps but he also took me through the 12 concepts. We do a big book study on Saturdays with our District Secretary and a few other people. We paused our big book study to go over the 12 concepts in the service manual, that took quite a few months.

Service is an important part of my recovery. When I came back into the rooms of AA, I knew I had to get busy right away. I found a home group before I found my sponsor. The first question I had for the group is what can I do (coffee and set up is always the norm). With my sponsor (and others) suggestion, I went to my first area assembly when I was about 70 days sober. After that I got a service position with my home group as their GSR. I went to our district meetings to keep my group informed and to facilitate my home group’s needs. Our District Registrar needed to rotate out of the position and I made myself available at the suggestion of my sponsor. I did that for about seven months and still think it's the best district position there is. When District 27’s service positions rotated my Service Sponsor and his Service Sponsor suggested I make myself available for the DCM position. The district agreed, so now here I am writing this for you. I've learned a lot and I’m doing my best to serve the groups in my district. Having the ability to give back what was so freely given to me as an incredibly grateful feeling and I'm not taking it for granted. I now enjoy that feeling of purpose and direction that I was lacking when I was drinking. Being of service to those who had helped me recover. Being a part-of instead of a part-from, a connection to people just like me. I'm incredibly grateful to my Service Sponsor and would suggest anybody that doesn't have one to get one. Unity, Service, Recovery is what's keeping this alcoholic sober today. I am forever grateful.

In service,
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The success of sponsorship rests at our weakest link. That, being, our willingness to accept the solution to the alcohol problem and discovering harmony out of chaos. "The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then a unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails" (A.B.S.I. p.115). Sponsorship, Service Sponsorship, terms devoid in the first 164 pages are, in practicality, the essential thread which interweaves between the links in our chain securing its strength. The results prove the axiom, 'Actions speak louder than words'. Therefore, the question is not how to find a good Service Sponsor, but simply discerning the cohesiveness of someone's speech with how they act. Our need for a service sponsor comes when we feel compelled to serve AA as a whole, expanding on our personal experiences with personalities to now include AA principles as applied to the whole body. We choose our AA Service sponsors by wanting something they have. Peace, Serenity, Humility, the desire to serve others in other's recovery quests. Answers we get from discussion, questioning, reasoning and sadly, argumentation. Admittedly there is much more to it than this. I hope those who have a service sponsor utilize them and those without one consider the benefits of getting one. So, thank you Derek S., I'm not going anywhere!

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Greetings from District 29. It was great to see everyone at the Area Assembly. We had a good attendance and participation from the District and members got a lot out of the assembly educationally as well as spiritually. I especially appreciated Crystal’s heartfelt share on Sunday. I'm always energized by these events. We are getting ready for our District banquet in November. We are moving locations to a new venue because of cost, so hopefully everything will work out. We have a great crew working on it and our theme is "Rule 62", fashioned after a Route 66 theme. I look forward to the upcoming quarterly in January. I hope everyone has a joyous holiday season. New

Yours and Service,
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As a Service Sponsee:
My AA sponsor was the first to teach me about service work at the group and district level. She taught me early on to give back what has so freely been given. She taught me that a grateful heart

& gratitude for my sobriety is the best pay. I have seen her so many times practicing these principles in service work: humility, tolerance, patience, love, and trust in a higher power. She is amazing!

When I went for a position at the Area, I also added a service sponsor, and he is wonderful. I didn't get a position at Area, but my service sponsor has been teaching me how to grow in General Service. He has taken the time to walk me through the history of the General Service Conference (GSC) and detailed the flow of information & motions both to and from the Conference. My service sponsor has been there for any questions I have. I have seen how much he gives to AA in his current position: patience, tolerance, selflessness, works tirelessly, etc. He is a great example for me. I am learning so much and loving it!

At the beginning of the new district rotation, I did get a service sponsee . She's a friend of mine, who I recommended for the position at the district as I was rotating out of it. When she asked me to be her service sponsor, I told her that I don't know enough about service yet. She replied that if I could teach her the position she was now in, that would be enough for now. We agreed to take it one step at a time. Now we go to district meetings together, learning as we go!

Love & Service,

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Service Sponsorship
As an AA member, I've come to appreciate the immense value of service in my recovery journey, but I've yet to find a service sponsor to guide me in this aspect of the program. I'm making it a priority in the coming year to ask someone to be my service sponsor, as I know their experience and guidance will deepen my understanding and commitment to service. Having a mentor to navigate the responsibilities and opportunities within AA will not only strengthen my sobriety but also help me contribute more effectively to our fellowship.

District News
What a joy it was to see so many of you at the recent Area Assembly! Being surrounded by fellow AA members who share a genuine passion for service always fills my spirit with gratitude and inspiration. As I write this, we're just a couple of weeks away from our District 33 Gratitude Banquet, and the planning is

coming together beautifully! We're excited to celebrate our shared journey in recovery and look forward to an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and connection.

With love and gratitude,
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Service Sponsorship
Service sponsorship has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences of my journey in the AA fellowship. I first learned about the concept while attending a service event in Seattle, where I met my Service Sponsor—an Alternate DCM who later served as DCM. His guidance and encouragement have been invaluable. Through our ongoing conversations, I've learned how to navigate various service positions, address challenges with patience and understanding, and grow in confidence as a trusted servant. Today, I have the privilege of serving as a Service Sponsor myself, supporting my own Sponsee as she learns about General Service and discovers the joy of being part of something greater than herself. I am deeply grateful for both my Service Sponsor and my personal Sponsor, each of whom continues to guide me in different but equally meaningful ways along my path of recovery and service.
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Service Sponsorship
Two years ago, I decided to get a Service Sponsor. I had plenty of experience doing service at the group level, and some exposure to the District level—both as a GSR for my home group and during a stint as District Secretary. But I felt that if I were to keep growing in service, I'd really benefit from having a Service Sponsor.

Why? Because I didn't know what I didn't know. And guess what—there was a lot I didn't know.

My selection criteria for this type of sponsor included both "hard" skills and "soft" skills: someone experienced in service and familiar with the Traditions and Concepts; someone who had figured out the puzzle of making service fun and attractive to others; someone able to mentor in a casual style; and perhaps most importantly, someone younger than me so I could widen my "aperture" when collaborating across generations.

Turns out, the choice was obvious. I had already been learning from her for many years. Her service knowledge was vast. I

greatly respected her for both her sobriety and her service ethic, and for her ability to build strong relationships with members of all age groups. And she made service fun.

At this point in my service journey, I can say with great confidence: I have learned, I have grown, and I'm having a blast in service. My choice of a Service Sponsor was absolutely the right choice for me.

Key District 35 Activities

1. We had terrific GSR attendance at the Area Assembly, with teammates attending both in person and online. As DCM, I'm proud of the team and how well they carried their groups' conscience to the Assembly. Overall, everyone attending had a positive experience, and the Area's commitment to its "upside triangle" and "discussion-focused" principles shone through.
2. Upcoming Area meetings that we plan to attend in Oct/Nov include Treatment Quarterly, Young Person's Quarterly, and CPC Quarterly. District 35 will submit a bid to host a 2026 CPC Quarterly when we attend the November gathering.
3. We're looking forward to our District Gratitude Dinner on November 15 from 5:00 – 9:30pm at Pine Lake Covenant Church in Sammamish. The event is free, and we are offering complimentary childcare during the speaker portion of the evening.
4. At the recent Assembly, Districts 34/35/36/18 DCMs agreed to gather with their respective YP Committee Chairs to begin creating a pool of young people that we can all draw from for school panels.

- Next Steps:**
- Coordinate a date/time for an in-person or Zoom call for all of us to get together and will try and do that in the next few weeks.
 - Once we've begun setting up a pool of young people, we will set up an informal workshop to help them with the 'ins and outs' of panel speaking.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve,

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Hello Area 72, October came and is going like a fine hailstorm in the Snoqualmie Valley. I am impressed with the amount of service work we jam into the last three months of the year. The topic of our district business meeting was the Area Assembly and results of the motions and discussion topics. I asked the GSR and members who attended to report on what it was like to attend an Assembly. In my experience they are always singular events that inspire and reinforce my belief in all three legacies of AA. I love meeting new people, seeing old friends, and doing my part for the alcoholic who still suffers. I pray that I am always open to learning in service no matter how much time I have. I believe the most spiritual experience for me are when I am open to new information and hear the opposite of what I believe is right. Then I am willing to really consider what my higher wants me to hear. If I know I am right immediately and you are wrong, I am setting myself up to be unhappy and resentful.

Our District Gratitude Dinner is on November 8 at the Church on the Ridge in Snoqualmie. Doors will open at 4, dinner at 5, and speakers will be at 6. You can find all the info and get tickets online: <https://snovalleyaa.org/gratitude-dinner/> Please join us we always have lots of fun and plenty of food. Stay tuned for our holiday alcothon which will feature round the clock meetings from Christmas Eve to Christmas Day then again on New Years' Eve and New Years Day. I don't have them on the schedule yet, but I have heard that Hope Hall in Snoqualmie will be open for Thanksgiving Day fellowship and we usually have a Gratitude Tree lighting on one of the Saturdays' leading up to Christmas. Our web servant does a great job of keeping the events up to date: <https://snovalleyaa.org>

Our five takeaways from the October business meeting

1. Area Assembly was last weekend, all three motions discussed in pre-assembly events passed.
2. Gratitude dinner volunteers needed. We have an open position for Ticket & Greeter Subcommittee Chair. This position will help us set up the ticket area, assign greeters, and handle the money at entry for tickets and the raffle.
3. We will be having a District Alcothon this Christmas and New Year. Stay tuned for details.
4. Gratitude dinner main meat dish provided by group (turkeys and hams) need to be carved. We can't plug in crock pots at the church but will have chafing dishes for your sides.
5. Call to service! We have a new District Grapevine and Literature Chair - Erik M. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

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Being a service sponsee has taught me humility and accountability. When I first started showing up for service, I didn't realize how much it would ground me in recovery. Whether it's setting up chairs or supporting an event, I've learned that service isn't about perfection—it's about showing up and being part of something bigger than myself. My sponsor reminds me that through service, I build connection and faith in action.

Becoming a service sponsor took that to another level. It's humbling to walk beside someone else and share what was freely given to me. Watching others grow in service reminds me how much I've grown too. Both roles keep me rooted in gratitude, community, and the spirit of recovery.

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Service Sponsorship, it's a rad thing. You should get one!

Like when we are newly coming into the rooms we might come in with a loose idea of what the program is, maybe even know of the steps and that going to meetings is only part of the equation. Que the Sponsor, they help demystify everything... walk you through the book, give you helpful suggestions, and are there when you get stuck.

I happened into General Service as my homegroups Alt-GSR, as things happen, I quickly became the GSR. I was in this new Service Commitment and had no clue what to do. I had a rough idea of what was expected from me as a GSR, after being to an Area Assembly, PRAASA, and our District's Business meeting. But I still had so much to learn and realized I needed some more help to make sure I was contributing to ensuring the doors are open for many generations of Alcoholics to come.

My Service Sponsor was someone I already knew from meetings I attended and happened to run into them at an Area

Assembly. We quickly got into the 12 x 12 and The Service Manual, as we read through, I had a brand new experience and realized the depth of our Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. As I have moved into new Service commitments, I know regardless of what's ahead I have the tools to learn how to show up and, like my program I only need to use them.

Yours in service,
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Having someone walk shoulder to shoulder with you as you go into service,

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SERVICE SPONSOR - THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

So similar to sharing our experience, strength and hope with those new to recovery, a Service Sponsor shares at another level of experience and knowledge with those new to service. It invites those who have been “in the trenches” to share the aspects and nuances that come from time and exposure to service at a deeper level, focusing on carrying its message to those who recognize its value to their sobriety.

Not unlike choosing a Recovery Sponsor, it is useful when deciding on a Service Sponsor to consider what experience and attributes we appreciate in those we're considering. Characteristics such as service experience, commitment, responsibility, organization, leadership abilities, time availability, communication skills and familiarity with the AA service structure, traditions, concepts and the AA and District Service Manuals are certainly important.

If your candidate has these traits, excluding a candidate because they don't “know it all” or has limited experience could be a mistake. The concept that, “the best way to learn is to teach,” clearly has merit. It can often be a perfect opportunity for the Sponsor and Sponsee to participate in District and Area workshops together; to bring a deeper awareness of what they know ... or where they may be lacking.

There is significance in remembering that, “We can do together what we could not do alone.” The spirit of service is at the core of sobriety; it is recovery in action; it is the outward expression of our passion to give it back and pay it forward.

In Service,
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Having a service sponsor has been an essential part of my growth in AA service. I've leaned on her for advice with district hiccups, when challenges arise, or when I simply need perspective. Their guidance has reminded me to pause, reflect, and remember that principles come *before* personalities — even when things get complicated.

I've had the opportunity to attend Concept studies and engage in discussions about the Traditions. These experiences have deepened my understanding of how our service structure works and how each Tradition and Concept supports unity and trust within AA. I've come to see that service isn't just about fulfilling a role — it's about practicing the spiritual principles that hold our Fellowship together.

Having a service sponsor has not only helped me navigate service work more effectively but also reminded me why we do it: to stay connected, to grow, and to be of service to others. I'm grateful for all of the help I get and for all of the people who have trudged this road.

In Service,

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I have had a couple service sponsors, and have several service sponsees. My first exposure to general service came in the form of being a member of a Pierce County Standing Committee, The Twelve Step Service Committee(TSSC). This committee facilitates and coordinates answering

the Pierce County AA Hotline 24/7 by a member of AA and is a sub committee of the Puget Sound CSO in Pierce County.

As I began my rotation serving in this capacity, I began to volunteer to help more and more. The first baby step was to, speak for 5 mins on Tradition 10. Through my research I realized, although I had a handle on my step work, I was lacking in Tradition knowledge.

My first Service Sponsor Michael W had a set path of Weekly Tradition work, then Concepts, then service manual study, then we read Emotional Sobriety I AND II. I work the same path with my Sponsees, and enjoy the most amazing camaraderie and growth with those I work with.

Thru this process I gained knowledge and experience as I became chair of the TSSC and helped that amazing committee answer the AA Hotline into COVID and then out. When most committees stopped functioning the AA hotline went from 500 calls a month to 1500 a week.

The knowledge and experience I have gained combined with the ability and desire to help others is tantamount in my continued growth in understanding and effectiveness.

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challenges in my District roles. His guidance has been similar to that of my AA sponsor where they both provide insight into issues and then leave the decisions to me. For this, I am forever grateful to them both!

In service,
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Service Sponsor?
When I started out in service I wasn't familiar with the term Service Sponsor, Yes after many tries to get sober I did get a suggestion to get a sponsor that would help me with my steps and who would help me with understanding the need for a higher power, which I am so grateful for today. As I was active in my home group I was able to see and learn from the members that showed me, coffee, secretary, treasurer before me and intergroup rep. As a GSR I attended my 1st assembly and that's where I heard the term service sponsor! As a good

alcoholic in my mind, no that's not necessary for me. But as I began to do district level service work and the concepts was a new language for me and became a DCM, I became aware of how much of this position I had to learn to be effective in carrying the message of AA. The term Service Sponsor became clear to me as an AA Sponsor, someone to ask questions about AA service position that was new to me so I very much knew I didn't feel confident about how to run or answer questions that came up at my position and that's when I asked for help to find answers to my questions and also to have a sounding board for my thoughts. That moment was like when I asked my 1st AA sponsor to sponsor me, a feeling of joy and relief that I was actually being a part of AA by taking suggestions to be a better person and know that I could share my thoughts and get ideas that can help me better to understand and share information on what I am learning on this road to a happy destiny. Now on the Board at eastside intergroup I am finding how little I know about my new position but this

program has taught me that I can ask for help and thats ok so my pride and ego doesn't get in my way to do the best I can and not feel ashamed at making mistakes along the way so by talking with my service sponsor I am stronger and more confident in carrying the message of AA that Service is Relapse Prevention!
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Member Articles

SERVICE AND SPONSORSHIP
By Marilyn R.

I came from a family who did not do service work, help the neighbors, and even reneged on their offerings to the church they went too. I was distraught right out of treatment and called my sponsor. She told me to meet her at the day conference that she was attending. My first days in the program she had me in service. It felt strange. My head was not working well from my new emotions running the show and finding the place was not easy before cell phones.

I barely sat down with her and I was told to go help with the drink concession. At break times, I also went to a few meetings. By the end of the day, my sanity had returned, I realized as I drove home. Being in service has restored my focus. I felt good from the meetings I attended, too. In addition, helping in the refreshment stand kept my focus off my problems. This began my being in service and seeing the results helped me.

In the early days of my recovery, I cleaned ashtrays and bathrooms, vacuumed the rug, made coffee, and chaired meetings. In addition, sponsoring brought learning more about relationships, one on one. I found answers by their trying to resolve their situations. I was learning from sponsoring and being with group members. I learned how to be a sponsor by being one however, I made many blunders. I was learning from being in many kinds of service

Participating in events to organize conferences, dinners, day events, and assisting in meetings. has changed my life. I answered the telephone; in those days, it was connected to my home phone. My sponsees in their service work, offered me to be on panels and speak at gatherings. Being a speaker at treatment centers, hospitals, schools and a university were all growing experiences. I have spoken at two international conferences one in Seattle and the other in Australia, and Winter Holidays in Bellevue. On sponsee encouraged me to go with her to the International Meeting in San Diego, where I met the son of Dr. Bob and his wife.

Chairing many meetings, being on committees, talking at schools, a university, and treatment centers, I was asked to lead a Fourth Step Workshop based on my attending the Joe and Charlie workshop when it came to Seattle. I became the coordinator or chairperson for twenty-seven years. If someone could not chair, I stepped in. Taking people with me weekly to the workshop brought friendships. Saturday meetings continued until my health made it time for someone else to do this. In addition, a couple women in the program later told me that the information from the Fourth Step Meeting stopped their suicide that day.

Later, I took a woman for eight years to and from meetings, as she did not have a car. These conversations with an older member brought more understanding about the program. She helped me write an article for a book about the history of our home group. Her knowledge was valuable and helpful. I found my sponsees often had similar problems that I was having.

A home group member told me this newsletter was looking for someone to write articles, I reluctantly agreed on the second request. I have found this to be a wonderful way to serve.

Some of the topics requested by the editors have forced me to research more about AA, the steps, traditions, and concepts. With new information, I gained great respect for the way AA is organized, to keep it spiritual and out of our egos.

I know what it means today "When someone reaches out for help, the hand of AA will be there". Being in service brought me growth in the program and in my life. I am no longer the shy, timid, afraid person to speak up, volunteer, or assist a person or an event.

I had a non-alcoholic friend need a place to stay, as her home was not safe as she lived in a cabin hotter inside than outside during an extremely hot summer. It was like an oven inside and as an older woman, she would not have survived. She stayed with me for several days to recuperate from all the extreme heat. I felt so good that she was with me safe and protected from the potential harms. In my past survival of myself, I would not have been so eager to help her. Growing from my service work, allowed me to jump in assisting someone in dire need, and not hold back. I could be there when she needed help.

With forty years of service work, I am not the same person as when I came to AA. I like my new life and the new me. I have matured, become helpful, and grown out of my fears and self-centeredness to be available when the call appears.
By Marilyn R.

OCTOBER 2025 ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Western Washington Area 72
October 2025 Assembly, Lynnwood, WA
Lynwood Event Center
October 3 – 5, 2025

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Western Washington Area 72 October 2025
Assembly Business Meeting Minutes
October 3 - 5, 2025
Lynnwood Event Center, Lynnwood, WA and Zoom
Hosted by District 24

Call to order, Serenity Prayer: 8:30am
Twelve Traditions read by: District 1
Twelve Concepts read by: District 1
Motion to record meeting: Motion by District:16, 2nd by District: 37, Passed.

Estimate Attendance: Total Registered: 779 (641 - Online, 94 - Mail in, Onsite - 44). In Person:516, Online:112, Both Online and In Person:151, Volunteers: 45

OPENING COMMENTS

The Chair discussed who are voting members, Area Elected servants, Area Appointed servants, DCMs, Alternate DCMs (if DCM is not present), and GSRs, Alt GSRs (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
Eddie H.	Panel 53	03 & 04
Gail H.	Panel 57	07 & 08
Dave T.	Panel 59	09 & 10
Keith M.	(Utah 69) Panel 61	11 & 12
Astri T.	Panel 63	13 & 14
Alan F.	Panel 69	19 & 20
Geene D.	Panel 71	21 & 22
Crystal S.	Panel 73	23 & 24

Approval of October 2024 Area 72 Assembly Business Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve minutes by District: 8 and 2nd by District: 14, Passed.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Call for availability and vote for Area 72’s nominee for Class B Pacific Region Regional Trustee
Past Delegate, Crystal J. made herself available as Area 72’s nominee as Class B Pacific Regional Trustee, Crystal qualified, and the Area voted by acclamation with no objection to send Crystal J. as our nominee for Class B Trustee.

ELECTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Delegate’s Report – Courtney S.

Area 72 Delegate Report October 2025



Hello Area 72!

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

Our strong participation is what keeps our upside-down triangle alive, ensuring that groups remain at the top, guiding the decisions of our Fellowship, and carrying the message so our services and program reach those who have not yet found us.

Service is not a single event but a year-round process. The conversations at the group, district, and area level, the feedback you provide, and the information you carry back all keep the triangle working and the voice of the groups at the center.

To help you stay informed, we’ve added a Delegate’s Corner on the Area 72 website. I’ll continue posting updates, GSO announcements, new service materials, and a delegate report back summary for anyone who wasn’t able to attend.

I’m having a blast as your Delegate, and the most fun of all is getting to meet and connect with each of you!

Thank you,
Courtney S.
delegate@area72aa.org
206-795-8311

Area 72 Young Person’s Videos on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@area72aa>
I am excited to see all the hard work from panel 73 **young people showcasing their stories** on the Western Washington **Area 72 YouTube Chanel**.

New Public Service Announcements

- AA’s 12 Concepts for World Service video: <https://youtu.be/qN6t4iAXJd0>

Adoption of three Australia PSAs (to be adjusted for our Conference Structure)

- Risking Your Job: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IoMnjKDiDII>
- Are You a Danger to Your Family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxZJZKJ05c8>
- Cham-Pain: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vTgegmjzqA>

75th General Service Conference Final Report is available!

- You can find al the reports from the different boards, trustees, staff, and information on the Conference Inventory online here <https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/2025-general-service-conference-final-report-en.pdf>

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.

International Convention Report

- More than **34,000 members and guests from over 90 countries** were present to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the fellowship at our International Convention in Vancouver, BC.
- The final report will be out shortly that includes financial outcomes and detailed attendee numbers. High level, I understand that we were self-supporting.
- **Souvenir book, “A book of Fellowship: 90 Years of Love & Service”** sold at the international is available for **purchase online**.
 - o We did not sell as many books as anticipate.
 - o
 - o **General Manager, Bob W.** letter was **sent to the fellowship an email titled Amends to IC 2025** Souvenir Book. Specifically in Part Thirteen, A.A., Country by Country, on page 329, the name “Jerusalem” appears with its corresponding flag. The correct country listing should have been “Israel” along with its flag.

New Podcast Our Primary Purpose

- Have you listened to the **GSO “Our Primary Purpose” Podcast**? It can be found [aa.org](https://www.aa.org) - It’s great! Not to be confused with the Grapevine Podcast.

AA World Services Highlights – GSO Office Staff are Amazing

- Our staff is amazing! Did you know that in **2024 GSO received: Mail: 41,000 pieces, Emails: 186,000, Phone Calls: 20,000, Visitors: 1,693**. They do a LOT of work for us, please remember to be kind and patient in responses.

Regional Forum

- Have you ever wondered about these Regional Forums you here all about? There are **short videos explaining the purpose** of a Regional Forum available!
 - o <https://www.aa.org/regional-local-and-special-forums>
- We are offering a **special forum online for deaf alcoholics!** Save the date, **January 17, 2026**
- **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**.

General Service Office Retrofit/Remodel

- The remodel started on **August 11, 2025 and is anticipated to last 12 weeks**. During this time the office will be operating remotely. **Office visits during this time will not be possible**.
- The **costs** associated with this renovation are **estimated to be 2.4M**.
- The new lease is for 10 years, starting January 1, 2026.
- Per advisory action, the fellowship will be receiving **quarterly reports on all capital project expenditures** so we can have visibility to this moving forward. More about the impact to our reserve fund below.

General Service Office Updates

- We will be conducting a **membership survey in 2026**. The plan for administering and details of the survey process will be reported at the 76th (2026) General Service Conference
- Enhancement to the **online contributions** reporting system has been completed. **Now 7th Tradition group contributions made online through a member's account are now correctly reported as “group” contributions**. <https://www.aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support>
- 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>
- 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

- The **Plain Language Big Book** has surpassed **130,000 copies** distributed, with increasing positive reception. E-book sales and digital distribution remain slower than print.
- Great news, we will start creating **an audio book of the Plan Language Big Book**.
- **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.**
- A new vendor is testing digital access in a **Pennsylvania federal facility**, potentially expanding distribution to **150 correctional facilities**.
- **QR Codes** are being test **piloted** for 12 of the most-distributed pamphlets.
- **Commemorative 1st Edition Big Book** be **reduced** to \$2, available for purchase on aa.org.
- **Refresh Your Home Group’s Literature Rack!** Special Offer – 10% off select new and revised Conference-approved items (Oct 15, 2025 – Jan 15, 2026). Stock up now!

Meeting Guide App

- Remember to **check out the tabs at the bottom** of the app including; News, Quote and Favorites!
- In 2025 **updates will be made to improve the user interface** to specific online vs. in person features, improve the search experience, and add events.

AAWS/General Service Board Summary (YTD June 30, 2025)

- Total **operating revenue is \$9,396,205** which is about **5% less than the budget** of \$9,942,410.
- Total **operating expenses** before depreciation are **\$9,339,753**, which is about **4% less than the budget** of \$9,721,881.
- **Operating surplus** before depreciation is **\$56,452** compared to a **budgeted surplus** of **\$220,529**.
- **Contributions** are \$4.6M which is **10% less than budgeted** and **significantly lower (17%) than 2024**.
- Due to capital expenditures a **2.45M drawdown on the Reserve Fund** was approved at the July 2025 board meeting (2.1M for retrofit and 350K for GVLV operations)
 - The impact of the drawdown will **leave the Reserve Fund balance** at \$9,491,173 with **5.1 months** coverage of operating expenses versus a target range of 9 to 12 months.

AAWS/General Service Board Financial Indicators Year To Date 2025

Indicator	YTD Actual Versus Budget	Versus Prior Year (six months ended June 30, 2024)
Contributions	\$4.643M vs \$5.170M, 10% less than budget	\$4.643M vs \$5.566M, 17% less than prior year
Gross Literature Sales	\$8.426M vs \$8.000M, 5% more than budget	\$8.426M vs \$7.184M, 17% more than prior year
Net Literature Sales (Gross Margin)	\$4.346M vs \$4.375M, 1% less than budget	\$4.346M vs \$3.666M, 19% more than prior year
Gross Margin as a Percentage of Gross Literature Sales	51.6% versus 54.7%	51.6% versus 51.0%
Operating Expenses before depreciation	\$9.340M vs \$9.722M, 4% less than budget	\$9.340M vs \$9.179M, 2% more than prior year
Operating Surplus before depreciation	\$56K vs \$221K	\$56K vs \$530K
Reserve Coverage (# of months)	6.42	6.33

- GREEN – Favorable Variance
- YELLOW – Unfavorable Variance, Informative
- RED – Unfavorable, Trustees Finance/Board action and/or discussions ongoing

NOTE: International Convention has a separate budget and profit and loss statement, this is not additional revenue for the General Service Board or AAWS. Reports on these financials is separate. We are still paying final bills from the International Convention and numbers should be available after the next board meeting.

NOTE: In 2024, Seventh Tradition Self-Support contributions covered 60% of operating expenses. We rely on Seventh Tradition contributions and literature sales to serve the Fellowship.

Grapevine & La Vina updates

- With the decline in Grapevine subscriptions, **we will be conducting a survey to the fellowship to understand what YOU want from GV/LV**. We will survey members on the value and sustainability of its magazines, books, podcast, and social media, and report back a plan for at the 2026 General Service Conference and survey outcomes at the 2027 General Service Conference.
- **Greeting cards are available!** We are using cartoons from Grapevine and La Viña. Cards will be for: Happy Anniversary / Thinking of You / Congratulations!
- **GV Language of the Heart International Convention Commemorative Edition** book sold about 50% of inventory. It is available on the Grapevine website in English and Spanish and will be on sales this month. Book sales location at Convention may have impacted sales.
- **The La Viña Group Agenda** book now available! Record the key details of your meetings in a practical and organized manner. For example, you can record attendance, speaker, topic, etc.
- **Podcast:** 1,208,606 downloads to date, averaging 24.3K per month. Recorded live at the IC!
- **Instagram:** Grapevine has 14,821 followers, up 369 since June. La Viña has 2,191 followers up 134 since June.
- **YouTube Channel:** 390 videos, 16,000 subscribers, 264,288 total views
- **The app now reaches over 150 countries** excluding EU member - working to achieve EU privacy compliance regulations.

Grapevine / La Viña Summary (YTD June 30, 2025)

- **Grapevine’s bottom line (241K) has improved** from this time last year (487K) **but remains over** budget (141K).
- **App subscriptions** grew 26% (16,468 vs 13,089), but print declines offset gains, leaving total subscriptions nearly flat (-0.7%). **We experience a boost of 1,000 app subscriptions during and following the International Convention.**
- Sales and cost of sales are consistent with last year, but gross margin is below budget at \$862K compared to the \$938K target.
- **Subscriptions and book sales are \$114k under budget**, partly offset by \$38k lower cost of sales.
- **Book sales are down** vs last year and budget. **Operating expenses** (before depreciation) **are \$254k (19%) lower** than 2024, **but 2% over budget**.

Grapevine Financial Indicators

Indicator	Versus 2025 Budget (Dollars in thousands ‘000)	Versus Prior Year (June 30, 2024) (Dollars in thousands ‘000)
Total Grapevine (“GV”) Subscription Income	\$1.006K vs \$1.038K, 3% behind budget	\$1.006K vs \$1.005K, slightly ahead of prior year
Total GV Print-only Circulation	42,165 vs 43,488, 2% behind budget	42,165 vs 45,943, a decline of 8%
GV App + Online + GV Complete Subscriptions	16,468 vs 17,543, 3% behind budget	16,468 vs 13,089, 26% ahead of prior year
Total Circulation	58,634 vs 61,031, 4% behind budget	58,634 vs 59,032, a decline of 0.7%
GV Subscription Net Profit Percentage	53.6% vs 46.7%	53.6% vs 48.4%
GV Total Gross Margin (all products)	\$862K versus \$938K, 8% behind budget	\$862K vs \$869K, a decrease of 1%
GV Operating Expenses	\$107K versus \$1.084K, unfavorable to budget by 2%	\$1.107K vs \$1.362K, a decrease of 19%
GV Net (Loss)	\$(241K) vs \$(141K)	\$(241K) vs \$(487K)
LV Total Gross Margin	\$81K vs \$90K, 10% behind budget	\$81K vs \$45K, an increase of 80%
LV Total Circulation	8,360 vs 8,208 18% ahead of budget	8,360 vs 7,157, 17% greater than prior year
LV Expenses	\$331K vs \$342K, 3% ahead of budget	\$331K vs \$348K, a decrease of 5%
LV Shortfall	\$(251K) vs \$(253K), \$2k under budget	\$(251K) vs \$(303K), a decrease of 17%

Don’t Miss the Latest...

- The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour Podcast <https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>
- YouTube | AA Grapevine <https://www.youtube.com/@AAGrapevine>
- YouTube | AAWS - <https://www.youtube.com/@alcoholicsanonymousworldse1373>
- Instagram | AA Grapevine Magazine (@alcoholicsanonymous_gv) https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv/
- LinkedIn | AAWS <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc/>
- Online Contributions and Self-Support | <https://www.aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support>

New to the Delegate’s Corner

- A tool to easily access (in Google Drive) [AA & Grapevine / La Viña Digital and Social Media Resources](#)
- AAWS Highlights March 2025 https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/aaws_highlights_march_2025.pdf
- Quarter Report from [GSO](#)

Delegate’s Corner Page QR Code



Alternate Delegate’s Report – Lupita Y.M.

Name: Lupita YM
Position: Alternate Delegate
District number:
Date: 4 October 2025

Belonging and Growth

A few themes have emerged for me over the course of these past nine months: firstly, I was reminded by a friend that our job in [general service] is not to win arguments. Our job is to carry the message. Let that be our North Star; everything else is secondary. Secondly, the (unintentional, yet) recurring theme of the GSR and DCM workshops has been about belonging. At many GSR schools we’ve discussed that it’s okay to doubt yourself, it’s okay to feel challenged. Feeling challenged doesn’t mean you don’t belong here. And it doesn’t mean you can’t do this. That sentiment is applicable for anyone at any type or level of service. At it's core, this is just acceptance and faith.

I didn’t get involved in General Service for personal or spiritual growth. I didn’t get into it to learn about myself and my defects. But over the course of the service I’ve done, exactly that has happened. Initially A.A. helped me grow up, but service has helped me truly mature.

My First Year as Alternate Delegate (brief highlights)

Serving as Alternate Delegate has been a change of pace after a two-year term as Area Chairperson. Over this past year I have been shadowing Courtney, our Area Delegate, to be prepared to go to the General Service Conference (GSC) should she not be able to go for any reason. As a part of this preparation, I attended all five Pre-Conferences and went to at four Delegate report backs. Shifting to “Conference facing” has been an interesting transition for me. It has inspired calls to my service sponsor and other service mentors and consequently, precipitated much personal growth.

Keeping with the tradition of Western Washington Alternate Delegates, I have hosted quite a few General Service (GSR) workshops (10) and some District Committee Member (DCM) workshops (2). I look forward to partnering with local districts to continue to have GSR and DCM workshops. In addition, I hosted three DCM roundtables and hosted two workshops about Hosting Standing Committee Quarterlies. Serving Area 72 as Alternate Delegate has really

been quite fun! I love going out to districts and groups and am always pleased to be invited. Since the beginning of the rotation, I’ve been invited to come to and speak/present at about ten districts.

What’s Ahead

I genuinely enjoy large Area business meetings, I equally enjoy visiting districts for presentations, GSR workshops, inventories, and more. Thank you for inviting me to share my experience. I’ve got several district visits, inventories, and Gratitude Banquets coming up. Keep ‘em coming!! :)

Chair Report – Derek S.

Name: Derek S.
Position: Area Chair
Date: 9/23/25

Greetings Area 72!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at this year’s Assembly. Here’s my report for third quarter of 2025:

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

My accomplishments this past quarter are as follows:

1. July Quarterly: What a weekend! And a full day on Saturday. Three motions were voted on to put on the Assembly Agenda, and it felt like we really heard the Area Committee’s conscience on Saturday. The participation at the microphone was tremendous and it felt like everyone was able to share their conscience. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful experience.
2. Pre-Assembly Background Information and Website Posting: The remainder of July consisted of preparing all the background information, getting it translated and then posting on the Pre-Assembly Documents webpage on the Area website. Thanks to Shu, our dedicated and trusted Webservant who spent hours with me on the phone and at her computer to make sure everything was posted correctly and in order for ease of access. Those same documents are now available on the Area Assembly Documents page.
3. Pre-Assemblies: The entire month of August was filled with Pre-Assemblies. We provide 9 Pre-Assemblies in total starting on Saturday, August 2 in Bellevue and ending on Sunday, August 24 in Seattle with our Spanish speaking Districts. The best part was getting to see all of you and hear your comments and questions as we worked through the Pre-Assembly Schedule. They were all well attended. Thank you to all the hosting Districts and all those that participated in making these possible.
4. September was filled with fielding questions from the fellowship and continuing to prepare for the Assembly including finalizing and emailing out the Agenda, Weekend Schedule and Welcome Letter. I attended a site walk-through with our Alternate Chair, Lisa, and sound tech chair Anthony to meet with the District 24 host committee and work out logistics including location of tables, podium and appointed and elected seating. I enjoy these, it helps me visualize the quarterly ahead of time.
5. We held our Assembly Check-In Meeting with the electeds and appointeds, utilizing our Area Archives Repository. We reviewed the agenda, discussed the Friday panel assignments and heard reports from each of our electeds and appointeds in what they are doing with their committees and/or positions. Everyone is working incredibly hard and with such love and passion that I am awed every time I hear what they have accomplished. I look forward to the appointed reports at the Assembly on Saturday, it has become one of my favorite parts of the day.
6. And recreationally, I continue to attend and shamelessly plug for two of our regular service study meetings: Seattle Intergroup’s Service Manual Study is every first Sunday of the month and our Pacific Region Service Nerds meets every Thursday at 6:00 pm on Zoom covering the corresponding Tradition, Concept, and chapter in Service Manual of the month. Most recent, our General Service Trustee Carolyn W. visited us and spoke to Chapter 9 in our Service Manual covering our Board’s Operating Corporations. As a General Service Trustee she has four years of experience as a Non-Trustee Director of A.A. World Services, Inc and is serving on its board of directors during her four year term as General Service Trustee.

Challenges, issues or interesting developments I am facing, involved with of have already dealt with.

Bid for the National Corrections Conference in 2027. Areas 72 and 92 National Corrections Conference (NCC) Bid Committee continue preparations for bidding at this year’s NCC in Nashville to bring the NCC to Washington in 2027. I have the pleasure of serving on that committee. We bid at last year’s conference and lost out to Area 69 for Salt Lake City. This year we plan on being super polished and super prepared. Second bid is usually the charm for the NCC. It was Area 69’s second bid last year. The big draw of course is Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla where the second A.A. meeting behind the walls was held in 1942, only four months after A.A. took the message into San Quentin. San Quentin gets all the press but for us here in corrections in Washington State, “Concrete Mama,” as it’s referred to among its persons in custody, is a big deal!

Third Legacy Roundtables. If you are interested one of the monthly Third Legacy Roundtables, contact Patty S. at dist25thirdleg@area72aa.org to get on the email list. They are every fourth Sunday of the month on zoom at 4:00 pm. Please join us.

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:

1. Get some rest, 3rd Quarter for Area Chairs and Alternate Chairs are hectic. I have been go, go, go since before the July Quarterly.
2. Plan for and prepare for our upcoming January Quarterly on January 2 & 3 in Sequim and preparing for the Area Inventory of Friday night. Oure most recent Past Pacific Region Trustee Kathi Fowler will be joining us to facilitate the inventory.
3. Continue to assist in the development of the Third Legacy Roundtables.
4. Be available to the fellowship to answer questions and provide information on anything Area related and be there for my service-sponsees as they enter the second year of this rotation.

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 at chair@area72aa.org. I am always happy to be of service.

Yours in service,
Derek S.

Alternate Chair Report – Lisa S.

Name: Lisa S.
Position: Area Alternate Chair
Date: 9/30/25

Area Business Assembly – October 2025
Alternate Chair Report

Hi everyone,

I hope this report finds you well and enjoying the fall season. As we gather once again to do the business of A.A., I’m filled with gratitude for the spirit of cooperation and service that shows up in every corner of our Area.

This past quarter was full—in the best kind of way. I saw many of you at pre-assemblies, brought homemade cakes to Districts 55, 56, and 21 to celebrate their successful bids to host 2026 Quarterlies, and spent a lot of time with our host committee preparing for this Assembly here in Lynnwood. This host committee has worked hard to make sure our Assembly is both enjoyable and well-organized, and I’m so grateful for their service.

I also had the chance to work with several districts on their bids to host the 2030 Assembly. In Area 72 we set our Assembly locations five years out, which can feel a little “out of sight, out of mind.” For perspective—this very Assembly was decided on eight years ago by your Panel 67 GSRs and DCMs. We can thank them for bringing us here today.

One of the lessons I’ve learned this year—and that many of you have now experienced firsthand—is how food and beverage minimums affect our Assembly venues. These agreements reduce facility rental costs, but they also mean we commit to a certain level of meal purchases. This year, registrations for meals came in slowly, and for a while I was concerned we might not meet our minimum. I know it can be less expensive to eat elsewhere, but when we vote on a location, we’re also agreeing to help support the venue through meal purchases—if our groups can afford it. For example, my home group sets aside money each month so we can send two people to the Assembly and cover their meals. And thanks to all of you stepping up with additional meal purchases, we were able to meet our minimum this year.

As you listen to the **2030 Assembly bids** for the Hotel Murano and Little Creek Casino, I encourage you to think not only about cost and location, but also about what will be best for the GSRs of our future.

Here’s where we’re already scheduled to gather for Assemblies through 2029:

- 2026 – Shelton
- 2027 – Lynden
- 2028 – SeaTac
- 2029 – Vancouver

Looking ahead, planning for the 2026 Assembly will begin soon. Did you know that in the past, Assembly host committees used to spend two years preparing? Today, thanks to the guidance of past Alternate Chairs, I’ve been able to put together a planning tool that streamlines the process and makes preparation *much* easier. When our systems are efficient, it creates more space for connection, joy, and fellowship—which is one of the things I love most about service in Area 72. Truly, we are not a glum lot!

Thank you all for giving me the gift of serving as your Alternate Chairperson. This has been my favorite service position I’ve ever held—and I’m loving it.

Isn’t service wonderful?

In loving service,

Lisa S.
Area 72 Alternate Chair

Treasurer’s Report Financial Narrative – Teresa H.

Name: Theresa H.
Position: Area Treasurer
Date: 9/30/25

From the Language of the Heart - Bill W.’s grapevine writings, in the section **AA Is Not Big Business November 1950**, Bill writes “*Our Traditions are set down on paper. But they were written first in our hearts. For each of us knows, instinctively I think, that AA is not ours to do with as we please. We are but caretakers to preserve the spiritual quality of our Fellowship; keep it whole for those who will come after us and have need of what has so generously been given to us. We learned our lesson about money early. We feared organization lest we solidify and destroy ourselves as a movement! At the same time we faced the moral and humane obligation to make our program instantly available to all who asked for it. And they came in ever increasing numbers. Yes, we've had need of money and we've had to provide services. But we've resolved never to allow either money or the management of our necessary affairs to obscure our spiritual aims*”.

All of the financial documents we are sharing can be found on [AREA72AA.ORG](#) under [Area Business](#) and the [October Assembly link](#). I shared the instructions to find these documents with the DCM’s at the July Quarterly for your reference and I am available if you would like any assistance in finding this information @ treasurer@area72aa.org

Thank you DCM’s and GSR’s for taking back to your groups the call to action from the July quarterly. We received \$7676 more in contributions from the fellowship for the 3rd quarter then in 2 quarter:

Western Washington Area 72			
Statement of Activities Q2 & Q3 2025 Side-by-Side			
April - September, 2025			
	APR - JUN, 2025	JUL - SEP, 2025	TOTAL
▼ Income			
▼ 4000 Contributions			\$0.00
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contribut...	5,851.91	6,727.97	\$12,579.88
4021 Districts - Online Contribut...	784.42	480.55	\$1,264.97
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributi...	19,584.10	27,634.16	\$47,218.26
4031 Groups - Online Contributi...	9,323.82	8,755.44	\$18,079.26
4040 Individual/Anniversary - M...	979.52	764.20	\$1,743.72
4041 Individual/Anniversary - O...	635.72	473.32	\$1,109.04
Total 4000 Contributions	37,159.49	44,835.64	\$81,995.13

Looking at the comparison from 2024 YTD (Jan - Sept) to 2025 YTD (Jan - Sept) we have an increase in contributions by \$3,449

	TOTAL	
Account	Jan 1 - Sep 30 2025	Jan 1 - Sep 30 2024 (PY)
▼ 4000 Contributions		
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributions	27,577.27	21,245.80
4021 Districts - Online Contributions	1,619.52	3,657.98
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributions	76,798.49	79,830.05
4031 Groups - Online Contributions	28,548.89	27,903.69
4040 Individual/Anniversary - Mail...	2,138.83	799.33
4041 Individual/Anniversary - Onli...	1,924.41	1,721.20
Total for 4000 Contributions	\$138,607.41	\$135,158.05

We are @ 101% of our Q3 YTD (Year To Date) contribution budget

Western Washington Area 72			
YTD Q3 Budget vs. Actuals			
January - September, 2025			
	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
▼ Income			
▼ 4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contribut...	27,577.27	21,275.28	6,301.99
4021 Districts - Online Contribut...	1,619.52	4,008.33	(2,388.81)
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributi...	76,798.49	81,077.40	(4,278.91)
4031 Groups - Online Contributi...	28,548.89	27,973.53	575.36
4040 Individual/Anniversary - M...	2,138.83	768.15	1,370.68
4041 Individual/Anniversary - O...	1,924.41	1,772.28	152.13
Total 4000 Contributions	138,607.41	136,874.97	1,732.44

This is fantastic, but we can not stop. Area 72 is doing a great job to hit our YTD Budget and if we stay on track bringing in \$14,715 per month we will achieve \$182,500 in contributions for the year.

Western Washington Area 72			
Budget vs. Actuals: 1st Quarter 2025			
January - December 2025			
	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
➤ Income			
➤ 4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contribut...	27,577.27	28,367.01	(789.74)
4021 Districts - Online Contribut...	1,619.52	5,344.46	(3,724.94)
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributi...	76,798.49	108,103.23	(31,304.74)
4031 Groups - Online Contributi...	28,548.89	37,298.02	(8,749.13)
4040 Individual/Anniversary - M...	2,138.83	1,024.25	1,114.58
4041 Individual/Anniversary - O...	1,924.41	2,363.03	(438.62)
Total 4000 Contributions	138,607.41	182,500.00	(43,892.59)

Over the next 3 months Derek N., our Alternate Treasurer and I, will be creating the 2026 budget. We will base this on the contributions we receive in 2025 which will build what can be spent in 2026 to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are many motions that dictate where Area 72 spends the money and we need to honor those motions. One approved motion that is happening next year is to host PNC. Area 72 is responsible for any language services needed and the Sound Chair, Language Chair, Area Chair & Archives Chair’s travel and accommodations. We are required to budget this along with the other motions and approved expenses.

The stapled financials that you have (Green Sheet) give you all the Year to Date (YTD)/ Year End (YE) information we are discussing today. Derek N. will be going through the expenses with you shortly.

Area 72’s current checking account balance minus seed money for Assemblies is at \$24,544.56, which is enough to pay our next months expenses, so keep those contributions coming ~ Here is a look over this year of the account balances per quarter

Western Washington Area 72			
Statement of Financial Position - Q1 - Q3 2025			
As of September 30, 2025			
	JAN - MAR, 2025	APR - JUN, 2025	JUL - SEP, 2025
➤ ASSETS			
➤ Current Assets			
➤ Bank Accounts			
1000 Area Checking Account	44,877.47	35,339.21	43,673.55
Total Bank Accounts	\$44,877.47	\$35,339.21	\$43,673.55
➤ Other Current Assets			
➤ 1300 Assembly Seed Money (18.4)			
!Assembly Checking Account S...	1,000.00	3,028.99	3,028.99
2024 Assembly Seed Money	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025 Assembly Seed Money	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
2026 Assembly Seed Money			5,000.00
2029 Assembly Seed Money	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Total 1300 Assembly Seed Mon...	12,100.00	14,128.99	19,128.99

BIG TAKE AWAYS:

- We are on track to achieve our annual budget of \$182,500 with the fellowship generously continuing their 7th tradition support
- We have a healthy checking account to cover our next month expenses
- Budgeting for 2026 will begin and we have added expenses to account for
- As of 9/26/2025 Area 72 has earned \$138,607.41 and has spent 125,286.98 which means we have under spent by \$13,321.42 of the approved budget 😊

Bill W. ends his Grapevine article ...” But times have changed. Alcoholics Anonymous is now grown. Its founders are perishable. We cannot be your guardians always. So the hour is come when you must take these things into your own keeping. We ask that you guard them well, for the future of Alcoholics Anonymous may much depend on how you maintain and support these life giving arms of service.”

And that is exactly what we do. Together!

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

Western Washington Area 72

Q3 YTD Budget vs. Actuals: YTD 2025

January - December 2025

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Income			
4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributions	27,577.27	28,367.01	(789.74)
4021 Districts - Online Contributions	1,619.52	5,344.46	(3,724.94)
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Total 4000 Contributions	138,607.41	182,500.00	(43,892.59)
4200 Service Materials			
4230 OSD III - Area History Book Sales	1,932.19		1,932.19
Total 4200 Service Materials	1,932.19		1,932.19
4900 Uncategorized Income	0.99		0.99
Total Income	\$140,540.59	\$182,500.00	\$ (41,959.41)
Cost of Goods Sold			
5010 OSD III - Cost of Goods Sold	1,932.19		1,932.19
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$1,932.19	\$0.00	\$1,932.19
GROSS PROFIT	\$138,608.40	\$182,500.00	\$ (43,891.60)
Expenses			
6000 General Operating Expenses			
6010 Archives Rent, Utils & Op Exps.	21,177.65	27,650.00	(6,472.35)
6012 Area Storage	953.55	1,500.00	(546.45)
6015 Ad-hoc/Check In Meeting Expenses	200.00	400.00	(200.00)
6030 Computers and A/V Equipment	2,487.98	1,950.00	537.98
6040 Elected Officer Unallocated (00.4; 18.2)	1,685.83	3,000.00	(1,314.17)
6050 Insurance	2,028.60	2,708.00	(679.40)
6051 Variable Budget/Misc .Expenses (10.3)	1,495.24	8,659.00	(7,163.76)
6053 Newsletter Printing & Bulk Mailing	15,129.85	20,000.00	(4,870.15)
6054 Office Supplies	637.32	300.00	337.32
6055 Area PO Box	439.01	450.00	(10.99)
6060 Printing and Copying	6,073.12	7,000.00	(926.88)
6085 Tax, Accounting and Professional Fees	1,214.45	1,750.00	(535.55)
6095 Software, Web, and Tech	1,100.00	1,250.00	(150.00)
6096 Virtual Meeting Platforms	5,212.74	5,020.00	192.74
Total 6000 General Operating Expenses	59,835.34	81,637.00	(21,801.66)
6100 Assembly Costs			
6110 Assembly Lodging		9,300.00	(9,300.00)
6120 Assembly Meals	4,992.00	6,720.00	(1,728.00)
6130 Assembly Mileage	120.70	2,500.00	(2,379.30)
6140 Assembly Registration	1,534.00	1,728.00	(194.00)
Total 6100 Assembly Costs	6,646.70	20,248.00	(13,601.30)
6200 Quarterly Costs			

Discussion and Questions/Answers on the Treasurers Report

- Debbie, D8 DCM, had a question regarding Assembly costs were budgeted at \$20,000.00 and expenses so far are \$6,600.00. I assume the financial report in January will reflect any of the costs that have not paid so far, is that correct?
- Derrick N., Area 72 Alt Treas responded that it is true.
- Pete, D22 DCM, asked for a clarification on our reserve amount of \$24,000.00 that is available for future assemblies, how much of this is our reserve and what are the spending restrictions for that reserve.
- Theresa, Area 72 Treas explained that our reserve amount is around \$21,000.00 which gives us around \$3,000.00 that is available. As far as restrictions are concerned, there really are none. It is there to assist during the ebb and flow of our contributions. Some groups give biannually, so we can’t really account for when we’ll receive those, so we may have to rely on the reserve amount to carry us through.
- Kelly, D8 Alt DCM, for those who weren’t at the pre-assemblies, could you please go over the costs of the NL Quarterly vs Monthly?
- Theresa, Area Treasurer stated that back in January, based on our motion and what the motion read, we needed to change our \$35,000.00 NL budget to \$20,000.00 budget line item. Making that decision we have been on track with \$5,000.00 a quarter to meet that budget requirement for 2025.
- Joe requested clarification on the blanks under “Other Travel” in Standing Committees.
- Derek, Area Alt Treasurer cleared up that those in the “200’s” were not travel expenses, they are for any general expenses for the committees like printing, supplies, etc. needed for those committees.
- Kat, D46 asked if the registration and paying for meals not an income line item?
- Theresa, Area Treasurer explained that the assemblies are self-supporting we, as the Area, do not put those on. We do not receive any income from them.
- Lisa, Area Alt Chair further explained that for our host committees we have a separate account for those that is not managed by the Area Treasurer or Alt Treasurer. At the end of the Assembly all monies that we are short in that account will be covered by the Area Treasury and any above will be forwarded to the Area General Treasury.
- John, D35 DCM wondered why there was such a savings this year so far in the Corrections literature expenses.
- Aimee, Area Corrections Chair explained that the District Corrections Chairs contact her with what their need is for Corrections literature and it is ordered. So far this year that is all that has been needed to be ordered.
- Theresa, Area Treasurer also explained that in the past several years it has been more difficult to get into some correctional facilities, so the need has lowered considerably.

- Garrett, D39 (1:48:19) stated that, after looking over the budget, he sees that actual services that go to the still suffering alcoholic via committee work is roughly \$81,000.00, about 60% of our budget. The remainder of the contributions are for Area overhead.
- Derek N., Area Alt Treasurer explained we spend the money in basically two ways, one is on helping the still suffering alcoholic and the other is figuring out how to spend the money, normally at the Area Quarterlies and Assemblies.
- Jo, D25 DCM wondered whether it would be more helpful if the districts and groups contributed on a monthly basis in order for the Area to better manage the budget.
- Theresa, Area Treasurer responded that yes, it would make managing the budget a bit easier if we had a consistent flow of contributions, but often times that’s not how it works out. If groups and districts can do that, I would highly recommend it.
- Rich, GSR for Name in the Hat in Kelso wanted to verify that we have already reduced the budget for the NL by \$10,000.00 and if Motion 1 regarding the virtual NL passes we will reduce that \$20,000.00 to about \$1,500.00 (Theresa, the Area Treasurer corrected that by saying the virtual NL would be about \$3,000.00 the first year and about \$1,500.00 the next years). Rich went on to confirm that the bus sign project being voted on today would be about \$11,000.00 - \$11,500.00 and that overall there would still be an overall reduction in expenses.
- Theresa, Area Treasurer stated that yes, that is true, but also stated that we would also have the expense of the PNC next year.
- Lynette wondered why, on the budget, there were blank spaces on some of the committees where there have been no expenditures and wondered if perhaps these areas are being underserved.
- Derek N., Area Alt Treasurer stated that is not exactly the case, those budget line items like the \$200.00 are there for general expenses to help the committee run and not for outreach expenses like the \$8,000.00 for Corrections.
- Theresa, Area Treasurer went on to say the Area Appointed do a wonderful job of trying to stay within or below budget by doing hybrid quarterlies and such.
- Warren, GSR for Eastside Newcomers, D9 had a question on line item 4230 for Our Stories Disclose (OSD) one for Income and one for Cost of Goods Sold. Why is there no budgeted number for either of those costs?
- Derek S., Area Chair stated he was the past treasurer and that when we voted to pass the OSD in 2018 we estimated presales would cover the costs of production. The pandemic occurred and after 5 years when were ready to publish the book the costs we had estimated had doubled, so the Area, in keeping with the motion, helped fund the cost of production. As the books are sold the Area takes in that money and it is added to the balance sheet, and we reduce our cost of books sold leaving us now with about \$5,000.00 left in recouping the money advanced to the OSD committee for production costs. That reduces our cost of goods sold/inventory.
- Jackie, GSR D3 stated that their group make contributions to both Area and GSO and wondered if the Area would profit from them making a bigger split to the Area.
- Theresa, Area Treasurer responded that it is up to the Group Conscience as to where their groups contributions should go. Yes it would benefit the Area, but it is totally up to the group.
- David, GSR for the Singleness of Purpose Group in Everett stated that their group does not contribute to the Area because a few years ago when they made a contribution the Area said they could not give them a receipt and would like to know if the Area could invest in a receipt book and start doing receipts again.
- Theresa, Area Treasurer said that people will send contributions with a slip of paper to be returned to them with the amount contributed and she does that and that checks themselves can me used as receipts. There is also an area on the Area website where people can go and view their group or district contributions and that she would be glad to discuss this offline if David would like.
- Pam, D54 had a question regarding the Treatment and Corrections budgets. She wondered about the budget for \$8,000.00 for literature in Corrections and \$900.00 for Treatment and wondered who to talk to regarding the distribution of the Treatment literature.
- Theres, Area Treasurer said she should talk to Suzi the Area Treatment Chair.
- Lupita, Area Alt Delegate shared that she felt uncomfortable when there was so much cheering regarding the money that is not being spent by some of our committees and would like to see our outreach go to the extent where we may go over budget or look to other areas where we can be working with the still suffering alcoholic. The elected and appointed officers are doing a great job and wonderful work, but it shouldn’t always be about how we can back on spending, but perhaps how can better spend the contributions we get.
- Tammi, D43 asked for a clarification on whether we had a choice as to where our contributions to the Area may go.
- Theresa, Area Treasurer clarified that there is no choice as to where group or district contributions go within the Area, they do have choice of which entity (GSO, Area, etc.) they wish to contribute to.

Motion to approve Treasures Report Moved by District: 29, 2nd by District: 25, the Treasurers report **Passed**

Alternate Treasurer Report and Finance Committee Report – Derek N.

Name: Derek Nichols
Position: Area Alternate Treasurer
Date: 10/4/25

Finance Committee Report – October 2025

The Finance Committee has been meeting approximately once a month throughout the year to review financial matters and respond to budget-related requests.

Committee Members:
Derek N. (Chair), Teresa H. (Treasurer), Crystal J. (Past Delegate), David J. (DCM District 14), Lisa B (District 21), Lisa J (District 24), Pete P. (District 22), and Mike L.(District 36).

One of our key responsibilities has been to manage the **variable budget** line item under “General Expenses.” This portion of the budget covers one-time or unplanned expenses that arise during the year. The total budget for 2025 is **\$8,659**, and so far, we have approved **five requests totaling approximately \$2,320**.

Approved expenses this year have included:

- Upgrades to the Area 72 website and related software.
- Support for **Spanish translation** services at standing committee quarterlies.
- Technology upgrades, including a new tablet for presentations.
- Reimbursement for work completed by **John B.**, who developed a **sample website for the online newsletter** project.

While not all of the approved expenses have been incurred yet, these allocations represent our ongoing effort to support effective and inclusive communication throughout Area 72.

We also want to highlight the **Seventh Tradition contributions** that help fund participation in several national service workshops this year:

- **Treatment Chair (Susie)** attended the *Bridge the Gap Workshop* in Los Angeles (September).
- **Technology Chair (Shu)** will attend the *National Technology Workshop* in Cincinnati (November).
- **Corrections Chair (Amy)** will attend the *National Corrections Workshop* in November.

These opportunities allow our trusted servants to bring back valuable experience and ideas to strengthen service in Area 72.

The Finance Committee is grateful for the continued support of the Fellowship and all who contribute to keeping Area 72 self-supporting and effective in carrying the message.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek N.
Finance Committee Chair, Area 72

INTERGROUP AND CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORTS:

Eastside Intergroup Board Chair – Ray H.

Name: Ray H.
Position: Eastside Intergroup Board Chair
Date: 9/21/25

Eastside Intergroup had our annual summer BBQ at the Marymoor Park in Redmond this year held in July and was well attended with all our district's support with D39, BBQ, D34 Tickets n Raffel, D38 music and games, D35 Set up and D36 Clean up!
We just had a great turnout for the Mariners Recovery Day event and ESIG sold out all our blocks of seats for a great game that we won. Doug and Alli, our office managers, are always getting lots of help from volunteers at the office with handling all the literature and coins and books that we offer for sale at our office in Bellevue. If you're on the eastside, please make it a point to stop by and check us out sometime. We will be nominating 2 new board members at our October meeting, and at this time we are updating our Policy and Procedures and our Bylaws to be more current with our eastside needs. We are starting to work on volunteers for our annual Pancake Breakfast held in April which has been a great tradition on the Eastside. I will be focusing now on attracting more members to represent their home group as an intergroup rep! Another goal for us is to reach out to our districts to check if their group’s current information is current on their websites that feed up to our eastsideaa.org website that the area meeting guides stay current. Service is Relapse Prevention and being an intergroup representative is a great way to carry the message.
Ray H. Board Member ESIG

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

Name: Jeff U.
Position: GSIG Chair
Date: 10/4/25

- 1. Introduction**
The report was presented by Eddy MM, GSIR Vice Chair outlining recent committee activities and upcoming plans for the next few months.
- 2. Recent Events**
- The annual picnic was successfully held, with strong attendance and positive feedback.
 - The event was entirely self-supporting, and no additional funds were needed.
- 3. Upcoming Events**
- A presentation about **Homegroup.online** is scheduled for **December**.
 - A **Seahawks watch party** will be held in **November**, with refreshments and fellowship.
 - The **chat line** continues to operate with steady call volume.
 - A **volunteer workshop** is planned to help members get involved and trained for service positions.
- 4. Third Legacy Committee**
- The committee will host a **potluck brunch in November** to promote unity and participation across districts.
- 5. Other Business / Important Updates**
- The current **lease ends in 2027**, and options for a new location are being explored.
 - Members are encouraged to **share input** and suggestions regarding possible relocation or improvements to the meeting space.
- 6. Closing**
- Thank you for everyone’s service and commitment to A.A.

Area 72 Oficina Intergupal – Héctor H.

Name: Daniel
Position: Coordinator of the Oficiana Intergupal
Date: 10/4/25

Spanish Intergroup Report
Presented by: Daniel, Chair of the Spanish Intergroup
Location: Auburn
Report Summary:

- The Spanish Intergroup meets from **8:00–9:30 PM** in Auburn.
- The group is **celebrating its anniversary today at 7:00 PM** in Auburn, and everyone is invited to attend.
- Efforts are underway to **motivate more groups to fill needed chair positions**.
- The Intergroup is **planning a program meeting for November 2nd**, with the location to be determined after consultation with participating groups.
- Daniel requested clarification on **whether to contact Public Information regarding donations for signage** and will follow up as needed.

Closing:
Daniel expressed gratitude and concluded his report.

Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair – Megan K.

Name: Meghan Kniffen
Position: Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair
District number: N/A
Date: September 30, 2025

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

- The third quarter of 2025 was a productive one for the Puget Sound CSO! The highlights of the last quarter include:
 - I am pleased to report that we have filled our webmaster, archivist, and newsletter editor positions.
 - We have also received our new printer and binding equipment which has allowed us to print our own meeting schedules on site. We are very excited for this equipment because we will be able to print smaller batches and ensure that what we are printing contains the most current meeting information.
 - Lastly, we were able to send our Office Administrator to the Conference for CSO and Intergroup Special Workers. We are so excited to hear what he has learned and to see if there are new ideas or changes we might be able to implement to allow us to better serve our members.

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.]

- The one challenge we have had to face is volunteer coverage on Sundays and Mondays. After careful consideration, we have made the decision to modify our bookstore hours and close this portion of the CSO on Sundays and Mondays. This was not a decision that we made lightly. These two days have historically been challenging days to fill and while we do have volunteers on these days, we felt it was important that our published business hours accurately reflect when we can guarantee someone will be present. Though our bookstore may be closed on Sundays and Mondays, our phone line is fully covered and is being answered by volunteers around the clock.

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

- We have several goals for the next quarter and are excited to begin work on these:
 - We are renovating our office space! Our office will be closed the week of October 27th to allow time to finish the updates.
 - We have one remaining open position, our secretary, but we hope to have that position filled at our next board meeting.
 - Our office administrator is researching different point of sale systems. Our hope is to leave Square for a platform with less fees that communicates more effectively with QuickBooks Online. I look forward to reporting back to this body in January with our updates.
 - We are also going to explore the idea of “Bringing the CSO to You”. We serve a large geographical area, and our office administrator had the great idea to a bring our bookstore closer to our more remote districts and make it easier for them to make their literature purchases. I’m very excited to work on this in our future board meetings and coordinate this project with our volunteers and our fellowship.
- Lastly, I would like to take an opportunity to give a huge shout-out to the dedicated members of our board, our wonderful office administrator, and our amazing volunteers. Everything we do is truly a group endeavor, and none of this would be possible without their time, dedication, labor, and support. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with them and I cannot wait to see what we will do next.

South Sound Service Office Centers Chair – Melissa K.

2025 July Quarterly Report - South Sound Service Center
Name: Melissa K
Position: Alt DCM D8
Date: 9/21/25

South Sound Service Center Update

The South Sound Service Center (SSSC), located in Tumwater, WA, operates Monday through Friday from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. While it functions similarly to an intergroup, SSSC is officially supported by District 8 contributions.

At the July Office Affairs meeting, the idea of a coin exchange was introduced and subsequently approved at our August District meeting. This is an exciting development that we hope will help increase foot traffic to the office and further connect the fellowship.

In the third quarter, the office printed 961 meeting schedules.

Our top-selling items were:

- 58 Big Books
- 65 pamphlets titled “Is AA for Me?”

Literature sales for the quarter generated a net income of \$212.72.

Our hotline received 255 calls between July and September 21st. Here's the call breakdown by time period:

- Noon to 6 PM: 117 calls
- 6 AM to Noon: 87 calls
- 6 PM to Midnight: 39 calls
- Midnight to 6 AM: 12 calls

Notably, 54 calls lasted longer than 3 minutes, highlighting meaningful interactions. This level of service wouldn’t be possible without our dedicated volunteers!

Thanks,

Melissa K.

Vancouver Area Intergroup

Vancouver Intergroup Report

Date: September 28, 2025
Submitted by: Paul O., Treasurer, for Tony L., Chair

The Vancouver Intergroup, located in its current office for more than 25 years, serves Districts 7, 27, and 37, which together hold more than 350 meetings.

Services provided include:

- Website
- 24-hour hotline
- Central office with a staffed manager
- Bookstore
- Meeting space for rent
- Printing services for AA members in support of meetings and groups

The Intergroup is guided by a Steering Committee made up of four officers, four at-large members, and the Office Manager. Well-attended hybrid business meetings are held monthly.

Hotline

The hotline continues to be an essential service, providing 24/7 support and information for those seeking help with alcoholism. Calls are handled by dedicated volunteers who ensure every caller is met with understanding and direction. We currently have 41 current volunteers handling an average of 80 calls a month.

Events

Annual Picnic

The Annual Picnic was held in late June and drew more than 150 AA members and their families. Due to the strong turnout, a larger venue is being considered for next year’s event.**Community Bock Party and Resource Fair**

In August, the Intergroup hosted an information booth at this event sponsored by OpenHouse Ministries

Hands Across the Bridge

On Labor Day weekend, the Intergroup participated in Hands Across the Bridge with an information booth. This recovery-based event is cherished by the community and continues to be well attended.

Gratitude Dinner

The Annual Gratitude Dinner will be held on November 15 at the Marshall/Luepke Community Center, with an expected attendance of 240 people. This year’s speaker is Mike F. from Colorado. The Intergroup has stocked up on books by Mike in advance to support the event.

Closing

The Vancouver Intergroup continues to provide vital services, fellowship opportunities, and support to our districts and the wider AA community. We are grateful for the participation of our members and look forward to another year of growth and service.

Snohomish County Central Office

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

Update: Central Office of Snohomish County Volunteer Recruitment and Service Position Openings for 2026

Introduction

As our organization continues to grow and evolve, the Central Office of Snohomish County remains a vital hub connecting individuals to resources, support, and compassionate assistance. In anticipation of changing needs and increasing demand, we are embarking on an exciting new year: renewing our call center by recruiting and including a new wave of volunteers as well as several other service positions beginning in 2026. This update outlines our concurrent and altruistic approach, the requirements necessary, anticipated challenges, and the many opportunities this expansion brings for our membership and more importantly, the still suffering community.

The Call Center’s Role and Rising Demand

Our call center is the first point of contact for hundreds of individuals every month, handling inquiries ranging from support requests such as providing 12 step assistance, to information about our program and how best to go about finding it. Most of our incoming calls are inquiries regarding AA meeting information and locations. The CO of Snohomish County also carries a limited supply of literature for sale that includes both books and pamphlets.

Increasing Call Volume and Service Needs

Recent data from the past six months reveals a consistent rise in the number of incoming calls to our Central Office. This upward trend underscores a growing demand for assistance and highlights the vital role our call center plays in supporting the community. With our increase in call volume, it is essential that our call center remains well-staffed with dedicated, empathetic, and skilled individuals.

Volunteer Recruitment: Our Immediate Need

Why Volunteers Matter

Volunteers form the backbone of our call center operations. For those who are willing to serve with compassion, experience, strength and hope our goal is to ensure that every caller is met with understanding and timely assistance. Volunteers play a multifaceted role, answering questions, providing emotional support, processing referrals, and directing callers to the appropriate resources.

Current Recruitment Efforts

To address our present and future needs, we are launching an enhanced volunteer recruitment campaign. We are seeking individuals who share our commitment to service and possess altruistic qualities as we speak the language of the heart. Our ideal volunteers demonstrate:

- Active listening abilities
- Empathy and patience
- Adaptability in slow-paced environments
- Willingness to learn new systems and protocols
- Dedication to our mission and values Training and Support

All volunteers receive materials and some comprehensive training covering call center procedures, confidentiality standards, crisis intervention, and technology platforms. Ongoing mentorship and peer support will be available to ensure a positive, enriching experience for every volunteer.

Flexible Shifts and Remote Opportunities

Recognizing the diverse schedules of our volunteer base, we are offering flexible shifts— including 2-hour day shifts, evenings/nights (7pm-7am), and weekend shifts (7am-7pm) for groups who are involved in service as a group. This flexibility is designed to accommodate students, working professionals, retirees, and anyone eager to make a difference in their community.

Opening Service Positions in 2026: Looking Ahead

Strategic Expansion

Beginning in 2026, we will be opening a range of service positions within the call center. These roles are tailored to address specific operational needs, improve caller experience, and foster professional growth for our team members.

Types of Service Positions

- Central Office Manager (2-year term)
- Alternate Central Office Manager (2-year term)
- Daytime Phone Coordinator (1 year term)
- Alternate Daytime Phone Coordinator (1 year term)
- Technical Support Specialists: Focused on troubleshooting and ensuring smooth operation of call center systems and technology.

Application Process and Timeline

The application period for these positions begins in January 2026, with training details available as early as the present. Detailed job descriptions and requirements are included in our Central Office Service Manual. We encourage interested candidates to begin to reach out for guidance on how to best align their skills and experiences with our needs.

Anticipated Challenges and Solutions

While this expansion is cause for optimism, it comes with challenges that we must address proactively:

- Maintaining Service Quality: As we ‘onboard’ new volunteers and staf, training, supervision, and regular feedback will be helpful.
- Technology Upgrades: Simplifying call center systems to accommodate daily call volumes and remote work capabilities has required investment and there may be need for additional technical expertise.
- Volunteer Retention: Creating a supportive, rewarding environment will help ensure that volunteers feel valued and motivated to continue their service.
- Cultural Competence: We are committed to fostering diversity and inclusion in our team, providing cultural competency training, and ensuring language accessibility for callers from all backgrounds.

Opportunities for Growth and Impact

Community Engagement

By recruiting more volunteers and opening new positions through the Spirit of Rotation, we are strengthening our ties to the communities and fellowship we serve. Volunteers and service staff gain invaluable skills, build lasting relationships, and contribute to meaningful social change.

How You Can Get Involved

We invite everyone interested in volunteering or applying for a service position to connect with us. Whether you have years of experience or are just beginning your journey in service, your contribution is valued. Stay tuned for upcoming information sessions, training workshops, and open house events.

Conclusion

The coming years promise to be transformative for our call center. By expanding and growing our technological capabilities, our volunteer base and filling new service positions in 2026, we are investing in the future of our organization and the wellbeing of those we serve. Together, we can build a stronger, more responsive call center—one that reflects our shared commitment to empathy, excellence, and community.

We look forward to welcoming new faces and continuing to make an impact, one call at a time.

85 Years of A.A. in Washington State

WA 85 Celebration Planning Committee 10/4/2025 WA85AA@gmail.com

Greetings Area 72 Assembly

I was recently elected Chairperson of the newly formed Washington 85th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee and am excited to speak with you today.

Did you know that after the publication of the Big Book, Washington alcoholics began contacting the New York office for help. They were eventually put in

contact with each other and on April 19th, 1941, four alcoholics met in room 522 of the New Washington Hotel. The gathering is recognized as the first AA meeting held in the state of Washington.

At one of the regularly scheduled meetings of Washington Intergroups and Central Service Offices, someone noted that in April 2026, Washington AA will be 85years old. Why not celebrate our 85 years of Washington State AA! A committee was formed, which is in early planning stages, and we want to invite you all to join the celebration on April 18th, 2026. Many of your Intergroups and Central Offices are actively involved, as well as the Delegate and Area Chairperson from Washington Area East 92.

Fundraising is already underway. We have 85th Anniversary cans (similar to the Corrections and ASL cans) available and we invite you to take them to your homegroups and return them to your Intergroup/Central Office with your members contributions. We are also going to create an Archival Journal/Book. For a contribution of one dollar for every year of your sobriety, your name, sobriety date, homegroup and District will be recorded in the book. The book will become a part of our Archives and can be part of Archives displays at Area AA events. Your name can live in AA infamy!

We are planning other fund-raising activities prior to and during our event.

This is likely to be the largest AA gathering in Washington State since the 1990 International Convention!

If you'd like to be a part of planning this celebration, contact us via email (WA85AA@gmail.com) or contact the Puget Sound Central Service Office, your Eastside, Seattle or Vancouver Intergroup for more information.

April 18th will be here before you know it! There are lots of areas to volunteer and help, we look forward to your ideas and participation.

Thank you for your attention. Yours in service,

Astri T.
WA 85 Celebration Planning Committee

SPECIAL REPORTS:

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

Name: Donna Hills
Position: Our Stories Disclose III, Sales (Archive Steering Committee)
Date: October 4, 2025

Accomplishments:

I had a sales table at the January, April & July Area Business Quarterlies. There were books, order forms & fliers at all of the Archive Quarterlies, a sales table with a display at Blending of Time, Capitol Jamboree & Step Ashore. I took books, fliers & order forms to Olympic Roundup and assorted District meetings & events. I have had an order form and a flier in almost every newsletter. I also made an in-person presentation to District 9.

Here are the numbers: 441 Sets Sold since January 2024; **726 sets remain to be sold**

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

I believe that we have reached a saturation point with book sales. I have had books & fliers available at all Area Business Quarterlies for the last 7 quarters as well as many other events throughout our Area. During the last year and a half, I've had the Repository open on Friday's and Two Sundays per month for sales. No one came in to buy books during that time. Only 10 sets were purchased at the July Quarterly.

A QR code with a direct link to the online order form has been created and added to the fliers and the webpage and the webpage has been re-worked to be a bit more 'user-friendly'.

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

I have a table with books available for purchase here this weekend. This Assembly be my final active selling event, and as I stated before, the sales are dwindling to the point that I believe the market is saturated. I forecast that there will still be some sales, and I feel that fliers should still be made available, the online presence should continue, and books will continue to be available at CSO's & Intergroups; but I will not continue to attend everything to sell books in person. I feel that because of the decrease in sales, the cost of my attending Quarterlies and other events is not prudent for either the Area or myself.

Please Note:

- **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 a flier &/or order form, they have more information on availability (P.S.; If you purchase today, you'll receive a Delegate pin from a past Area Delegate and a smile from a very grateful OSD 3 salesperson!!)**
- **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.**
- **It also includes histories of the Area Standing Committees, the Districts and their Groups AND the Clubs, Halls, Intergroups & CSOs**
- **Hispanic Districts 1 & 57 are printed in both English & Spanish.**

37th International A.A. Men's Conference (IAAMC) 2026 – Don N.

Name: Don N.
Position: Area Secretary
District: 45
Date: 9/24/25

37th International A.A. Men's Conference

Where: Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center, 17620 International Blvd., Seattle, WA, 98188
When: April 10th – 12th, 2026
How can I register: IAAMCAB.org or mail in one of our flyer/registration forms

Preparation for the IAAMC 2026 Conference is going strong.
We have an online presence at IAAMC.org where you can go to find details regarding the conference, download a flyer, register for the conference, and make your hotel reservations.

This year’s event theme is “Miracles in Progress”, the conference will include speakers from throughout the local area and Canada, breakout sessions and workshops, the Area 72 Traveling Archives display, the IAAMC Archives, a Saturday evening banquet buffet consisting of a three entrée selection. We are also offering a 3 hour shuttle sightseeing tour of some of Seattle’s sights.

Although things are moving steadily along, we are still in need of some men to step forward and help support this event.

Anyone interested in learning more or helping to support us can contact Jeffery R. at (253) 754-7617, Randy M. at (253) 278-9842, or Don N. at (253) 365-8073. Thank you! Hope to see you there!

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

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

National A.A. Archives Workshop Committee Report

Presented by: Mikayla – Chair
Date: 10/4/25

Event Overview

The committee is organizing the **National A.A. Archives Workshop**, scheduled for **September 10–13, 2026**, to be held at the **Washington State History Museum in Tacoma**. The venue is highly regarded and provides an ideal setting for this national event.

Purpose and Format

The A.A. Archives Workshop is a hands-on educational event focusing on **archivist skills** within Alcoholics Anonymous. Unlike typical A.A. events, the workshop emphasizes interactive learning through presentations, demonstrations, and collaboration among archivists.

Planning Progress

The committee began preparations early to ensure readiness by the international. Members are actively coordinating logistics, speaker arrangements, and registration details.

Accessibility and Interpretation

For the first time in the history of the A.A. Archives Workshop, **all speaker sessions will include Spanish interpretation**, ensuring inclusivity and broader accessibility.

Registration and Promotion

- Flyers have been distributed to members; each includes a **QR code** linking to additional event details.
- **Online registration** is currently in development and will open soon.
- In the meantime, participants may **complete the printed registration form** on the flyer and mail it to the committee.

Contact Information

For more information or to get involved, members may contact:

- **Michaela (Chair)** – naaw2026chair@gmail.com
- **Melissa** or **Mary**, committee members assisting with coordination

Closing Remarks

Mikayla expressed enthusiasm about bringing the A.A. Archives Workshop to the Pacific Northwest and encouraged everyone to attend, emphasizing that it will be a unique and enriching experience for all participants.

30th Anniversary of La Vina, a Pacific Region Celebration (XXX La Vina) 2026

La Viña Celebration Committee Report

Presented by: Jack – Committee Representative
Date: 10/4/25

Overview

Jack, an Area 72 Grapevine/Literature Chair, reported on plans for the upcoming **La Viña Celebration**, an event recognizing the Spanish-language magazine published by A.A. Grapevine. Although this event is not part of **Area 72’s funded activities**, it represents an important opportunity for fellowship and service.

Background

La Viña began publication in **1996**. In its early years, the magazine included only one story translated from English per issue. Over time, it evolved into a publication **written by and for Spanish-speaking members**, offering original stories and perspectives from across the fellowship.

For the past **15 years**, areas throughout the Pacific Region have hosted La Viña anniversary celebrations:

- **2012:** Hosted by Area 93 (Eastern Washington, Tri-Cities)
- **2023:** Hosted by Area 58 (Oregon)
- **2026:** Area 72 will host the event for the first time

Upcoming Celebration

The **La Viña Celebration** will be held in **late July 2026**, coinciding with the magazine’s anniversary. Planning has begun, though much of the work is being organized on a short timeline.

Committee and Planning

- A **planning committee** is currently being formed.
- **Javier** will serve as the event **coordinator**.
- Several appointed servants have joined the committee, and **additional members**—particularly bilingual and Hispanic members—are encouraged to participate.
- Each participating area will hold a **drawing** to support involvement and outreach.

Event Details and Attendance

Attendance is expected to include **400–500 members** from across the **Pacific Region**. Area 72 will serve as the **host area**, welcoming participants from multiple linguistic districts, including **Districts 1, 57, and 58**.

Goals and Support Needed

The committee is seeking additional volunteers to fill remaining chair positions and to help with event logistics. Another key focus is **increasing subscriptions** to **A.A. Grapevine** and **La Viña**, ensuring both publications continue to thrive as vital service tools.

Closing Remarks

Jack concluded by encouraging continued support for the A.A. magazines and thanked all who are helping bring this meaningful event to Area 72.

Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) 2026 – Crystal J., Chair for PNC 2026

Pacific Northwest Conference 2026 Committee Report

Presented by: Crystal J. – Chair
Date: 10/4/25

Overview

Crystal J., Chair of the **Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC)**, reported on preparations for the **2026 Conference**, which will be held **June 26–28, 2026**, at the **Heathman Lodge** in **Vancouver, Washington**. The PNC is the **oldest continuing conference in Alcoholics Anonymous**, first established in **1948**.

Format and Venue

The 2026 Conference will be a **fully hybrid event**, allowing both in-person and virtual participation. The Heathman Lodge was selected for its accessibility, atmosphere, and capacity to accommodate hybrid sessions.

Committee Introductions

Crystal introduced the members currently serving on the planning committee:

- **Eddie** – Co-Chair, Facilities
- **Derek D.** – Treasurer
- **Lupita** – Program Chair
- **Amy** – Secretary
- **Patrick** – Web Coordinator
- **Mary** – Technology Chair
- **Melissa** – Registration Chair
- **Cassandra** – Volunteer Coordinator

Planning and Registration

- **Registration** is expected to go **live in January 2026**.
- A **flyer** and additional event information will be released at that time.
- A **volunteer sign-up link** will also be provided for those wishing to assist.
- “**Save the Date**” flyers have already been distributed to attendees, with extra copies available on the literature table.

Additional Announcements

- A **floor motion** related to the Pacific Northwest Conference was introduced. Copies are available at the table, and Crystal and Eddie will distribute them during the session.
- **Event buttons** featuring the **Sasquatch design** are available; members may obtain one from Crystal or Eddie at the back of the room.

Closing Remarks

Crystal expressed gratitude to the committee for their work and enthusiasm, and encouraged members to spread the word and participate in the 2026 Pacific Northwest Conference.

Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2027 – Crystal J., Chair for PRAASA 2027

PRAASA 2026 & 2027 Report

Presenter: Crystal J., Chair
Date: 10/4/25

PRAASA 2026 – Waikiki, Hawai‘i

- The 2026 Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) will be held in **Waikiki, Hawai‘i**, from **February 27 – March 1, 2026**.
- Registration is not yet open due to ongoing contract negotiations but is expected to go live soon.
- Hotel reservations **are open**, and attendees are encouraged to book early.
 - o **Room rate:** \$364 per night
 - o **Resort fee:** \$30 per night
 - o Pricing reflects standard Hawai‘i rates.

Important Note:
To ensure the room counts toward the PRAASA room block, attendees must **register for the hotel and for PRAASA using the same name**.

- A notification email will be sent out once registration opens.
- Additional details and registration will be available at: **praasa.org**

PRAASA 2027 – Seattle, Washington

- The 2027 PRAASA will be held at the **Westin Hotel in downtown Seattle, March 5–7, 2027**.
- This event will **break new ground** as the **first fully hybrid PRAASA**, allowing participation both in-person and remotely.
 - o This ensures involvement across all 15 participating Areas, including remote locations such as Alaska.
- The **venue contract is signed**, and the **Host Committee is active** and meeting regularly.
- The 2027 PRAASA budget is expected to be **finalized in January 2026**.
- The goal is to have **all fees and cost information included in the flyer** that will be released by **February 2026**, during the 2026 PRAASA cycle.

Closing

More updates will be shared as the events approach. Members are encouraged to save the dates, begin travel planning, and stay tuned for registration details.

HOST COMMITTEE REPORTS

2025 July Quarterly Host Final Report (La Quinta Inn & Suites in Tacoma)

Report postponed until January 2026 Quarterly

2026 January Quarterly Host Committee Report (7 Cedars in Sequim – Jan 2-3)

January 2026 Quarterly Host Committee Report

Presenter: Becky – Host Chair
Date: 10/4/25

Event Overview

Becky, serving as the Host Chair, provided an update on the **January 2026 Area 72 Quarterly**, which will be hosted jointly by **Districts 22, 55, and 56**.

- **Dates:** January 2–3, 2026
- **Location:** **Seven Cedars Casino & Resort**, Sequim, Washington

Registration & Costs

- **In-Person Registration:** \$23
- **Virtual Registration:** \$17
- **Hybrid (both):** \$23

Registration is scheduled to **open this week**, and DCMs will receive an email notification once it is live. Registration forms have been placed in all DCM mailboxes.

Lodging Information

- **Room Rate:** \$149 + tax per night
- To receive the discounted rate, reservations must be booked **no later than December 14, 2025**.

Seven Cedars Casino & Resort is pleased to welcome Area 72 back and is well equipped to accommodate all business and accessibility needs.

Meals & Activities

- **Friday Ice Cream Social:** \$21
- **Saturday Box Lunch:** \$24
 - o Options include Deli meat, vegetarian, and gluten-free selections

Host Committee & Volunteers

- The **Host Committee is fully formed** with representation from all three districts.
- **30 volunteers** have already expressed interest in service roles for the event.
- A full **host committee meeting schedule** has been established, and planning is well underway.

Closing

Becky expressed gratitude and enthusiasm on behalf of the Host Committee, sharing their commitment to providing a warm, well-organized quarterly experience for all.

2026 Assembly Host Committee Report (Little Creek Casino in Shelton – Oct 2-4)

October 2026 Assembly Host Committee Report

Presenter: Thomas, Chair
Date: 10/4/25

Update

The committee will begin meeting soon to move planning efforts forward. Those who have attended this venue previously know it is an excellent location and well suited for the event.

A brief technical issue occurred during the report when Thomas’s connection froze; however, the report was completed.

2027 Assembly Host Committee Report (NW Fair Grounds Expo Bldg. in Lynden – Date Not Set)

No report yet, the event is still several years in advance, contract is still being finalized.

2028 Assembly Host Committee Report (SeaTac – Date Not Set)

No report yet, the event is still several years in advance, contract is still being finalized.

2029 Assembly Host Committee Report (Hilton Vancouver – Oct 5-7)

No report yet, the event is still several years in advance.

HOST COMMITTEE BIDS

Bids for the October 2030 Area Assembly

Bid 1 | - Little Creek Casino & Resort
Shelton, WA - D8, D21, D58

Registration

In-Person	\$31
Online	\$20

Meals

Ice Cream	\$16
Lunch	\$40
Dinner	\$47
Breakfast	\$46

Total	\$180
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Hotel Room Rates*

\$195/night

*Does not include tax; resort fee waived

Bid 2 - Hotel Murano
Tacoma, WA - D9, D44, D45

Registration

In-Person	\$67
Online	\$44

Meals

Ice Cream	\$20
Lunch	\$48
Dinner	\$69
Breakfast	\$35

Total	\$239
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Hotel Room Rates*

\$209/night

*Does not include tax and fees

By simple majority it was voted that the 2030 Area Assembly will be hosted by D8, D21, and D58 at the Little Creek Casino & Resort in Shelton, WA
MOTIONS PRESENTED

Motion #1:
Move that beginning January 1, 2026, Western Washington publish a digital only Newsletter and cease regular printing and mailing. Digital format to include a printer friendly version available in the event a member, group or district wishes to print it for local distribution.

Moved by District 22, Seconded by District 29, Presented by Geene D., Past Delegate Panel 71.

Discussion on Motion #1

- A.A. Member stated that per her group, we are powerless over technology and are here to assist anyone who requires assistance.
- Kat, GSR stated their group is half and half on this motion one question they had is if there were a way for the NL Committee that will be voted on in Motion 2 to create an annual simplified printed NL that wouldn’t cost too much allowing a transition period of a couple years to become accustomed.

- Jen, GSR for Gull Harbor, D8 her group is in full support of all of the aspects of the digital NL and the financial savings that it would allow.
- Melissa, GSR for Peninsula Group, D27 stated that the printed NL is to be brought to the group so they can read it. The digital NL is available right away and if there is a need for a printed copy at the group the GSR or District can provide a printed copy for those individuals.
- Jedediah, GSR for South Bay Serenity, D8 said as their group discussed this topic and that many in the group were not even aware there was a NL and they are pleased to see this going to motion and are in favor
- Robin, GSR for Que Sera Live, D54 has a group of many older individuals who don't have computers or printers would like the NL to remain in it's printed form but perhaps in a different style similar to the International Grapevine Magazine
- Mike B., GSR for the Saturday Morning North Creek Big Book Study Group, D39 says his group fully supports this motion and wanted to share the idea that perhaps there could be a reminder they could subscribe to for the digital NL and perhaps a QR code that could be printed and passed around at meetings
- GSR for Women's Reflections Meeting in Bellevue thought that\$35,000.00 is too much, but the digital NL only is too specialized
- Megan, GSR for the Working With Others women's group in Shoreline had a question regarding translation of the digital NL saying there would be first pass by AI and then a human would look that over for further translation and the group wasn't sure how accurate the Spanish translation would be.
- James L., GSR
- Ruth., D15 said our group is a long standing Native American group that covers from Bellingham to Portland and we are very much in support of this motion.
- The 46th Street Legacy Chair discussed this motion with his service sponsor and is in full support of the motion and would like to see the digital NL and would like to see it expanded with OCR capabilities. The digital NL also provides a service opportunity for those who have printers to be able to provide copies of the NL to those who can't do digital.
- David, Broadview Groups, D42 stated that his observations have been that printing costs are skyrocketing and we need to get out of it now
- Cassandra, GSR for Queer in the Couv, D37 says their group realizes that A.A. is getting younger and we are turning more and more to computers and they are in support of the motion and would be willing to assist anyone who needs a printed copy of the NL.
- Gennie, Area Past Delegate was encouraged to come to the mic and answer the question regarding translation, there is a "plug in" that we use to do the initial translation and the second part of the two part process is to have a translator make sure it is correct.
- Janice, Emotional Sobriety Thursdays at the Galilean, Ocean Shores said their group is unanimously for this.
- Mike, GSR for the Solutions Group, D17 said their group felt the printing of the NL at the group or district level may be an burdensome and an extra expense. It would have been nice to have the option to decide which one we would prefer so we could definitely see what the actual cost savings would be to print and go digital.
- Shoshana K., GSR for On Awakening, D25 says they are in full support of this motion even with some of the little items that may need to be worked out. This is an accessibility thing and will do much to unify A.A. cross-culturally.
- Margo representing the On the Waterfront Group, D41 said our group is strongly in support of this and it allows us more money in the Area to support the still suffering alcoholic and also opportunities for better accessibility, service work, and conservation of trees.
- Luis, GSR for the Regula 62 Group in D34 said we are in support for all of the reasons mentioned before and for conservation purposes also. Anyone who needs a printed copy can go to the District meeting and get one.
- Warren, GSR for Eastside Newcomers, D9 stated his group had met multiple times and had a shift in group conscience regarding this topic. The digital NL is very user friendly and their group is in support 75% to 25%.
- Bill S., GSR for Stick With the Winners, D54 wondered if instead of just going digital could the groups or districts opt for either one.
- Dave, D27 said he has only read about 5% of the printed NL and would be more than happy to print our anything from the digital NL that anyone needed so he is fully behind the digital NL
- Devin, GSR for the Into Action Group, D11 fully supports the digital NL for all the stated reasons and for its accessibility and translation ease. It is also an attractive NL
- Beth d., Alt GSR for Seeking Serenity, D45 said her group had concerns about whether the new digital format would be archivable and that the groups weren't widely polled
- Gary T., GSR for the Virtually Carrying the Message Group, D25 stated their group conscience is in full support of this motion.
- Sansannah, Alt DCM D3 said that in the Area Handbook it states that GSRs/DCMs/and Area Trusted servants would receive a free subscription to the NL for a year and then they would have to subscribe for \$12.00 per subscription, isn't that self supporting? Our groups and district are in support of this motion, yet I have questions regarding those who are unable to access the internet, although the library provides 70 free copies a week. I do have a question as to whether we really surveyed the Area fully.
- Elaine, GSR for the Foglifters Group, D8 said their group was a group consisting primarily of seniors and they are in full support particularly because you could search past history versions of the NL.
- John C., DCM D45 says, after a great deal of discussion, D45 is in full support of this motion.
- Lisa H., GSR for the Duvall Sunday Morning Group, D36 stated their group is in unanimous support of this motion.
- Morgan, Alt DCM D40 originally had privacy concerns about using AI on our Area NL, but was informed we are using a private service with specific protocols to protect us. Also we hope there will be better printing parameters in place once this motion has passed.

- Mary N., Area Archivist stated that she was looking at the background information and believes there is conflicting information as to when the Area NL actually began. The background information says 1976, but there are NL's in the archives dating back to 1956. I also feel this topic to go digital has moved much too quickly, from the April 2025 Quarterly to now.
- Edgar, GSR for the La Luza-Tacoma Group, D1 said we are in agreement with this motion because it is easy to navigate from English to Spanish and we are also saving trees.
- Julie, Area PI Chair said she heard a lot about how this is a great service opportunity, just not how that would be utilized. Should there be a position such as literature rep who could get this done at the district level and make it a self-supporting position?
- Michaela said that from what she had read and researched about this it all seemed pretty one-sided. I haven't been able to find detailed information on other alternatives that may have been researched. I wonder if the GSRs and such feel they have enough information to make a decision on this.
- Rodrigo, GSR for the Diest Marzo Group, D1 said our group thinks this is best because of the savings of paper and when traveling it is good to have something digital to read.
- Sean R., GSR for the Big Book Thumpers Group, D45 stated most of his group was prior military and pretty tech savvy. They also said they would provide printed to copies to anyone in the group who needed them.
- Charlie H., GSR for the First 164 Big Book Study Group in SeaTac says his group is fully in support. When you convert the numbers into percentages, the current NL is 11% - 20% of our total expenses if we go digital that brings it to only about 2%.
- GSR for Drunk Squad, D44 said their group voted unanimously for this motion. The group also stated that they wondered if, in the future, the Area may assist the districts monetarily in providing printing to those who are unable to do their own.
- John B. (Digital NL Designer) wanted to clear up some of the earlier questions; the website is extensible, we can incorporate any changes your groups may come up with as we go along with the website, we will also be working with the Archives Committee to make sure we have solutions in place for archives, we will also ensure privacy on the website by insuring all the stories are behind the login wall, there is also an anonymity scanner which scans for last names, phone numbers, full addresses, etc. before a post is published, nothing gets posted automatically it all goes through a workflow to include the NL editors eyes before being posted.
- Cassandra M., GSR D37 asked to call the question.
- Derek S., Area Chair made the decision to not accept the call for the question as there were still people at the mic.
- Jan, GSR for the Principles Before Personalities Group, D31 said their group is torn on this. The digital stuff is great and loved by many, but there are people who do enjoy the tactile feel of a printed NL. Maybe we should not move too fast.
- GSR for the Shelton EDI Group, D8 said they would like to see this motion pass yet expressed concerns that there may be areas where people do not have access to digital, what will we do about that?
- Calvin, GSR for the Fellowship of the Spirit, D44 said their group feels we are jumping the gun going digital only. They believe there should be a way for us to have both digital and print without having to go print it yourself, perhaps a subscription process. So my group is unanimously against this motion.
- Debbie, DCM 8 said her service sponsor told her to read the first page of the NL which says the Area NL purpose is to inform the our membership of what is going on and I don't see that happening with this NL we should find other ways to reach out to the still suffering alcoholic.
- Lara, Member of The New Purpose Group, Renton, WA and as a member I don't agree with passing the printing expense of the NL on to groups or districts, also why was this website created unnecessarily when it could have been integrated into our current website, and paying someone to do something we didn't vote on concerns me. I believe the ad hoc committee could have come back with more suggestions or recommendations.
- Astri, Past Delegate stated that she had heard that many people don't read the NL and we had been involved in discussions as to how to make the NL more interesting, now we are into going digital, I'm not sure how all that happened. The NL is meant to be a service piece not just for service people but to provide a service to the fellowship by letting W WA know what is happening at the Area and District level, that is what the NL is all about. She doesn't believe the newcomer will know how to go online and get to the NL and read the articles.
- Kaya, Archives Chair, D44 said they believe the NL in it's digital form will meet their archives needs via the PDF/A format, it stores better than newsprint and has a better searchability.
- Chris, D41 said his group was in favor of a transition period so people could used the use of a digital NL.
- Josn, Shelton Newcomers, D8 says her home group is in favor of this motion.
- Garrett, GSR for the Home Group of Montesano said their home group seems to be split on this motion but they support the fact that it would help all alcoholics.
- Jane, Alt GSR of the Kitchen Group, D40 stated the group decided to vote against this motion because they didn't like the either or quality of the motion and the way the question was framed, and they felt the printing option of the digital NL was off loading an Area service. They also felt the discussion seemed to be forcing a crisis that didn't exist.
- Jim, DCM D28 wondered if the finance committee could budget \$17,000.00 from the offset cost of printing the digital NL from the savings they will have by only budgeting \$3,000.00 of the \$20,000.00 for the digital NL.
- Garrett, D39 GSR said some people seem to think that the new formatting of the digital NL and losing the old format is like losing an old friend.
- Pete said that the motion says to publish a digital only version of the NL, not a website of the NL. Digital can take many forms, and this should be pointed out.
- Irene, D44 wanted to point out there is pretty negative environmental impact regarding AI and our digital NL. Irene also mentioned that it was mentioned that AI would be used to edit and process our digital NL yet it wouldn't have access to our content, if it is used to edit and process content, it will have access.

- Louise, a member of the Halfway Through Group, D25 says she understands we are moving into a digital world, but maybe we need a trial basis for the digital NL just as Bill W. suggested a 5 year trial basis for the conference.
- Patrick, Area Tech and Web Chair said that he hopes we don’t make a decision on this based on finances alone. He hopes that we will be patient in listening to what each of us has to say, be well informed, and decide based on that and feel satisfied that we did our best in coming to this decision.
- Jim, a member, stated the digital website will be readily available on the website and can be opened by various browsers and even read to you, if you wish.
- Amber, D8 said she believes this digital NL answers many questions for dark groups who are not receiving Area NL’s now and will make the NL more available for many more groups.
- Susan, GSR for the Wings Group, D40 said she is technically challenged and wondered how many people in the room were receiving a NL this year. If she has problems and can’t get anything done, she contacts her DCM. She believes it is time to make the change and do some online stuff.
- Julie, home group is Keep it Simple, D28 said that many people in their local jails don’t have access to computers and would prefer to have something written so they can review it better and use a dictionary to help them read.
- Bud, Area Accessibility Chair since went from monthly to quarterly distribution of the NL no one has come to him complaining they aren’t receiving the NL monthly, We can always switch back if digital doesn’t work out.
- Andras, Camino Real Group, D1 believes the digital format will be phenomenal for future and current members. My group was divided, so we voted. People in the group agreed to purchase paper and I agreed to bring a printed copy to the group if they wanted.
- Rebecca, GSR for the Friday Night Firehouse Group, D35 said there would be a financial and administrative cost or burden to trying to maintain both a digital and a printed NL.
- Charley, Area Language Chair stated he is fully in support of his motion because he believes it makes the NL significantly more accessible across Area 72. Members who are non-sighted, who speak languages other than English or Spanish, and for groups that are not connected to the service structure to access the NL. The motion includes the need for a printer friendly version. He believes this makes the digital NL more of an asset to accessibility than a deterrent.

The Area Chair called for a vote on Motion #1

Motion #1 Passed by Substantial Unanimity

The Area Chair called for Minority Opinion

- Delia, from the Women to Women Group, D12 said the one thing she heard talked about but didn’t hear an option was to do both printed and digital.
- David, wanted to remind the Assembly that this is group conscience not a vote and we should discuss these things for a long time before we come to a decision. There have been many items discussed in this Area for many years we should not rush to decision. We say it is not financial, but everything in here has to do with money. We should have the faith that if we go hybrid we can do both printed and electronic.
- Simon mentioned that it seems we are thinking with our bank account rather than moving on faith. It doesn’t make sense to me or my group why we would intentionally isolate those who do not have digital access.

The Area Chair asked if anyone who voted in favor of Motion #1 heard anything that may have changed their vote.

There was one, viewed as a Motion to Reconsider. The Chair called for a second, seeing no second, the motion to reconsider fails and Motion 1 passes.

Motion #1 becomes Motion 25.1 and is stated as follows:
Move that beginning January 1, 2026, Western Washington publish a digital only Newsletter and cease regular printing and mailing. Digital format to include a printer friendly version available in the event a member, group or district wishes to print it for local distribution.

Motion #2:
Move that Western Washington Area 72 Newsletter Editor shall appoint a working editorial steering committee to assist in the format, content and distribution of the Newsletter. The newsletter editorial committee will be chaired by the newsletter editor and made up of, at a minimum, the following positions: Newsletter Editor, Language Chair, a member of the Web Steering Committee, a Past Delegate, and a DCM.

Moved by Erin E., Area Newsletter Editor, Seconded by District 36

Presented by Erin E., Area Newsletter Editor

Discussion on Motion #2

- Debbie, DCM8 said they are in support of this motion and would be willing to serve on the committee.
- Ken, D54 stated their group voted yes on this motion and motion1, their one concern was the appropriate number of people they wanted on the committee but realizes it does take a lot of people to properly maintain this committee.
- Ian, GSR for the Nightcap Meeting, D9 (also PSCSO NL Editor) said we are in favor of this motion because, from my experience, I know what a challenge it is editing a NL.
- Houston, Area Registrar wanted to make sure she adds her support for this motion, appointed positions need all the help they can get. Houston also added that, perhaps, in the future we can reevaluate the NL purpose.
- Carmen, GSR for Issaquah Tuesday Night Group, D25 said their group was totally in support of this motion yet wondered if some of these committee roles were being pushed on existing service positions which may already be taxed quite a bit and wondered if some of the volunteers could be people who have a specific skillset for NL publishing.
- Jackie L., GSR D3 says that since Motion 1 passed it would be impossible to enact it without the help of Motion 2 also can the current NL people stay involved now or do they have to be replaced?

- Jo, DCM D25 also expressed concern regarding the Area committee members who will be taking on these roles in the NL Steering Committee, are they ready if there is a yes vote for this motion?
- Erin, Area Newsletter Editor stated that while the motion was being formed, they made sure not to ask the chair of those committees, but that a member of the committee be available, so yes, they are prepared. She also stated that these are the minimums they are looking for, she wants help from anyone who has an interest in serving on the committee. John B., creator of the website, is also available to serve on the committee along with Geenie, our past delegate.
- Liz, Alt GSR for the Senior Moment Group asked if there would be a budget for this committee?
- Derek S., Area Chair stated that several of our steering committees do not have budgets and that it would be the same for the NL Steering Committee.
- Joe, GSR for the Tiger Mountain Stag Group, D35 said their group was concerned about whether this would be a volunteer or appointed position.
- Derek S., Area Chair, confirmed that the positions would be selected/appointed by the NL editor, they wouldn't be appointed as it is done by the Area elected.
- David, DCM D14 mentioned that becoming a part of a steering committee, as he is with the Finance Committee, was as simple as submitting a resume with experience and it being reviewed and selected by the committee you wish to participate in, and that it has been a very good experience for him.
- Terri, DCM D42 emphasized that the NL editor has been asking for people to join the NL committee from the beginning of this rotation and has the ability, via the Area Handbook, to create a committee as they desire. This motion further explains the required skills and individuals needed for this committee and believes that it was well worded.
- Kylie, GSR for the New Beginnings Group stated their group conscience was concerned about the level of bureaucracy that this may be putting on the committee over the long term, so perhaps there should be a time limit on how long individuals serve on the committee.
- Patrick, Area Tech and Web Chair stated he likes the wording of "they shall appoint" because often people think they can run these things on their own and don't need any help, this motion takes that out of the equation.

The Area Chair called for a vote on Motion #2

Motion #2 Passed by Substantial Unanimity

The Area Chair called for Minority Opinion

- Joel, GSR ____, said it looks like we are already trying to fill service positions that are not being filled and this would add more work in area where such a small amount of people are doing most of the work already.
- Robin, GSR for the Que Sera Group (D54) restated her groups desire to not move away from a printed NL.

The Area Chair asked if anyone who voted in favor of Motion #2 heard anything that may have changed their vote.

Seeing there being no one and therefore no motion to reconsider, Motion #2 passes.

Motion #2 now becomes Motion 25.2 and is stated as follows:
Move that Western Washington Area 72 Newsletter Editor shall appoint a working editorial steering committee to assist in the format, content and distribution of the Newsletter. The newsletter editorial committee will be chaired by the newsletter editor and made up of, at a minimum, the following positions: Newsletter Editor, Language Chair, a member of the Web Steering Committee, a Past Delegate, and a DCM.

Motion #3:***Requesting Area 72 Allocate Funds for the King County Metro Bus Sign Project During the 2026 Winter Holiday Period***

Moved by Julie U., Public Information Chair, Seconded by District 19

Background presented by Julie U., Area Public Information Chair

Discussion on Motion #3

- Joe, GSR for the Tiger Mountain Summit Group (D35), said his journey in A.A. started by seeing one of these signs on a metro bus is in support of this motion.
- Allison mentioned that she and her group were very excited about having this motion pass.
- Tammy, GSR for the Came to Believe Group, D36 said although she is in support of the motion because they would have liked to see other options on spending this money, her group is not and asked her to vote no.
- Susan B., GSR of the Experience Strength and Hope Group, D56 stated their group did not support this motion even though they believe it to be valuable they would rather allocate their funds more toward their local community.
- Anna, Kitsap Cty, Bremerton said her group was mostly convinced to support this motion due to the Responsibility Statement.
- Barry, GSR in Westport said they are 100% in agreement with this motion.
- Mike, GSR for the Solution Group, D17 said they are in support of this and would like the Area to explore doing this in transit systems.
- Leslie, GSR for the Surrender at 7 Group, D25 stated their group strongly supports this motion and feels it is an incredibly important way to spend the money that has just been freed up by the NL going digital.
- Julie said their group does believe in the Responsibility Statement, yet our concern is that this will set a precedent for larger communities and leave out the more rural communities.
- Bob, GSR D24 reported that their group was in support of this but, after reading some other publications that stated, “drinking is our business”, didn’t believe we should have that on our signs.
- An Alcoholic from D44 said their group was in favor.
- Susan, D40 said their group is firmly in support of this motion and they want to ensure the QR codes can be tracked effectively.
- Aarin, likes the idea, but is concerned it will violate Tradition 11 and believes funding Seattle Intergroup for this is equivalent to funding a treatment facility.
- Tony W., GSR for the Speakeasy Group, D56 said that in speaking for their group they believe the previous person’s comments are spot on and that they are a small rural area and do not want to fund King County’s stuff.
- Anton, D54 said his group sent him to vote no, but after attending the Bridging the Gap panel and hearing about reaching the still suffering alcoholic they have decided to change their group’s vote to yes for the motion.
- Doug, GSR for the Cyberbaggers Group, D37 said their group voted against this motion because Area should fund Area things.
- Aaron, GSR for the Sots Group, D27 said after much discussion the group felt this was not promotion and that it is just trying to attract the still suffering alcoholic to our program so we are in support.
- Michael, GSR for the Cornerstone Group, D37 felt the idea was good, but did break Traditions such as Tradition 6 as we would be financing the Metro System which is an outside enterprise.
- Gary, D46 3rd Legacy Chair believes that spending the money on this is spreading the word of A.A. to the still suffering alcoholic no matter where they are and is in favor. Additionally sometimes Intergroups aren’t going to have the money to fund these things so it makes sense to ask for assistance from the Area in which the Intergroup resides and is in full support of this motion.
- James, GSR for the Federal Way Men’s Stag, D32 said his group voted unanimously for this motion and stated that just because the signs are going on the metro busses does not mean we endorse the metro bus system just as paying for rent at a church for our meeting, does not mean we endorse that church.
- Melissa, GSR for the Peninsula Group, D27 said their group was wondering why the Intergroup area wasn’t paying for this on their own through group contributions. They also stated that their district can’t even come to an agreement on this.
- Jedediah, GSR for the South Bay Serenity Group, D8 said his group voted against this motion due to budgetary constraints at a time when we don’t have a surplus and that it wouldn’t provide any PI activity outside King County.
- Jody, GSR for the Sobriety Seekers Group, D32 said their group believes it breaks Tradition 11 and is promoting A.A. and therefore votes against the motion.
- Daniel, GSR D54 said their group voted against this and had no idea the NL was going digital, and we thought the money could be better spent in other places. He stated the A.A. survey pamphlet where most people (38%) said they got here via another A.A. member rather than the 1% by social media.
- Brian, GSR D27 said you need a phone to use this app and if you have a phone you don’t need the app. And it sounds like we are sending this number to an outside enterprise to be answered.
- Cheyenne, GSR D34 believes this can be tremendously successful.
- Jose, DCM D1 said District 1 is totally in favor of this motion.
- Houston, Area Registrar is disappointed in hearing all the territorializing and people thinking the Area will not benefit as a whole from this. The Seattle Intergroup is a not for profit organization whose mission in part is to support A.A.

- Richard, Alt GSR for the Clear Lake in Burlington Group said this is talking about too much money, the money should be spent somewhere else.
- Luis, Alt GSR of the Reglases Entaidos Group said his group voted almost unanimously to support the motion because of it's ability to also reach out to the Spanish community.
- Calvin, GSR for the Fellowship of the Spirit, D44 says we are misusing the Responsibility Statement which when someone is reaching out, no one is reaching out. These signs are advertising and promotion.
- Sandy B., GSR D25 said her group voted for this and referenced the 1941 Saturday Evening Post article by Jack Alexander and the awareness it caused of A.A. We believe the signs on the bus do the same thing.
- William, GSR for the Hot Stove Group, D18 stated the key term in Tradition 11 is personal anonymity and this does not violate that.
- Joe stated that he believes this motion has more appeal because a previous motion passed and has more money. This is a dangerous road to go down.
- Glen, GSR for the New Arrivals Group, D45 said his group originally opposed this motion until it was discovered that these busses don't just go into King County, they go to many adjoining counties also. Glen believes it doesn't matter if his contribution goes to another county or another country as long as it is passing on the message of A.A.
- Nate, GSR D32 wanted to share that many people in his group went online to search for help with their drinking and the internet brought them to recovery centers not A.A., this project gives us the opportunity to direct people to our recovery program.
- Kate, Alt GSR D15 said sharing information publicly in A.A. is not new and also referenced page 185 and page 186 from the Twelve and Twelve regarding how our organization wishes to attract people to it's movement, but not it's individuals and that we are concerned with personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. This motion does not violate that.
- Mark, DCM D9 mentioned that Pierce County sponsored two bus campaigns in the last eight years (2017 and 2022). In six months they received financial support from the groups in the county in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- David, GSR for the Broadview Groups said his groups are on the bus line and probably three people per meeting use the bus and a sign would be helpful.
- Ian S., GSR for the We Know Only a Little Group, D25 asked if it violates the Traditions, why does GSO put our PSA's? Also, other counties, such as Miami-Dade did this and it was done very well. My group believes this is money well spent.
- Josh, GSR for the Serenity Seekers Group, D28 said his group is aware that the signs will be replaced if vandalized but wondered if people could purposely change the QR codes to direct individuals to any other site.
- Dave said Area 72 is broken down into 44 districts which breaks down the \$11,000.00 into about \$257.00 per district along with the assistance of the intergroups are all contributing to this. My group is in favor.
- Rodrigo, GSR for the Grupo Diaz La Trabajamos said that he and many of his group travel on the buses and they see the necessity for the signs.
- Rebecca, GSR for the Friday Night Open House Group, D35 said her group voted in favor of the motion because it does cover a considerable geographic area and since A.A. Area business moves slowly there may not be another opportunity like this to use these funds.
- Dave, GSR for the Friday Sobriety Group, D3 stated his group voted in opposition to this motion. Demographics have changed considerably since the original sign projects in 1992 and 2012, there are many other growing geographical areas of suffering alcoholics that could use our assistance.
- Kaya, said there has been a 12% increase in the number of riders on King County Metro in 2024 representing nearly 130 million riders and represents 86% of all public transit in WA state. This bus sign project gives us the best impact at a minimal cost and does not violate A.A. Tradition.
- Ian, GSR for the Nightcap Group, D9 said their group thought this was not a proper use of our funds. They thought it would be better to purchase 10,000 pairs of socks and sit down with a suffering alcoholic and share a pair of socks and the message of A.A.
- Jackie said their group could not come up with a firm yes or no, but felt this is a good time period for alcoholics that are still suffering and they would support the project.
- Francis, GSR for the Small Price to Pay Group, D33 thinks this is great and said King County will allow homeless people to take routes to anywhere and this would be very helpful.
- Bobbie, GSR for the Fresh Start Group, D34 said their group is unanimously in support of this motion with a recommendation to use a phone number instead of a QR code.
- Garrett, read from the Big Book about how to approach and work with other alcoholics.
- Vickie, East Sound Group said their group is voting yes. We are unaware of how our Higher Power is going to direct that next suffering alcoholic to us.
- Jason, GSR Shanty Treasurers said this motion covers over three counties and 17 districts and that makes it an Area issue.
- Sun Sung, Alt DCM D3 said many go to Seattle as hub and it's possible to hang out on the buses where they felt it was clean and safe.
- Hannah, GSR for the Emotional Sobriety Group, D40 said their group was divided about this until a member shared that they wished this PSA was available for them at 16.
- Thom R., Alt DCM D25 feels this is a slippery slope and leaves us open to advertising on various other platforms such as Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram and that people will bend the Traditions to fit whatever they feel is right. This money could go to support other needs in A.A. such as the GSO in NY.
- Jim, Alt GSR for the Olalla Bay A.A. Group said that not everybody has heard of A.A. so if we put up the placards people have a better chance of finding us.
- Julie, Area PI Chair read a portion of the PI guidelines regarding cards and signs saying they are often used to offer phone numbers to the nearest Central Service office or Intergroup of A.A. to give times and locations of A.A. meetings in the area. It went on to say the signs are often posted in areas where travelers may see them such as taxi stands and buses.
- Nick said that we already know Pierce County was able to pay for their own bus signs and wondered if anyone approached the groups in King County about this.

- Joan, Bainbridge Island Group said they voted to support the bus sign project and that signs at bus shelters are about a 10th of the cost.
- Jim, DCM D28 stated the bus signs will not say anything about A.A. they will simply ask, "Do you have a problem with drinking?" and the QR code or phone number will bring you to the Seattle Intergroup.
- John, Alt GSR for the Young at Heart Group said alcoholics are dying today because they don't know A.A. exists, this is money well spent.
- Charley, Area Language Chair mentioned that it doesn't bother him that a percentage of the money he contributes to GSO may go to fund projects that are not in his particular Area and that he got sober reading a book that was written by a guy in Ohio that was sent by an alcoholic in NY. He said he had been helped by alcoholics he has never met in places he has never been to.
- Dan T., GSR for the Robish Home Group, D56 said our group believes that if we can save one life it will be worth it.
- Dawn, Alt DCM D31 is a bus driver and was excited to see this motion come up because she sees the need for it every day.

The Area Chair called for a vote on Motion #3

Motion 3 Passed by Substantial Unanimity

The Area Chair called for Minority Opinion

- Bruce, GSR D19 asked if the body has the right to take away the right for people to do this on their own within their own community and raise the funds themselves?
- Tony, GSR for the Speakeasy Group, D56 mentioned that the Jefferson bus system has signs and D56 was instrumental in getting them there and the signs were free. In this instance we are paying for advertising through an advertising firm.
- Calvin, GSR for the Fellowship of the Spirit Group, D44 said he himself has been flipped on this topic and the only reason he is voting no is to vote the group conscience.
- Rachel J., GSR for the Pink Ladies Group thought that for the price of this project we should look at other options to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

The Area Chair asked if anyone who voted in favor of Motion #3 heard anything that may have changed their vote.

Seeing there was no one who wished to change their vote there was no motion to reconsider and Motion 3 passes.

Motion #3 now becomes Motion 25.3 and is stated as follows:
Requesting Area 72 Allocate Funds for the King County Metro Bus Sign Project During the 2026 Winter Holiday Period

GSR SHARING

One hour discussion on the topic of "How does your home group encourage newcomers to get involved in service?"
Misty M. – GSR, Meeker Group

- First service position was "butt picker" so she could feel included.
- Meeker Group:
 - No sobriety time requirement to chair; mentorship used instead.
 - Spirit of rotation is based on comfort level, not time.
- At 3 months sober, asked to chair when the chair didn't show—ended up chairing 18 months.
- Service provided accountability, group connection, and kept her coming back.

Melissa & Sherry – GSRs, Maximum Service, District 38

- Held a group inventory with a long-timer to realign with AA Traditions.
- Large number of newcomers bussed in weekly from Milam Treatment Center.
- Addressed group "cliquey" behavior by intentionally spreading members around the room to welcome newcomers.
- Growing business meeting attendance → created new service positions so attendees can leave with a commitment.
- Interested in pairing seasoned members with newcomers for cleanup and service mentoring.
- Encouraging members to attend district meetings has increased involvement.

John – GSR, First Shot, Vancouver, WA

- Emphasized AA's Third Tradition: the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- Group is mostly older members; many meetings are on Zoom.
- Limited traditional service (no coffee, chairs, ashtrays), but members help as needs arise.
- Encourages sponsorship for newcomers.
- Plans to bring up doing a group inventory for further discussion.

Warren S. (Online Share)

- Focus on warmly welcoming newcomers; greeters stationed outside to welcome arrivals.
- Newcomers encouraged to attend business meetings just to observe—no pressure to commit.
- Service opportunities introduced after engagement begins.
- During the preamble, a show of hands is taken of those available to sponsor, making sponsorship accessible and clear.

Lori – GSR, Firgrove, District 29

- Strongly encourages newcomers to attend business meetings to learn about service.
- Values spirit of rotation so more members can participate.
- Entry-level positions available (e.g., coffee maker, meeting chair).
- Multiple Third Legacy presentations this year boosted service participation.

Patty – Bellevue Group, District 34

- Oldest AA group on the Eastside; many members with long-term sobriety.
- Strong culture of service: “people who stay in service stay sober.”
- Many service roles, including:
 - Birthday night coordinators and coin presenters
 - Potluck and childcare volunteers
 - Alternates assigned for each role + mentorship from the main position holder
- Encouraged to have alternates attend district meetings when primary can’t.
- Group inventory helps stay focused on carrying the message.
- Actively scans for newcomers and treatment center attendees to welcome and support.

Nick – Alt GSR, Fourth Dimension

- Helped start “Spiritual Kindergarten” during COVID.
- Currently serves as Alt-GSR for Fourth Dimension; active at New Arrivals and chairs “Remedial AA” on Sundays (for those who “didn’t get it the first time around”).
- *Fourth Dimension*: Newcomers are welcomed by members personally connecting, taking them home, and offering hospitality (e.g., dinner).
- *The Sound Group*: Strong belief that service keeps people sober.
 - “Meeting makers make it” = **those who make the meeting happen** (coffee makers, setup, chair, GSR) stay sober.
 - With 40+ year sober members, newcomers with as little as 30 days are encouraged to chair meetings.
 - Early service involvement keeps newcomers returning.

Don – GSR, North Star, District 44 (Tacoma)

- North Star is one of Tacoma’s oldest meetings, with a strong focus on service and newcomer support.
- Often does First Step meetings when newcomers are present.
- Frequent attendance from Tacoma Project group (2–3×/month) increases newcomer presence.
- Emphasis on **two newcomer pillars**:
 - Sponsorship
 - Service
- Leads by example: members visibly participate in coffee, chairs, cleanup, encouraging newcomers to join organically.
- Values the idea of **service as relapse prevention** and plans to incorporate it into future shares.

Joe – Onalaska Group, District 28

- First priority is welcoming newcomers and making them feel wanted in the group.
- Does **not** rush newcomers into service; first encourages consistent attendance and sobriety stability.
- Group seeing more young members (DUI or insurance requirements); focus on inclusiveness to keep them coming back.
- Small, close-knit home group; strong fellowship helps retain members.
- Some newcomers now help with dishes and cleanup as an entry to service.

Cheyenne – GSR, Newcomers Group at the Bellevue Alano Club

- Meeting runs **7 days a week / 365 days a year**, resulting in high newcomer volume.
- Every newcomer receives a Big Book and is invited to greet at their next meeting to foster belonging.
- Received a secretary position at 60 days sober—felt early but helped her feel trusted and needed.
- Bellevue Alano Club hosts ongoing events and is open daily, giving newcomers a safe sober community space to connect outside meetings.

Daryl – GSR, Steilacoom Serenity Seekers

- GSR of the only AA meeting in Steilacoom: *Steilacoom Serenity Seekers*
- Meets Fridays at 7 PM with:
 - Fresh cookies weekly
 - Homemade cake on birthday nights
- Strong newcomer engagement after meetings:
 - Help newcomers find the next good meeting
 - Make sure they have the meeting app and know how to use it
 - Build connection and support
- Encourage newcomers into service if they keep coming back
- Some returning members are now serving (e.g., making coffee)
- Emphasis on kindness, offering the solution freely, and welcoming approach

Bill – GSR, Stick with the Winners

- Encourages newcomers primarily through example
- Sponsorship plays a key role in getting newcomers into service
- Coffee maker is not an alcoholic but is in recovery; group is inclusive
- Chairperson (approx. 3 months sober) is doing a strong job in service
- Group recovering from the pandemic and gaining strength again
- Finds service spiritually encouraging and inspiring

Julia –

- Group emphasizes an element of love
- Limited service positions since many needs are already provided for
- Currently have 5 home group members and 9 pairs; only 2 members post-COVID, now growing
- Weekly attendance of 20–30 from all over the county
- Encourage sponsorship, which leads to service opportunities
- Provide district sign-up sheets and phone numbers to newcomers
- About one-third of newcomers come in directly from the public
- Flexible approach to service—no time limit before taking on roles if someone feels ready

Jim – Alternate GSR, Edmonds Fellowship (District 24)

- Fellowship hosts **31 meetings per week**
- Location: Near 36 & 156 across 99 (large parking lot)
- Meeting schedule:
 - Daily: Noon, 5 PM, 8 PM, and 10 PM
 - Saturday breakfast meeting at 9 AM; regular meeting at 10 AM
 - Midnight meetings Fridays & Saturdays
- Invites attendees to join the midnight meeting after events
- Values fellowship, making friends, and AA community

Ian – GSR, Nightcap

- Uses humor to describe group culture (“monkey duck,” “no monkey business”)
- Meeting is at 10 PM — asks who’s even awake at that time
- Newcomer involvement approach: *“We don’t encourage, we beg.”*
 - 30 days sober to chair a meeting
 - Provide code, keys — will guide them through everything
 - Will support with reading if literacy is a challenge
- Struggles with participation; only ~10 at business meetings
- Positive trend: More longer-term sobriety coins being earned
 - Now seeing 6-month, 1-year, 2-year, and 5-year celebrations
- Late meeting means those with stable lives/jobs attend less
- Open to all—can do dishes, chair, or join anytime

GSR, Carrying the Message (Virtual Group, District 25)

- Virtual group with members across the U.S. and Canada
 - Two regular members from Canada attend almost daily
- Encourage attendance and consistency (“keep coming back”)
- Requirements exist for length of sobriety before chairing or taking service roles
- Challenges in advertising due to being online
- Hoping to expand to international participation once technical/other barriers improve
- Focus on encouraging belief in the AA solution

Laura (A Vision for You, District 33)

- Meeting in Maple Valley at the “cop shop”
- Many old-timers (30–40+ years)
- Need new blood; newcomers are lifeblood of AA
- Wednesdays at 7 PM

Rachel (Women on Thursdays, District 24)

- Thursday 7 PM meeting at St. Tim’s in Edmonds; home group for 44 years
- Very service-oriented group; strong spirit of rotation
- Rachel drawn into service (“Tom Sawyered”)
- Welcoming, kind, loving atmosphere for newcomers

Brent (Bonney Lake Stag)

- Home group ~20–25; ~50 attend Saturday 9 AM meeting
- Strong fellowship with other groups on the plateau
- Carpooling to meetings builds connection; buy breakfast for newcomers
- Workshop on sponsorship for newcomers, sponsors, and grand-sponsors
- Potlucks and food foster relationships and retention

Molly K. (CU Next Tuesday – LGBTQ/Young People)

- LGBTQ & young-persons meeting; only one in Tacoma area
- Noticed lack of representation at district/area service
- Shared demographics in GSR reports → motivated home group members to join committees
- Service attraction through awareness and identity representation

Francis

- Inspired into service by watching previous GSRs and sponsors serve
- Got involved through greeting, intergroup, answering phones
- Service saved their life; spreads joy and encouragement
- Encourages others to stay in service; “stay fluffy”

Liz (Lynnwood Open & Women on Thursday Step Study)

- Welcomes newcomers immediately; ensure they leave with phone numbers
- “Wrap” people in belonging; sometimes aggressively friendly
- Group inventory helps place members in suitable service roles
- District and GSR service provides a place to serve beyond sponsorship
- Believes everyone fits somewhere in service

Karen (Book Club, District 44)

- Women’s meetings: Monday 5 PM & Friday 10 AM; child-friendly
- Recent attendance: ~61 women

- Recognize newcomers at start; collect names & numbers; re-welcome at end
- Strong newcomer contact and outreach focus
- Emphasis on service; 3-month rotation service positions
- Not required to be home group member to serve

Carrie & Josh (Old Kent)

- 4 meetings/week: Mon & Thu in person; Tue & Sun online
- Encourage newcomers to attend multiple meetings weekly
- Birthday night dinner and service involvement after business meeting
- Many social and service events
- Gratitude dinner Nov. 20 (doors 6, food 7, speakers at 8)

Nelson (Gunny Sack Hill, Lynnwood Alano Club)

- Meets 7 days/week at noon
- Newcomers involved in service at assembly (greeting, ushers, registration)
- Gives newcomer packets (numbers + pamphlets); 24-hour coins
- Invite newcomers to business meeting → often leave with a service job
- Large group = many service opportunities

Jose (Spanish-Speaking Group in Kent)

- Came to WA in 1987; one Spanish meeting at that time
- In 1992 helped open the only Spanish group in Kent
- 33 years of witnessing Spanish meetings grow with unity and compassion
- Believes in leading newcomers by example, not orders
- Was planning to retire, but elected as GSR again

Don (Workers Among Workers, District 18)

- Invite newcomers weekly to business meetings (last Monday)
- Review service openings each meeting; multiple people share roles if needed
- Many attendees come from Union Gospel Mission → outreach spreads message

DJ (We Are Not Saints, District 24)

- Sunday 7 PM in Lynnwood
- Seek out the “face of hopelessness” and approach newcomers
- Remember names to welcome them back
- Greeter position with pairing of newcomer + experienced member
- Monthly 5:30 PM potluck to encourage attendance and connection

Natalie (12 by 12 Group)

- Welcome newcomers warmly; ask if they have a Big Book
- “Back to Basics” step meeting for newcomers
- Bring donuts, share contact numbers, sit with newcomers
- Take meetings into detox/CMR and invite newcomers to join
- Provide names and numbers on board for texting/calling

Devin (Edmonds Group, District 24)

- 5:30 PM meeting at Cedar Valley Grange
- “Voluntold” into GSR role with flattery
- New strategy: rotate seating weekly to avoid cliques and meet newcomers

Garrett (No Perfect People, District 39)

- Sponsorship is primary path into service
- Sponsors model service; reassure newcomers they will be guided

Eileen (Reservoir Group)

- Long-standing group (since 1976)
- Newcomers greeted, noticed, and encouraged to return
- Clipboard for events and opportunities; members invite newcomers to join
- Step study restarted post-COVID; builds growth and connection
- Fellowship outside meetings encouraged

Terry B. (Eastside Women’s Group, District 34)

- Tuesday 10 AM Big Book study
- Phone list passed for newcomer contact
- Limited service roles; collaborate with nearby groups for more opportunities
- Encourage coffee service at other meetings to create connection and accountability

Natalie (Last Chance, District 17)

- Newcomers welcomed warmly
- If newcomer attends business meeting, they will leave with a service position
- Expectation of continual service rotation as a way of life

Cecil (Last Drop of AA & Freedom Seniors)

- Meetings inside long-term and short-term correctional facilities
- Service = showing up so meetings can exist for inmates
- Serving those in orange suits and shackles is impactful and meaningful
- GSR role helps inmates feel involved; vote on AA matters

Gabrielle (Federal Way Women’s Step Study, District 32)

- Newest home group member; accepted GSR role
- Service filling a missing piece in sobriety; grateful to serve

Tom (Stay Gold)

- Saturday 6:30 PM near Woodland Park Zoo
- Feed newcomers; create belonging before introducing service
- Gradual approach: greeter → business meeting → more service
- Weekly pizza builds fellowship

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Discussion Topic 1 - Proposed Agenda Item Deadline Date

Proposed Agenda Item Deadline Date: September 30.

Background:

Beginning in 2021, the General Service Board moved the Proposed Agenda Item Deadline date up from December 15 to September 15. This created an issue with a number of Areas including Area 72 whose assemblies occur after September 15. If the Assembly Body votes to submit a Proposed Agenda Item for the General Service Conference, it now falls after the deadline date for the next General Service Conference and will have to be submitted the following year for the conference after next.

Do we want to adjust our schedule to accommodate?
Example 1: Special Assembly to accommodate?
Example 2: Move Assembly up two weeks in event of a PAI.
Example 3: Don’t change anything / wait and see.
Example 4: Something else.

Discussion:

- Charlie, GSR for the First 164 Big Book Study in SeaTac said their group wanted to keep it simple and do a special assembly online, if necessary.
- William, GSR for the Hot Stove Group, D18 says their group likes the slow process and does not want to make any changes at this time.
- Tammy, GSR for the How it Works Group, D43 reported that their group would like to keep the schedule the way it is.
- Ian, GSR for the We Know Very Little Group, D25 believes we need to look at the future and that if we move the assemblies and quarterlies up a month, it won’t affect us that much and we will get used to it.
- Eileen said there is no reason we have to decide right now, lets take our time.
- Jedediah, GSR for the South Bay Serenity Group, D8 said his group would like to consider a hybrid of having a special assembly and moving the assembly up 2 weeks if there is a PAI with Zoom option available.
- Mike, DCM D36 wondered how moving the assembly to September affects future contracts and what would be the soonest we could move it?
- Lisa, Area Alt Chair clarified that it would be safe to say that we will be meeting at the October date and that if the Area decides to make a change, we could see it in a year form now. The 2027 and 2028 contracts are not signed. We could ask them for an option to move to September if that be the case. The 2030 contract doesn’t have to be signed until 2026, Vancouver is set for 2029 and I’m not sure if we can change that one, so 2030 has the best potential to change if the Area decides to go that way.
- Houston, Area Registrar said it feels irresponsible of us to not be in sync with GSO calendar.
- Aarin, GSR for an English speaking online meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine, D25 said for them the obvious option would be the online option. Option A is more of the international option that would be more welcoming, and we would still have our regular assembly in October.
- Eljin V., GSR for the Drunk Squad, D44 says their group is in favor of moving the assembly up 2 weeks.
- Ann from Women Into Action says her group decided it would be best to move the assembly up 2 weeks but felt if something urgent came up we could bring it to the floor of the General Assembly.
- Derek S., Area Chair clarified that if the Area had something they wanted brought before the conference in a one year cycle, we could have a “Committee Conscience” which is something less than an Area Conscience and submit that.
- Josh, DCM D11 said he would go with leaving it alone, but we consider creating a proposed agenda item asking they move the date back to the middle of October.
- Terry, DCM D42 said they would go with example 4 but asked when do PAI’s come our way? Is it something we’ve seen?
- Derek S., Area Chair gave an example that our Area Delegate brought back something in her reports from 2025 that we, as an Area, felt we wanted to take an action on in 2026 it wouldn’t make the deadline of September 30th, 2026, so we would probably have to do it at the July Quarterly with an Area Committee Conscience.
- Terry, DCM D42 then stated that we should go ahead and schedule a Zoom date on our calendar in case it is needed for a PAI and if we have no PAI, we don’t have the Zoom and meet as usual.
- Jo, DCM D25 moved that we table this motion to allow our Alt Chair the opportunity to get the information necessary to find out if our current contracts can be changed to the new assembly meeting dates, if necessary.

- Derek S., Area Chair felt it necessary for the discussion to continue for another 9 minutes so we have enough information to continue this discussion at January 2026 Quarterly and asked to disallow the motion to table the discussion.
- Bill, GSR for the Speak Easy Group said, speaking for his group, these folks have already changed the date twice, let’s leave our date alone and ask them to change their date.
- Liz, GSR for the Lynnwood Open Group, D24 asked for clarification on the PAI being an Area representation and not a District representation.
- Derek S., Area Chair said that was correct, it is an Area representation.
- Liz stated that her group liked the example of moving the assembly up 2 weeks.
- Devin, GSR from D11 said their group favored having a special time set aside from normal assembly business for any PAI’s in case we need it.
- Melissa, GSR for the Peninsula Group said they felt we should move the assembly back 2 weeks.
- Dave felt example 2 was what his group was in agreement with because we need to be in tune with the conference structure.
- Josh, DCM D17 felt example 2 made the most sense. Bringing the whole Area in on any decisions is better than a Committee decision.
- Houston, Area Registrar said we have been told GSO is not going to change their date of September 30th, also our 2026 Area Assembly cannot be moved at this time. We should be able to direct our Area Alt Chair with how we want this to be handled in the next years in order to put this to rest.
- Courtney S., Area Delegate spoke about a PAI that was submitted a couple years ago that our Area voted to attach our name to even though it was after the date. The other avenue we have is the floor action if we felt strongly regarding an issue and the conference can decide whether they want to take action on it or not. She emphasized that they will not change the date of September 30th due to the need for translation time.
- Derek S., Area Chair, stated that the prior conversation was very good and that we still have some time, perhaps another ad hoc committee can be assigned, and we can dig even deeper into further options.

Discussion Topic 2 - The District 3rd Legacy Chair

Background:
(Presented by Patty, the 3rd Legacy Chair for District 25)

As the Third Legacy Chair for District 25, I have seen the value this service position can provide to a district during a rotation change and throughout a rotation. Districts can sometimes struggle after a rotation change in acclimating to the level service work at the district and area level, navigating the personalities and understanding this whole new world of an upside down, spiritually driven general service structure, all designed to support the groups in carrying the message. A District Third Legacy Chair can play a vital role in this process. And the hard work our Alternate Delegate and Past Delegates do across our Area in sharing their experience, strength and hope with incoming GSRs and DCMs is often not enough for a struggling district in their day-to-day journey. Enter the Third Legacy Chair.

Discussion:

- Fred J., DCM D29 stated they had not had a 3rd Legacy Chair in their district since before COVID until the last 18 months they have been having 3rd Legacy presentations to two thirds of the groups in the district, and it is amazing the difference it has made. It is not just recruitment, but also education.
- Ian, GSR for the Nightcap Group said she stepped into various service positions early in sobriety not knowing what to do and having a 3rd legacy chair available to walk her through was indispensable.
- Melissa, GSR for the Peninsula Group, D27 noted that after COVID it was very tough getting all the district positions to come back and having a 3rd legacy chair and we’re still working on a job description, but it has been miraculous and has helped others get involved with service work.
- Kasi, 3rd Legacy Chair (D28)said that having this position gives everyone in a service position a place to go to help.
- Javier, Chair for the 30th Anniversary of La Vina said he is doing this service because he has done service in the past such as DCM and Area GV/Lit Chair and that we need to help those coming behind us and that is why we need 3rd Legacy Chairs.
- Elaine G., GSR for the Foglifters Group, D8 said their group suggested an ad hoc committee to discuss this issue further.
- John, DCM D35 mentioned that Cheyenne is their current 3rd Legacy Chair, and they had one before and the collective help they have provided from district to group level has brought some really great ideas and looks to the future to see how much further this could go to inform and educate Area members.
- Mary, Alt DCM D45 said the south sound has a road show that is put on by the PI committee to go around groups and discuss various aspects of A.A. service and sponsorship at all levels.
- Luis, DCM D58 wanted to say D58 is not in agreement with the 3rd Legacy Chair because he believes it has more activities than 3rd Legacy, so we have some confusion regarding the 3rd Legacy and what they do. I agree we need those with experience as DCM. We feel we have been told that we must agree with this or miss the boat in the Area. We do not wish to lose our rights and pass it on to another committee to do it for us.
- Aarin, GSR for an online group in Kiev, Ukraine said she brought this to her group, and they did not understand how any group would not want to be a part of A.A. and wondered why these people’s sponsors weren’t telling them how to do this. They did mention a 4th Legacy of connection with GSO’s around the world and wondered how we may make that happen.

- Josh, GSR for the SOS Men’s Group, D11 said he just rotated out of the 3rd Legacy Chair position in D11 and there is no limit to what an be done. They put on workshops on service, Traditions, and Concepts, and facilitated group inventories.
- Walter, GSR for the Westside Group stated he is a past 3rd Legacy Chair and that having a 3rd Legacy Chair at the Area level would make it easier for people to find out what the 3rd Legacy is all about and get more assistance.
- Linda, past 3rd Legacy Chair, D10, believes we should approach this slowly and ask some of our elected such as our Alt Delegate to be a refence point for this before we bring in another appointed position.
- Patrick, Area Tech and Web Chair and aspiring 3rd Legacy Chair said he drove up here with 3 other D7 folks and they discussed a lot about A.A. and service and really feels like something is happening in this Area and thinks this is a great idea.

APPOINTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Accessibility – Bud W.

Name: Bud Wasierski
Position: Area72 Accessibility Chair
Date: 09/26/25

- We had a successful quarterly in July, hosted by District 24. Our guest shared what accessing AA meetings is like for a person who has physical disabilities that limit mobility and how that impacts going to meetings.
- I attended district #3’s business meeting in August. They had yet to fill the district Accessibility Chair position. The drive up was fun, the well-attended meeting had great participation of the GSR’s was heartwarming.
- Issues this last quarter, well getting my minutes out again. This is a problem I do not want to address, and I am making my own situation worse than it needs to be. I look forward to learning how to download the recording from Zoom into a text version that I can run through an AI to create a nice set of minutes that all interested can enjoy.
- On a personal note, I created my first resume in my life last spring, about April. My supervisor walked by my office and said, “this ship is going down, you need to get your resume polished up and find another job.” So, I did. I interviewed with two companies, and one offered me a job that has a commute from Tacoma to Seattle for three of the five working days. I took it. I am now learning so many new processes and procedures. With the help of my loving wife, I now have an Orca card and commute to work via the Sounder train and Link-Lite rail. I have never relied on public transport in my 60 years of life. I was always independent. I was scared, worried and trying to hold on to control. At that point I laughed and let go, enjoying learning lots of new things. My wife looks at me like I am half off my rocker. If you have not ever seen the opening credits of the old TV show “That Girl” well google it. That is me right now.
- I want to secure 2026 host districts for the four Accessibility quarterlies. I will be reaching out to the remote districts and figuring out how to facilitate the meetings from their locations via hybrid. This should be fun.

Your service sib,
Bud Wasierski 253.392.4748

Archives Chair – Jennifer R.

Name: Jennifer R
Position: Archives Chair
Date: 09/21/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- We had a great Quarterly on August 2nd. Our Archivist did a great presentation on our Area Maps and Panels. Our next Quarterly will be 11-1-25. Our speaker will be Nancy K. Past Area 7 Archivist. Nancy will speak to us about the Early Women of AA.
- We have had 3 Archives Steering Committee meetings since our last Quarterly. We are made of 8 members including myself and the Archivist. We drive area archive policy, discuss upcoming events and report on the progress of our many projects.
- The Archives Steering Committee was invited to Step Ashore XI in Ocean Shores. This is the largest display we put out each year. All 8 members fully participated to work at the traveling display
- I visited District 21 to do a presentation on how our Archives Steering committee is available to be of service to them.
- Terry, the District 21 Archivist, joined us at Step Ashore in the Archives room and solicited our help in sorting out and organizing D21’s archives.
- Terry brought the D21 archives to the repository and 5 ASC members spent 4 hours inventorying and cataloguing their collection. Their collection was massively impressive and that district has items we don't even have at the area level.
- We researched, organized, and presented on the origins of District 31. In total our committee spent about 15 hours to put things together and present at the District 31 multi-workshop event.
- I attended the regular Web Steering Committee meeting and ad hoc Web Steering Committee meeting.
- I am part of the NAAAW committee. My commitment is chair of Literature and Displays. I have been attending the NAAAW planning committee meetings the 3rd Monday of each month.
- We had our OSD3 Sales Committee meeting. We discussed reducing our efforts to actively sell the OSD3 after this year's Assembly in order to put those resources toward other projects.
- We have completed draft 2 of how we would like to update our Archives Standing committee page. The goal is to be helpful to District Archives Chairs/Archivists.

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

- We still have 2 pallets full of OSD3 and OSD2 books. We have accepted that they will be in the repository for a while.

- We used AI-generated minutes for our ASC meeting. We quickly discovered that it was not factually accurate in capturing the discussions we were having in our meetings.

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

- We will be co-hosting the Pacific Region Archives Workshop with Area 58 and 92. The event will take place at the Repository on 10-25-25.
- Continue to explore using technology to enhance and aid our archival projects to support our Areas growth in utilizing technology.
- Have an awesome Quarterly that will be hosted by District 24 on 11-1-25.
- Have our Archives standing committee page updated on the Area Website.
- Create a timeless post-pandemic survey to capture group histories for future Area history books.
- Continue to support the planning of the National AA Archives Workshop which will take place September 2026 in Tacoma, WA.
- Steadily reduce the number of books in the repository

Archivist – Maryland N.

Name: Maryland N.
Position: Archivist
District Number:
Date: 9/10/25

Since July 11, the Archives have been active with a range of projects that highlight both the preservation of our history and the engagement of members in the archival process.

District Support & Mentoring

- On September 6, I worked with three newer archivists in researching district history. Using Everett K’s History of Washington A.A. (1965), handwritten letters, directories, district boxes, and the “Maps and Panels” presentation, they were able to trace District 31 back to 1951. Each participant experienced the discovery of materials firsthand, reinforcing the value of hands-on archival work.
- On September 7, District 21 arrived with eight containers of archival material. Alongside members of the Archives Steering Committee, we sorted the collection into categories (AAWS/Grapevine, nonconference literature, objects, shittles’, and audiovisual items). The materials were reorganized into six lighter tubs, and congratulations were given to district 21 wonderful collection and on future display and storage practices. Cataloging of this work is ongoing.

Oral Histories

- Recent interviews completed include Frank M. and Carol & Ted P. (Part One). Scheduled interviews include Deric F. (Step Ashore founder), Gail & Eddie H. (Panels 53 & 57), Bob F. (Panel 49), and Kristi H. Post-processing involves running each session through transcript refinement to ensure accuracy and accessibility.

Displays & Collections

- Created 48 tent cards for books in the glass display case and numbered wall display items (W-series).
- Continued development of the PRAASA 2027 history chapters project,
- Ongoing update of the maps and panels PowerPoint including insertion of delegate photos and correcting print layouts.
- Ongoing catalog updates for District 21 and review of inventory for Grapevines, newsletters, and GSC materials.

Technology & Repository

- Reviewed IT proposals for NAS storage, refurbished computers, laptops, printers, and service costs.
- Planning for e-filing of insurance and land lease documents.
- Preparing Excel-based budget and inventory tracking systems. Including costing Archives display space at the hotel closest to the Washington State Historical Museum during the NAAAW 2026.

Conferences & Events

- PRAASA 2026 (Hawaii) and the Blending of Time Conference (February 2026) present overlapping commitments; planning is underway for both. Budget work for Blending of Time has been completed with the advisory board.
- The Regional Preservation and Conservation Workshop is scheduled for October 25. Preparatory planning meetings are ongoing every other Friday.
- Area 72’s 85th Anniversary celebration (the second meeting is September 13) will include displays, slogans, and archival contributions.
- Continue hosting the Archives forum on Zoom each month on the first Sunday at 5 PM PDT; area 20 Archives Chair agreed to be secretary, we used AI and ChatGPT to do the minutes and I provided phone numbers and emails for about 20 contacts. This meeting is very important to all of us Archives that are meeting
- Continue my work with the national AA archives workshop board as secretary. I need to write up the June meeting, the July international hospitality room, and meet with Teri and Lynda on September 11 over Zoom.
- Received notice from Michelle Mirza that the Archives workbook suggestions that we made last spring through cade Area 18 Delegate and conference Chere of the Archives trustees committee was considered at the August meeting and will be further discussed in December
- Sent an email request to GSO asking if they have a copy of the letter that is quoted in Our Stories Disclose... that Dave W refers to potential new people for the program as suspects... They are looking for it
- Have been in contact with a company that restores movies and films for Warner Brothers and they're going to look at our two cans of film from the 1964 TV show by King TV. I contacted GSO to see if the Archives had ever gotten a copy of this and they have not. So when this is restored, I will send it to them. Per the announcer on this show, he says it's the first ever in the nation in 1964 to film an AA meeting.

Challenges

Balancing time-sensitive tasks, technology needs, and overlapping event planning continues to be a challenge. Locating missing photographs for display projects and managing large volumes of oral history transcription require persistence and prioritization.

Looking Ahead (Post-October 4)

- Host and participate in the Regional Preservation & Conservation Workshop; 10/25/2025—pass out some of the bookmarks that I made and got ordered for that workshop.
- Continue PRAASA 2027 focusing on writing up the histories from 2000-2025 development and PNC history book updates.
- Expand oral history collection and processing.
- Explore fundraising efforts, including the “Orange Can” concept for the 85th Anniversary.
- Strengthen digital repository practices for long-term accessibility.
- Continue my work as the program chair for the NAAAW 2026
- Continue developing the plan and execution of supporting the international AA men's conference being held in SeaTac next year. The display will be there and only men will be chaperoning it.
- Submit the 2026 ASC budget, addressing technology and archival supplies
- Coordinate time with Devon up in Bellingham October 9 through the 14th to formalize our filing system in the digital repository and in that email archive your Repository... Both were closely follow the box catalog categories, which I referred to as our catalogue of holdings

In the spirit of love and service

Maryland N., Area 72 Archivist

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Sooz B.

Name: Sooz
Position: CPC Chair
District number: 19
Date: 9/20/25

We’re now more than three-quarters of the way through this rotation, and what a whirlwind it has been! Some of you have heard me share along the way, but for those who are new, let me say this: Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) is something we can all take part in. Whether as a committee or as individuals, our mission is simple but powerful. We reach out to professionals who, by the nature of their work, are likely to come into contact with those still suffering. We let them know what Alcoholics Anonymous is—and what it is not—dispel myths, and most importantly, place resources in their hands so they are prepared to show those in need how to find us.

In Quarter 1, we explored how CPC connects with accessibility. For example, educating long-term care administrators about the value of providing virtual meeting access to residents. Bud, our Area Accessibility Chair, was our speaker.

In Quarter 2, our speaker, Julia, an alcoholic, a vice principal at a school in King County, and a prior science teacher, showed us how CPC might find success establishing relationships within the education system, with educators and children’s health programs.

But let’s be honest, talking to the professionals who are the very people who may have judged us in the past. That can be the hardest part about CPC work. So, we practiced together with role-play templates, building confidence to stand before professionals and carry AA’s message with dignity.

In Quarter 3, we moved into Passion Projects. CPC opportunities are vast, and sometimes we become paralyzed and don’t know where to begin. So many professionals encounter alcoholics every day. So, we encouraged members to choose just one area of focus. If you do even one project this rotation, with all your heart, that’s a masterpiece.

Two of those passion projects grew into full ad hoc committees with the goal of creating turn-key kits to hand down to future rotations:

- The First Responders Campaign is visiting fire stations, knocking on doors, talking to EMTs, behavioral health specialists, and chaplains. They’re asking them what materials they would find helpful, and then creating ready-made resource packets for their trucks. One firefighter shared at our quarterly how helpless he feels on the front lines, how he doesn’t know how to help. And even in his own home, when alcohol problems arose, he didn’t know what to do.
- The Construction Trades Campaign team is working with general contractors and unions to explore how AA can support workers in the trades. In August, four construction workers shared their experiences and the obstacles to normalizing sobriety on the job site. This project has the potential and momentum to impact multiple trades in Western Washington.

Both committees are building toolkits that will spare future CPC rotations from reinventing the wheel, freeing them to launch new passion projects, maybe even building a library of kits.

Our third passion project was inspired by the first time the committee met in February, when many newly elected CPC chairs admitted, “We don’t really know what CPC even is.” From that came the *CPC in Action Roadshow* (formerly the Magic Bus Tour). The vision is to educate not just committee members, but the entire fellowship. Because every one of us knows professionals, and many of us were missed opportunities before we got sober. Imagine if all AA members were equipped to have those conversations; how many more lives could be touched? The hope is that Districts collaborate to host. We’re scheduling for 2026 now, so tell your DCMs you want this fun, interactive workshop!

In September, I spoke at the Corrections Quarterly about how CPC and Corrections can support each other. Corrections chairs responded positively to teaming up with us, and now we need to be ready. That’s why our 4th Quarterly, hosted by District 22 in Port Angeles on November 1st, will focus specifically on CPC and Corrections working together.

Another project in the works is a Professionals Landing Page on the Area 72 website. The idea is a one-stop resource where professionals can educate themselves, access materials, and find their local intergroups and CSO contacts. Imagine one QR code linking directly to everything a professional might need in Western Washington.

Looking ahead, the week after the Assembly, AA will host a booth at the National Addiction Professionals Conference in Bellevue. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. We filled the schedule quickly! Even more exciting, the conference administrator reached out to Seattle Intergroup, adding the opportunity for us to chair AA meetings for the professionals each morning before the conference begins.

If I sound busy, it’s because I get to summarize the incredible work of this entire committee. It’s not me—it’s all of you. Honestly, half of what I do is just reading emails and connecting people. And sometimes, that’s the action that makes the biggest difference.

So what are some easy things you can do? I printed flyers for a presentation put on by the national group AA Nurses in Recovery, and I shared them with my daughter, who took them to the nursing school she’s attending, and hung them in the employee breakrooms of the hospital she works at. Basically, I hit print on my computer and my daughter did the rest...so easy. I’m filled with ideas like this! Come chat with me.

I’ve been grateful to speak at several district business meetings, simply to inspire service. Because the truth is: service is a movement, and *we* are the ones who carry it forward. “They” aren’t going to do it for us. We are the “They.”

And here’s why it matters: alcoholics show up in emergency rooms four times more often than opioid cases, with nearly double the annual deaths. Yet alcohol remains normalized. Professionals often don’t know how to help. That’s why CPC is vital.

The world is our oyster. Together, we are better. We don’t have to reinvent the wheel. Choose a passion project, and if you give that one thing your heart this rotation, it’s a win. I bet there’s a professional in your

Corrections – Aimee B.

Name: Aimee B.
Position: Corrections Chair
District: 3
Date: 9/23/2025

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

- We have connected with the corrections desk at GSO about D11’s inspiring work in getting a “hotline” for young people in juvenile detention centers to speak with young people on the outside. This idea has been put in the corrections repository at GSO. We had an amazing quarterly meeting where ideas and solutions were shared. There is a genuine sense of unity in the committee

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.]

- Still working on getting into some facilities that have either changed leadership or still have their doors closed to us since Covid.

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

- Updated list of facilities
- In the new year, we hope to have an inventory

Grapevine and Literature – Jack J.

Name: Jack Johnston
Position: Chair
District number: GVLit, aka Grapevine, la Vina, and Literature
Date: 9/23/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Hosted our 3rd Quarterly with District 3 in Monroe
- Presenter at several Pre-Assemblies
- Participated in an AAGV Board quarterly meeting
- Monthly meetings of the Grapevine, La Vina and Magazine working group
- Attended and served on a panel at the Area 05 Pacific Region celebration of the XXIX (29th) Anniversary of La Vina in Los Angeles, CA
- With linguistic Districts 1, 57 & 58, won the bid to host the 30th (XXX) in Western Washington
- Represented Grapevine Literature at District 32 and District 15 Business meetings
- Displayed a wealth of Grapevine, La Vina and Literature to attendees of an Ocean Shores-held yearly speaker event
- Photo of display included in a weekly email from the GV Coordinator in N.Y.
- Chaired a meeting using a Grapevine story as my topic
- Responded to GVLit Committee members questions on pamphlets and literature, on group conscience

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

- Asking for and accepting help is a challenge, but not sobriety-threatening

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

- Hosting a Pacific Region meeting on Sept 27th with our linguistic districts to elect the committee for the celebration of the XXIX anniversary of La Vina hosted by Area 72 in 2026.

Language Coordinator – Charley P.

Name: Charley P.
Position: Area Language Coordinator
District Number: 56
Date: 9/30/25

Quarterly Report – Q3, Panel 75

Hello Area 72,

It’s hard to believe the 2025 Area Assembly is already upon us. It has been another busy and productive quarter for the Language Committee, and I'm happy to share what we've been up to.

Accomplishments This Quarter

- **Committee Meetings:** We held two successful committee meetings this quarter. A huge thank you to Joe T. (DCM, District 19) for continuing to serve as our secretary.
- **Interpretation Services:** We provided Spanish interpretation for four Area events:
 - Delegate Report Back (July 13)

- Public Information Quarterly (August 9)
- Spanish Pre-Assembly (August 24)
- Grapevine and Literature Quarterly (September 13)
- **Translation Projects:** Dozens of documents have been translated this quarter, with more on the way for the Assembly. I want to send my immense gratitude to Claudia for her incredible hard work and dedication to getting this done.

Challenges & Solutions

As always, the logistics of getting our interpretation equipment to in-person events requires a lot of coordination. I’d like to sincerely thank Bob F., Jack J., Curt A., Shu D., Claudia, and everyone else who helped juggle the gear (I’m sure I forgot a few names!). Your efforts are crucial and so deeply appreciated.

I also want to acknowledge that we experienced a delay in processing payments for our interpreters, Claudia and Reggie. I'm happy to report this has been fully resolved. We are committed to making sure our interpreters are paid promptly going forward, and I want to thank them both for their continued patience and amazing work.

Goals for Next Quarter

Looking ahead, our committee will be focusing on these goals:

1. **Event Support:** Provide seamless and reliable interpretation for all upcoming events.
2. **Workflow Management:** Continue to efficiently manage translation requests through our Google Drive system.
3. **Translator Compensation:** Re-evaluate compensation for our translators. It's important that we address the fact that Claudia has not received a raise in two rotations.

Get Involved!

The Language Steering Committee is always looking for new members to help us in our service work. If you're interested in participating, please email me at languagechair@area72aa.org.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

In service,

Charley P. Area 72 Language Coordinator

Newsletter Editor – Erin E.

Name: Erin Ewing
Position: Newsletter Editor
District number: 40
Date: 9/29/25

Accomplishments from the Past Quarter

- The Ad Hoc Committee for the newsletter developed recommendations to update the newsletter and reduce costs.
- Based on these recommendations, the Area Committee drafted motions to implement changes to the newsletter. I look forward to hearing the group conscience on these motions at the Area Assembly in October.
- We successfully produced and distributed the August Newsletter in both printed (via bulk mail) and digital web formats.
- I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Sequim Pre-Assembly—thank you for having me! It was a great opportunity to present the newsletter motions to GSRs, and I even got to take home some zucchini.

Problems or Issues Faced (and Solutions Considered)

- Producing the newsletter alone has been challenging. I am eager to have the Working Steering Committee assist with production moving forward.
- I am seeking feedback on the newsletter topics from the past year. I moved away from the “Tradition and Concept of the Month” format and instead focused on topics that encourage GSR and DCM sharing, using the newsletter as a forum for exchanging ideas and solutions.

Goals for the Next Quarter

- After the Assembly, my focus will be on either transitioning to a digital newsletter format or streamlining the process for continued monthly print production and USPS distribution to the Area Committee and Assembly.
- I aim to collaborate with Spanish-speaking districts and meetings to ensure the translated newsletter is distributed in their preferred manner.

Public Information – Julie U.

Name: Julie Udell
Position: Public Information Chair
District Number:
Date: 9/22/25

Hello, Area 72,

It’s been a vibrant and inspiring summer for Public Information! I had the honor of attending the International Conference in Vancouver, BC, where I volunteered at the PI booth—an energizing experience that reminded me how powerful our message can be when shared with the public. I was also invited to speak at District 42, District 7 and District 22 meetings, and as always, I cherish every opportunity to connect with our membership and share about PI.

PI Quarterly Recap – August 9th

Our August PI Quarterly was held in hybrid format and welcomed 13 attendees. We were fortunate to have a special guest, Mily T., who delivered a compelling presentation on Marty Mann—a pioneer in helping the public understand alcoholism. Mily’s talk was rich with history and heart, and she kindly shared her bibliography with us afterward. She’s available to speak at other events and can be reached at MartyAndMily@gmail.com.

The agenda included:

- Mily T.’s presentation on Marty Mann
- PI Chair reports and updates
- Discussion of the Bus Sign Project and Pre-Assembly FAQs
- A resource shared by Julie on Tradition 11, clarifying attraction vs. promotion—a frequent topic in PI conversations

PI Chair Reports

Here are some highlights from our PI Chairs across the districts:

- **Amber (District 8):** Hosted a table at the Community Learning Collaborative, attended a Behavioral Health Town Hall, and participated in Capital Pride—engaging families and distributing literature in a wellness-focused park section.
- **Francisco (District 1):** Continued radio outreach and community engagement. Collaborating with Hispanic Intergroup Quarterly on potential funding for bus signs.
- **David (East Side Intergroup):** Active in Seattle schools, libraries, and fairs. Preparing for a Mariners booth on Sept 15. Introduced QR-coded literature and signage made via Canva—an affordable and effective outreach tool. Also shared QR code stickers for meeting access.
- **Kurt (District 3):** Participated in Monroe Pride and Belonging Festival. Preparing to host the November Quarterly. Shared cards with QR codes linking to N. Seattle Intergroup and AA.org. . Building bridges with equity groups and CPC.
- **Brian (District 43):** Training for Kitsap County Fair booth using materials from Tacoma CSO. Monitoring literature in libraries and treatment centers. Volunteering at Puyallup State Fair. Preparing for October Assembly discussions.
- **John M. (District 34):** Leading a school panel reaching seven class periods. Goals for 2025–2026 include expanding school outreach and attending more community events. Hosted our Quarterly with delicious breakfast treats—thank you, John!
- **Margaret (District 14):** New to her role and actively learning about PI.
- **Colette (District 54):** Experienced tech issues submitting her report.

Additional Attendees & Updates

- **Angel (DCM 34):** Hosted Delegate’s report back and Pre-Assembly. District has open positions in Corrections, Treatment, and Young Persons.
- **Luis:** Assisted with tech setup.
- **Ginger (Alt DCM 12):** Interested in the bus sign project and Tradition 11 clarification. PI/CPC distributing materials in libraries, schools, and Salvation Army.
- **Bob F. (Past Delegate):** Brought interpreter equipment and his famous cookies!
- **Maryland:** Archivist

I also shared updates on the KCM Bus Sign Project, including the FAQ sheet from our last Assembly. Progress continues thanks to the help of David, Jim, Francisco, Shu, Patrick, and many others contributing graphics, translations, and tech support. The one-pager on Tradition 11 aims to help our fellowship better understand the balance between attraction and promotion—an essential concept in PI work.

Looking Ahead

The next PI Quarterly will be hosted by Kurt and District 3 on **November 8th in Monroe**. I also had the joy of working at the booth at the State Fair with our PI liaison CSP Puget Sound, Cindy G., we had great conversations and gave away two Big Books! We’re hoping to expand our presence next year.

As we prepare for the October Assembly and the Bus Sign Project motion, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who’s volunteered, shared insights, and supported this work. Your dedication makes all the difference.

In friendship and service,

Julie U.

Area 72 PI Chair

Registrar – Houston L.

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

Secretary – Don N.

Name: Don N.
Position: Secretary
Area 72
Date: 8/24/2025

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

- Attended all of the Area 72 pre-assemblies and compiled a summary of the notes taken to distribute to the Area DCMs to assist them while polling their Districts and Groups group consciences for the voting at the Area Assembly
- Completed summary and minutes from the July Quarterly
- Still in the process of receiving the reports from the Elected and Appointed trusted servants, the DCMs, and the Intergroups & CSOs for inclusion in the Area Assembly minutes and processing the proper reports for translation
- Preparation for the International A.A. Men’s Conference 2026 (April 10th – 12th, SeaTac, WA - <http://IAAMCAB.org>) are going well and registrations are already rolling in

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 is always a time crunch in the weeks leading up to an Area business quarterly, I believe it is getting better, but can always improve

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

- I am scheduling another Secretary Workshop for November 19th at 6:00 PM PST, Zoom ID 440 174 1504, Passcode secretary
- Trying to improve my note taking and Zoom operator skills

Sound/Zoom – Anothony G.

Name: Anthony Grennan
Position: Sound & Zoom
District number: 8
Date: 9/4/2025

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

- Found a new way to connect a microphone to the laptop that will help us be more versatile in the future at certain events

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.]

- The laptops keep crashing in the middle of business and I have updated the drivers on them to help prevent this in the future. I also updated the software that runs the ATEM. Hopefully these things will remediate the issue moving forward

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

- Continue to train people to get them ready for the handoff next year
- Get a budget together and possibly an equipment replacement plan together.

Tech & Web Chair – Patrick M.

Patrick M.
Area Tech & Web Chair
District Number:
Date: 9/23/25

Greetings, Area 72!

I think the Tech & Web Standing Committee is picking up steam a bit. At the most recent quarterly, we started talking more about how to fulfill a key part of the committee’s purpose: to help each other out. One thing we quickly learned is that the tech service positions can be overwhelming, because we don’t necessarily have the skills or knowledge needed to tackle certain problems. If everybody’s on their own, that just magnifies the problems. But as a committee, we collectively have a lot of experience and are able to help one another.

Here are some of the topics that district tech or web chairs brought up at the quarterly:

- Where should districts host a Wordpress site?
- How can districts or intergroups manage meeting lists, so they appear on Area 72 website and the Meeting Guide app?
- How to deal with fake Wordpress accounts – identify & delete old ones, and prevent new ones
- How to know if people are using the district website, and how to make it more useful for them
- Hybrid meeting challenges – setting up accounts on new computers, and connectivity issues during meetings

As you might guess, it’s a tall order for any one person to be able to handle all of that. And we have 44 districts! I’m hopeful that by bringing these topics to the committee, we’ll be able to work through them together. At the quarterly, people volunteered to help with the issues that other people brought up. I look forward to our October committee quarterly where we’ll hear about how that went.

We also discussed the two Area steering committees – Tech Steering Committee, and Web Steering Committee. The standing committee is outwardly focused, using technology to carry the message, and supporting districts and groups in their efforts. The steering committees are more inwardly focused, helping to manage the technical services that the Area provides. This includes our website, google account, zoom accounts, and hybrid setup.

We invited some interested members of the standing committee to attend the steering committee meetings, so they could see what they’re about and learn a little more about how Area 72 works internally. I think this is important for encouraging future rotations of trusted servants. Rather than asking people to commit to something with little info, we can let them observe and participate. I trust that the steering committees’ efforts and conversations are attractive, and that people will want to participate in future steering committees and perhaps stand for the Tech & Web Chair or Webservant positions in a future rotation.

Our Web Steering Committee discussed a request to remove the geofence firewall, which prevents people from accessing area72aa.org while outside the US or Canada. I believe the steering committee has the clearly defined authority and responsibility to remove it, without consulting the groups. However, as a committee, we decided that we would want input from the groups before taking that action, because it may have a broader impact to our service structure than a simple technical decision. Usually when I hear people discuss Concept 3 Right of Decision, it’s framed as you should vote your conscience on any given matter. One part I think we overlook is that a service entity “always should be able to decide which matters it will fully dispose of on its own responsibility, and which questions it will refer to the A.A. groups” (Service Manual C11). This means we need to decide if we are the right people, in the right place, at the right time, to make a particular decision. We encouraged the requestor to propose it as an agenda item, to get a broader group conscience.

I feel like we, in the three committees I’m a part of have done a lot already, and in some ways are just getting started. I’ve had a blast working alongside folks in Area 72 this year and look forward to doing good work in 2026!

Thanks for letting me do this.

<3 Patrick

Treatment – Suzi L.

Name: Suzi L.
Position: Area Treatment Chair
Date: 9/23/25

Treatment Activity List

- Speaking at District 39 on Bridging the Gap Tuesday, August 5th
 - We had the Lakeside Milam Clinical Director join the meeting and Conner was grateful we discussed Bridging the Gap, which he used at the Lakeside Milam Treatment Center orientation meeting.
- Speaking at District 31 on Bridging the Gap Wednesday, Sept 10th
- Pre-Assembly Eastside Meeting
 - I discussed microphone etiquette
- Attended the BTGWW – Bridging the Gap Weekend Workshop in Ontario, CA – Friday, Sept 5th and Saturday. Sept 6th.
 - The weekend was wonderfully informative
 - I will be discussing the workshop topics during my next couple of Roundtables: Sunday, October 26th and Sunday, November 30th.
- Panelist on Friday afternoon at the Assembly.
 - Topic – Simple Majority, substantial Unanimity and Spiritual Consent.
- Treatment July Quarterly
 - Saturday, July 19th
 - Mt. Vernon
 - Small in person attendance, but good online attendance, Mike S. from H&T Team from Greater Seattle Intergroup, our speaker.
- Next Treatment Quarterly Friday, October 18th
 - Archives Repository
3905 Steilacoom Blvd SW
Lakewood, WA 98499
 - 10:00 – 2:00 PM
- Monthly Treatment Roundtables
 - Sunday, July 27th
 - Sunday, August 31st
- Next Treatment Roundtables
 - Sunday, October 26th
 - Sunday, November 30th

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Suzi L.

Area 72aa Treatment Chair

Webservant – Shu D.

Name: Shu D.
Position: Area Webservant | Panel 75
District number: 56
Date: 9/22/25

Accomplishments from this last quarter.

- Email access, multiple phone and Zoom calls to help individuals with access issues, two Google Basics workshops, acting as co-chair of the Tech Steering Committee meetings, and chair of the Web Steering Committee.
- Team ShuPat has been the highlight of my rotation. Working with Patrick (Web and Tech Chair) has been the best partnership. We meet every Saturday evening for a couple of hours to triage any issues with the website or technical issues. We have worked with intergroups and districts to assist with meeting list updates for import and are working closely with the Archives Chair and Archivist to devise/develop a method for getting rotational archive material digitally accessible.
- We are working with our CPC and PI Area chairs to create Landing pages for their committees that will provide more information and materials for their standing committees and a wider audience.
- We have updated the Group Form on the website to align with the new GSO Group Guidelines which can also be found on page 116 of the 2024-2026 Service Manual.
- We installed a plug-in to monitor and block spam on the website, blocking one entity that had over 3,000 attempts in the Contact Form. There have been a few bumps; that is the nature of technology.
- Posting events, uploading a myriad of documents, handling meeting inquiries, and being of service to the Area.

Issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

- I received a request to assist a DCM (42) in a forensic investigation of her email due to last rotations emails being deleted from the account. Unfortunately, after 30 days that information is no longer retrievable from Google, but as we continued to talk, we figured out that the secretary for that district’s area email should also have record of all the minutes, inventories, and all communication that had been sent; it worked! As a reminder, please do not delete emails from your Area email accounts as this is all part of digital archiving for your district’s history.
- One of the questions that was brought to the Web Steering Committee (this quarter) was around access to the website when a member of Area 72 is traveling outside the US/Canada. In talking to several past Webservants and the Web Steering Committee, the process has been: Whitelisting an IP address or temporarily unblocking a country while that individual requires access or using a VPN (Virtual Private Network). The Webservant from last rotation shared they only had two requests and accommodating them through Whitelisting their static IP address was successful.

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

- I will be attending the NAATW the first weekend in November in Cincinnati, Ohio to learn about what others are doing in their Area. To put on more Google Workshops, to update the Content and Services Policy for the Website (look for the update at the end of November), and to continue to work with Patrick and the Web and Tech Standing Committee to encourage collaboration and participation in the hopes of finding future interested individuals in the Tech and Web involvement at the Area level.

Web Steering Committee Minutes – Shu D.

Web Steering Committee Minutes

Young People’s Chair – Heather S.

Name: Heather S.
Position: Area 72 Young People’s Chair
Date: 9/21/25

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

District YP chairs continue their work throughout Area 72. Many of them area reaching out to local agencies that serve young people to see how they can carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. Some of them are helping to start young people’s meetings. Many of them are working to get into schools. I’m inspired by all the amazing work they are doing to serve young alcoholics in our area. Over the last quarter, I have received several emails from young people in our Area, looking to get involved in service. I have also gotten to speak at a few district meetings, and I’ve been contacted by a young people’s group to speak about the Young People’s committee because they have asked how they can get involved. I was also asked to speak at an online AA young people’s group, where I got to meet young alcoholics all over the country, many of which are excited about service. At our last quarterly, we had Nick K, Delegate from Area 41 (Nebraska) and chair of the conference PI committee come speak to us. He provided an update about the Young People Video Project and shared that GSO will no longer be accepting video submissions. He shared other ways they are working to serve young people, like updating old pamphlets, creating tools to share with local agencies, and utilizing shorter videos. Our committee was excited and grateful to have him come all this way to share with us. We are also continuing to announce that the Young People videos made during the last rotation are now up on the Area 72 YouTube channel, thanks to the Webservant and Techn and Web chair. Go check them out at <https://www.youtube.com/@area72aa>.

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.]

One problem we continue to face is the lack of a secretary for the Young People’s committee. If you or anyone you know are interested, please let me know!

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

Our next YP quarterly will be at the PUD building in Mount Vernon on Saturday, October 25th from 12 to 3 PM. Like usual, it will be a hybrid event. At the quarterly, we will be welcoming Debbie B, who is giving a presentation on speaking at non-AA events. We are excited to use this information when we are speaking with agencies who serve young people, as well as at local non-AA events. District YP chairs also hope to get

DCM SHARING

The Area voted to suspend DCM sharing at the mic until the January 2026 Area Quarterly due to time constraints, only written submitted reports will appear in the minutes.

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

Name: Jose M.
Position: DCM
District number: 1
Date: 10/2/25

REPORT FOR THE ASSEMBLY 2025

- Good afternoon, my name is José DCM from district #1 area72. My home group is Primero es lo Primero in Federal Way.
- The district continues working by bringing information from the groups to the Area and bringing Information from the Area to the groups to keep the doors open and help those who need it.
- We continue to have 4 meetings a month on Thursdays, and we hold an organized meeting when the month has 5 weeks, we visit the groups twice a month to inform them how the district is working.
- Currently we have 12 GSR and another group is opening in the Tacoma area, soon we will have another GSR, we also have 6 committees all working very well.

I feel very happy to do my DCM service.

THANK YOU for allowing me to serve

Happy 24hours!

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

Name: Saundra R.
Position: DCM
District number: 2
Date: 09/28/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Our District 2 open house/spaghetti feed produced delicious food and wonderful fellowship. We were able to fill the corrections position and are providing information for other members interested in taking positions in the district.

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

- We have a goal to review all past District 2 minutes to update and maintain our GSR handbook, ensuring it includes all motions made in our district. We will have achieved this goal before the end of this rotation.

- We have resumed discussing our most recent district inventory and will implement a different format moving forward, incorporating questions that align more closely with the functions of our district.
- We plan to facilitate a sponsorship workshop in February.
- Moving forward, we will be making it a point to schedule workshops that last no more than two hours.

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: 10/2/25

Quarterly DCM Report – Q3 2025

This past quarter has been an active and encouraging time for District 3. We are grateful to announce that we now have a new Alternate DCM, which strengthens our leadership team and provides added support for the work ahead.

In August, we hosted the Area 72 Accessibilities Chair at our District meeting. This visit gave us valuable insight into how we can make our fellowship more welcoming and accessible, and it also served to inspire members to consider stepping into the open Accessibilities position within our District.

Over the past several weeks, much of our energy has gone into preparing for the Area Assembly. We attended the pre-assembly in August to review agenda items and begin forming group consciences. We have fewer groups attending this rotation, the conversations we did have were thoughtful and constructive, and many groups were able to get the materials from Area 72 website.

Looking ahead, we carry with us a sense of unity and purpose as we participate in the Assembly and continue the work of District 3.

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

Name: Edward S.
Position: DCM
District number: 4

No report submitted

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

Name: Rose B.
Position: DCM
District number: 7
Date: 10/4/25

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. District 7, our most southern district including south Vancouver, Skamania, Stevenson, and Carson. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 in the evening. We were at Hands Across the Bridge, a great event collaborating with our neighbors in Portland OR. Our gratitude dinner is at the Marshall center November 15 and is being hosted by our Intergroup office. Thank you again. Rose, grateful alcoholic.

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

Name: Debbie B.
Position: DCM
District number: 8
Date: 9/30/25

Greetings from District 8!

- We have filled our 3rd Legacy Chair position, so we are complete.
- We are paving the way towards passing our budget for 2026 -hosting a workshop on Chairing a Meeting 2.0 this upcoming January and starting to think about when we will have our District Inventory scheduled.
- Everyone seems ready and excited about the upcoming Assembly.
- The Tigger Award is alive and well and teaching all of us about service in bits and pieces.
- Oops I almost forgot - our Gratitude Banquet is scheduled for November 15.

That's D 8 in a nutshell.

Love in Service

Debbie DCM D 8
(360) 970 9686

District 9 – (Central Tacoma, Fircrest) DCM Mark S., Alt DCM

Name: Mark S.
Position: DCM
District number: 9

No report submitted

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

Name: Mike D

Position: District 10 DCM
Date: 9/25/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Attending the two DCM roundtable meetings Lupita chaired in August was very informative. The second one we talked about Safety in A.A. Interesting why that subject came up because there seems to be discussions of safety in our group halls this summer. Could it have been the heat?
- I, Hollie our Alt. DCM and 11 GSRs attended the Pre-Assembly in Sequim. Thank you District 55 for finding us a location. Thank you, Derek and Lisa, for facilitating it.

Small recap of what’s going on with some of our district committee chairpersons.

- Melody our corrections Committee Chair announced at our last business meeting that Mission Creek Facility, which was our only corrections facility in district 10, will be permanently closed the end of August. Our last meeting inside the facility was August 27th.
- Two members in our district have submitted applications for the Purdy facility and expect to be active again by the beginning of October.
- Kathy C. is our Gratitude Celebration/Events Committee Chair and is coordinating our districts Gratitude Celebration we are having November 8 at the Village Green Community Center in Kingston.
- Our Literature and Grapevine Chair is updating all pamphlets, so we have the most current pamphlets that A.A.W.S. has available. Thank you, James.
- I truly want to shout out to Terese M. who was our Public Information Committee Chairperson since January 2024. She had to step down due to personal reasons. Terese chaired monthly meetings to keep in contact with our district groups having PI chairpersons and by coordinating volunteers to provide pamphlets and literature at many appropriate locations throughout our district for the alcoholics not yet inside our halls to see and read. This past quarter she organized volunteers for a booth at the Kitsap County Fair in August which showed great leadership in that service position. Thank you, Terese, for your service.
- There is one inpatient and six outpatient treatment centers in our district where Sandy our Treatment Committee Chair coordinates A.A. members to bring in the message of hope.
- Jace S. who is our Y.P. Chair and nine other members of our district went to Minneapolis Minnesota to attend the International Conference of Young People in A.A. Jace also coordinated tickets for the Recovery Day at the Mariners vs. Los Angeles Angels baseball game. Over 175 persons from our district sat together for this event. Mariners Won, and no one was taken away for being drunk and disorderly.

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

- Hopefully an individual will make themselves available for the three open positions of Public Information, Twelve Step Service Committee Liaison, and Alt. Treasurer.

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

- I didn’t put this down on problems because Safety in A.A. seems it is an item always one way or another an ongoing topic. I think with the help of some of our district trusted servants and the flyer from the General Service Office called “How to Conduct a Sharing Session” (SMF-111) this flyer states the purpose is to fill a need for improved communication among area, districts and groups thereby strengthening service in A.A. through cooperation. Not to have an answer but to get as much information from individuals involved for better understanding the Issue at hand.

Thank you, and I am grateful to be of service
Peace

Mike D
District 10 DCM

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

Name: Veronica
Position: Filling in because Josh and Don could not be there
District number: 11

No report submitted

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

Name: Shane M.
Position: DCM District:12
Date: 9/21/25

We continue to try to get into Marysville Jail and Denny Youth Center to no avail. They did, however, take some Big Books and 12x12s. We've done 4 Bridging the Gaps from Treatment Centers. It was nice attending the monthly Treatment roundtable thanks Suzi!! We're still looking for a Treatment chair. Our PI/CPC chair teamed up with dist3s chair and visited Providence Hospital and Detox. Our Gratitude Banquet planning has begun. We will be having a busy October folding Schedules with Districts 2,3,12,19, and 57. Our Central Office for Snohomish County continues to answer the phones and do 12 step work. They are still looking for a Central Office Manager. Our unified website with Snohomish County Districts is going under some improvements and got to Participate in the new Digital Literature rack that's being worked on.

I was busy all month. I got to work with John publishing September's Digital online Newsletter. We continued to attend the Web Steering Committee and had a Special meeting to talk about our Website and Geo fencing and our Firewall. We had an Awesome 3rd Legacy meeting with Lupita talking about our 9th Concept. I continue to invite Groups in our District to the Table.
We're really excited and getting ready for the Assembly. preparing our agenda for District 12's business meeting Thursday night before the Assembly. Hopefully I will get to help with October's online Newsletter. I've focused a lot of my attention on my Panel topic where to find the information and how everything operates at Our GSC there's a lot of information available. It's really great attending the Service Manual Study at Greater Seattle Intergroup every First Sunday of the month at 11am.

We're looking for a Treatment Chair, Newsletter Person, and a Central Office Rep.

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: 10/7/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- The Fab 9 Central Seattle Districts worked together to host a wonderful Pre-Assembly meeting in West Seattle at the Fauntleroy Church on Saturday, August 23. The meeting was attended by over 90 members. Adding to the fun, DCM’s and Alt DCM’s provided taco fixings and attendees added a tremendous amount of delicious food to the potluck lunch. I’m so grateful for the friendship, teamwork and fellowship among the DCM’s and Alt-DCMs from Districts 14, 15, 16, 17, 31, 32, 40, 41, and 42!
- District 14 held our Annual Picnic and Pie Auction on Sunday, September 7 at Lincoln Park in West Seattle. The event was hugely successful and continues to be a favorite way to close out the summer months in District 14.

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

- Looking to fill our District 14 Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) and Young Persons Committee Chairs.

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

- Fill the remaining open service positions in District 14.
- As a District, discuss our 2026 budget starting at the Monthly Business Meeting in October, with a goal of achieving an approved budget at the November meeting.
- Host a District Holiday Speaker Potluck on Tuesday, December 9 at Fauntleroy Church in West Seattle full of good cheer, fellowship and delicious food to close out an incredible first year of Panel 75. Grateful that our Area 72 Alternate Chairperson Lisa S has accepted our invitation to be the holiday speaker!

District 15 – (Downtown Seattle, West Capitol Hill) DCM15 Diane D., Alt DCM

Name: Diane D.
Position: DCM
District number: 15

No report submitted

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

Name: Scott
Position: DCM
District number: 16
Date: 10/6/25

District 16 may be small, but we’re showing up.

- We started the year with pretty limited participation, so we’ve leaned into two things: outreach and right-sizing.
 - On the outreach side, we’ve been visiting groups without GSRs, introducing ourselves, and making sure they know the district is here to serve them. Even if they’re not ready to elect a GSR, we’ve asked for a contact so they can stay informed. That’s already paying off — one group has elected a GSR, and several others are now connected to us.
 - On the right-sizing side, we’ve been realistic about what we can take on. We’ve focused on the basics — stabilizing finances, clarifying roles, and making sure our groups’ voices are heard. And we’ve also made space for fellowship.
- This summer we held our first district BBQ in years, and it was a great reminder that service can be joyful.

We’re not the biggest district, but we’re moving in the right direction, and we’re committed to carrying the message.

Scott O.

DCM, District 16

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

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

Accomplishments from the past quarter

- We had a new group step up to continue taking a meeting into the SUPP Program.
- I became the DCM in August, so I consider facilitating the past couple district meetings an accomplishment in itself.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with

- Over the past couple months, we’ve been looking for someone to step into the alt DCM position. A couple GSRs found home group members with service experience, and we plan to have elections at our next meeting.

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

- We will host a gratitude banquet in November. Planning is already well under way.
- A member from al-anon reached out, hoping to establish a new Alateen meeting in Seattle alongside an established AA meeting. We just started talking about options, but it seems like an exciting service opportunity for our district.

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

Name: Lara R.
Position: DCM
District number: 18
Date: 9/22/25

D18 Quarterly Report October 2025

- The past Quarter has been filled with group anniversaries, potlucks, picnics, group inventories, resource fairs and plenty of opportunities to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- We have filled our Third Legacy Committee Chair position with our last rotation’s DCM, Beth W. It is great to have her back in the mix of the District meetings, and she is conducting our Tradition and Concept review every month, thank you Beth!
- I have been visiting groups in the district and am truly falling in love with this district. I have spent most of my sobriety in this District, in fact, most of my life in this District. Kent, Renton and Tukwila are the cities that shaped me as a child and into my drinking and now in my sobriety. I have lived in different cities over the years, but as they say, All Roads Lead to Renton. In my case, that is definitely true. AA in District 18 is authentic, down to earth and strong. We have so many thriving groups that are speaking the language of the heart.
- We continue to have a monthly Tradition Study on the 1st Monday of the month @ 5:30pm at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church 1700 Edmonds Ave NE Renton 98056 All are welcome.
- We are planning a 1st Annual Gratitude Pancake Breakfast in November. More info to come.
- We have formed an Adventure Group, which is intended to support struggling meetings within the boundaries of District 18, we choose a meeting to attend at each District meeting for the upcoming month and those of us that can help support that meeting show up.
- Our goal for the coming quarter is to raise money for the District, reach out to the groups that are not showing up and get some young people panels into the local High Schools.

That is about it for now.
Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Lara R.
DCM District 18

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

Name: Joe T.
Position: DCM
District number: 19
Date: 10/2/25

Hi all. Here is the report from District 19.

We had a wonderful picnic hosted by our district as well as 12. The first time that has happened for several years. It was a huge success and had great food and fun activities. Including cornhole and auctions to help raise money for future picnics and gratitude banquets.

Myself, as well as other DCMs hosted a pre-assembly at the Mt Vernon PUD office. It was a great presentation by Derek and other area officers that got us ready for the upcoming Assembly

Facilitated my 3rd inventory since becoming DCM. It was an honor to help Edmonds Group reach a group conscious about their meeting.

We’ve been in discussions as a District on encouraging the Central Office, that represents 4 other districts as well as our own. To send a representative to each quarterly, including the Assembly. Our district passed the motion to take the action to the Central Office officers. Where they will ask other districts to make the same motion. If 3 of the 5 districts approve the motion. The process of planning to send a representative is put in motion.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Can’t wait to see you all at the Assembly.

Joe T.
District 19 DCM

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: 10/03/25

I am sorry to announce that Betty Olson passed away recently. She was sober for 50 years, and she was 103 years old. She was active in District 21 for many years, and she lived in District 8 for many years as well.

District 21 hosted the Southern Districts Pre-Assembly on August 10th. There were about 50 of us there. It was held at Summit Pacific Wellness Center in Elma where the July 2025 Quarterly will be held. Lisa, our Alt Chair, came to our September 21 district meeting with a delicious cake and gave us some information about what needs to be done to prepare. The Chair of the committee for the July 2025 quarterly will be Jamy J. past DCM of District 21. There were 19 of us at the district meeting, which is more than I have seen in the two years I have been coming.

There was an issue with the District Corrections Committee going into Stafford Creek for a short time. I advised the committee member who reported it to me to contact Aimee, the Area Corrections Chair and Derek our Area 72 Chair. The problem was resolved with a few new requirements to be met by the committee members taking the meetings into Stafford Creek. More volunteers are still needed. We are still looking for a chair for the CPC/PI committee, and our District Hotline Chair is moving in mid-November so we have been looking for someone to take her place, hopefully soon so the outgoing chair can show the new chair how to do the job.

I wanted to mention how much I appreciate the DCM round tables Lupita is doing. I have been able to use several ideas I learned there from other DCMs and they have been very helpful. We are still working on updating our District Handbook and our group changes for the Registrar and GSO. We are having our second annual Gratitude dinner on Saturday, November 1st from 12 to 4 at the Ocean Shores Lions Club in Ocean Shores. Terry P. my Alt DCM is chairing the committee and doing a great job getting volunteers. It will be a potluck, and we will be providing ham. We are having people bring different side dishes according to the month they got sober. We will have a group basket raffle, and our speaker will be Lisa S.

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: 9/4/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Cooperative projects with our neighbor Districts include:
 - The 2026 January Quarterly Host Committee, in conjunction with Districts 55 & 56, has been filled and planning meetings are underway.
 - Pre-Assembly in Sequim with several other districts was well attended
- We held our September District meeting on the West End in Forks.
- We finally have a new Newsletter Editor, Cece.
- Held a 12 Concepts review at one of our local groups, AA @ 6:45.
- The summer picnic was the first weekend of August in conjunction with District 55.
- Group contributions have been stellar this year and allowed us to reach our prudent reserve goal.
- Our new BTG Coordinator has done an outstanding job of organizing our responses to requests.
- We have a new Young Persons meeting that has chosen its first GSR.

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

- We lack a PI and Accessibilities Committee Chairs.
- We are challenged to increase service commitments for our local treatment center.
- Exploration of a joint hotline with Districts 55 & 56 to reduce cost without surrendering quality continues.
- There’s been a fair amount of turnover in GSRs recently and we are behind in registering and setting up their emails.

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.
- 2026 budget planning.
- Have a date and process set for our District inventory in January/February.
- Assist in the execution of our Gratitude dinner, and attend each of the Peninsula District dinners (22, 55, & 56)

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

Name: Lisa J
Position: DCM
District number: 24
Date: 9/21/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter

- Our District Handbook update is almost complete. Just a few formatting issues to work out and we’ll have it completed.
- We elected an Alt. Young Person’s chair at our September meeting, and he and our YP Chair are looking to get others involved in that committee.
- We formed an Ad-Hoc Committee to research and recommend solutions for updating and improving our video and sound, to maximize the quality of our hybrid district meetings.
- Our CPC Chair is reaching out to unions and trades to provide information on Alcoholics Anonymous and is also working with Laborers International to include AA resources and contacts in their existing packets.

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.

- All of us at District 24 are looking forward to the Assembly and getting together in service to AA.
- We hope to make good progress on our Hybrid setup.
- We’d like to plan an event where District Chairs, DCM and Alt DCM are available to answer questions about district service. Possibly set up at the Lynnwood Alano Club for a day.

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

Name: Jo G. Position: DCM
District number: District 25
Date: 10/1/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. District 25 continues to grow by leaps and bounds and now boasts 50 groups having joined our ranks. This is more groups making up our district than there are districts in Area 72, and as we all know when asked to present our district reports at the assemblies and quarterlies this can take up a fair amount of time and that is true at the district level as well. To streamline the district’s business meetings we eliminated the group reports (per se) and instead added a section to our business meeting that we call: Announcements, Concerns, and Questions whereby the group’s representatives can let everyone know of events they are hosting (such as alcohthons, gratitude events, speaker meetings), problems that they might be experiencing that perhaps another group has already found a solution for (like “meeting bombers” or info on intergroups), and questions such as “how do we sign up our GSR?” or “how can I find the info on the upcoming area event(s)?”. We tried this new format for two months before voting to decide to continue practicing it and it seems to be working very well.

Having so many groups making up our district one would think that we would have more than enough people to fill all of the committee positions and finally we are able to say that is true save for the Young Person’s Committee chair. We are ever hopeful that someone soon will want to stand for that position.

And lastly, being an online only venue it is somewhat more difficult to create a sense of fellowship and camaraderie and to ensure that we are having fun doing the work that we have signed on for. Toward that end we recently started acknowledging any sobriety anniversaries for the month and collectively celebrating with a rousing “drunken” version of Happy Birthday followed by everyone joining in with a group munching of some sweet treat that they have “brought”. We hear too often that business meetings at any level are too “boring” and too “long and drawn out” and “a waste of a Saturday afternoon”. By being a little creative in trying to work away from this mentality it is our hope that the added sterility of the online venue can be overcome and create that fellowship spirit as we try to work together for the common good.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. As previously reported our members who find themselves outside the U.S. and Canada boundaries for whatever reason are restricted from being able to access the Area 72 website. In the hope of being able to find a solution to that situation District 25 pulled together an ad hoc committee to discuss how best to proceed and have submitted a floor motion to be brought at this assembly that we might begin the process of discussion, choices and decision.

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

Name: Dave K.
Position: DCM
District: 27
Date: 9-7-25

District 27 committees and service opportunities are still growing. People are engaged in service work and encouraging others. It's incredibly inspirational to watch this grow. Corrections and treatment are getting AA books out to facilities, and getting a rotation of volunteers to bring meetings into them as well. They are meeting on a monthly basis. PI and CPC committee is working diligently in reaching out to the community. They are also meeting monthly. Archives is currently going through everything and organizing all of our archive material.

Are District 27 Committee handbook has been going through revisions and additional changes to update the different rolls of service positions.

The District 27 Alt DCM is working with other districts in the southern six, helping with coordinating hosting opportunities. She is also attending other group business meetings letting them know that the district is here to support them if they're interested.

We are reaching out to other groups in our district to let them know that the district committee is here to support them and of the service opportunities available. The outreaching seems to help in getting out the word about the general service structure.

I'm working on benchmarking other districts and attending meetings. The DCM round table meetings are a great tool to see how other others are doing business. Reaching out to others about service opportunities is always a goal of mine.

Additionally I would like to extend a big “SHOUT OUT THANK YOU” to all of those involved with the service of helping others to “FIND A WAY OUT”.

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

Name: Jim M.
Position: DCM
District: 28
Date: 9/22/25

- Accomplishments:
- * Satisfied website allowable flyer content. Have a written guide summary to aid in future disputes.
 - * Had more than half of our District GSRs turn out for Pre-Assembly held in Elma and hosted by District 21.
 - * All District GSRs discussed motions and discussion topics for October Assembly with their home groups and are prepared for Area business.
 - * Have registered 10 GSRs, 4 Chairs, DCM and Alt. DCM for Assembly.
 - * We now have a GSR or group Contact person for 30 of our 31 Groups.

Problems/Solutions;
Problem:
* How to best support and aid our Chairs in their role as it relates to duties, responsibilities, goals, etc. Since most of them did not have anyone helping them transition in, it seemed obstacles were the only greetings they received. Our Chairs got the ball rolling, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, some uphill. Takes a lot of commitment and time! Members needed for Service Work!

Question: How to keep Chairs motivated and energized in their pursuit to satisfy the needs of others?

- Solutions:
- * Continue to attend Position Quarterlies.
 - * Utilize Area website for resources.
 - * Contact with adjoining Districts appropriate Chairs.
 - * Brainstorming with other District 28 Chairs.
 - * Feedback from GSRs about their group needs, questions etc.
 - * Asking for interested members to step up and volunteer.

- Fourth Quarter Goals:
- * Help District Chairs secure a working committee.
 - * Find out from groups what service they most need that District can assist them achieving.
 - * Start attending group business meetings.
 - * Share more information with GSRs and Group Contact people about Area and other District Workshops.

Jim M.
DCM 28

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

Name: Fred J.
Position: DCM
District number:29
Date: 10/3/25

Greetings firm District 29

- Things continue to go well in the District.
- We have robust participation in service and the district level.
- Our GSR's have actively participated in pre and post conferences as well as pre-assembly conferences.
- We are preparing for our upcoming Gratitude Banquet on November 15th. Derek, our Area Chair, will be our speaker. The theme is "Rule 62", which is fashioned after Route 66.
- We plan on having good attendance at the Assembly.
- Our GSR's are as prepared as I have ever seen for the Business Meeting.

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: 9/9/25

My name is West C, DCM 31, and I am grateful to report that our district is growing, having fun and putting on lots of great service events!

- We meet monthly every second Wednesday via Zoom and once per quarter in person. We have had a guest speaker from Area at each of our meetings this year, starting in February.
- We recently had our D31 Archives Chair position open up but I expect a new candidate to step forward at our next D31 meeting. We will then return to having all our D31 positions filled.
- Our August Ice Cream Social in person at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines was highlighted by Dave T, our Past Delegate, as the guest speaker. Dave. who stepped in willingly at the last minute, delivered a solid message about service in sobriety.
- Our Pre-Assembly on August 23rd was well attended at Fauntleroy Church. The Central District Team worked together well to make it a tremendous success. Our Taco Fest was fabulous with plenty of food to go around.
- D31 hosted an Area Archives workshop and our own sponsorship workshop on Sat, September 20th at Grace Lutheran Church. Thanks again to Jennifer, Mary & the gang for putting on a great seminar. D31 also stepped up to present an informative panel on Sponsorship, while serving up a delicious baked potato bar with lots of fixings!
- Our Holiday Potluck / Ugly Sweater Contest is happening once again at Grace Lutheran Church Wed, December 10th and will feature a guest speaker this year.
- D31 will co-host the April 2026 Area Quarterly back at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines and we continue to move forward with this exciting endeavor with our friendly neighbors from D14.
- I am really enjoying my position, the family atmosphere we are creating in our district while helping the alcoholic who still suffers.

At Your Service with Gratitude,
West C

District 32 – (Auburn, Federal Way) DCM Nicole F.J., Alt DCM Robert B.

Name: Nicole J.
Position: DCM
District number: 32
Date: 9/23/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- The Area GV/Lit chair (Jack) came to visit us at our August Business meeting to share about the GV/Lit position at the District Level and to share about what's happening in the world of GV/Lit and La Vina. We are continuing to remind groups that books/literature are the main source of monetary funds at the GSO and to check their lit racks to get rid of old outdated literature.
- We had a successful District Picnic! We love our district and being able to fellowship at Steel Lake. Some groups provided gift baskets that they made for a super fun raffle! We had a traditional 50/50 raffle, the District provided the burgers and hot dogs, and we had lots of wonderful side dishes, desserts and refreshing drinks! We are looking into other events to fellowship with our district this winter!
- District 32 participated with other Central Districts to host a fun Pre-Assembly in West Seattle with a yummy Taco Bar, desserts, refreshments, and coffee! (The coffee and tacos were amazing). Thank you to all the DCMs and GSRs that attended, as well as the Area Elected's and Appointed's for facilitating the Pre-Assembly!
- We had a Budget Committee meeting to evaluate our current budget, review the “pre-COVID” budget, and had a successful discussion about what our budget should encompass moving forward. We made some good suggestions at the September Business meeting and approved the new budget!
- We held our first two (2) 2026 Burien Little Assembly (BLA) planning committee meetings! They are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:30-11:30am via Zoom (until February) and we are trekking right along. Looking for more people to be on the planning committee to fill a couple of positions (especially the Volunteer Coordinator)!! The 2026 BLA is being held at the Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines on Saturday, March 14th! SAVE THE DATE!
- We have been working all year to update our group/meeting list by attending “Silent” Meetings and we have narrowed down the 139 weekly meetings to the following:
 - o 139 meetings = 47 total groups
 - o 3 Groups are Inactive (no longer meet)
 - o 2 Groups are District 1 (Spanish speaking)
 - o 42 Active Groups (36 in-person & 6 online)
 - o ...still have 10 groups to visit and 1 group that needs to be followed up with (trying to get more GSR involvement or identify groups vs. meetings only)

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

- As with other districts, we have an issue with low GSR attendance at meetings. BUT!... As mentioned above, we are attending “silent” meetings and spreading the word about the monthly district meetings. We have made a flyer on bright orange card stock to take to these meetings (with P-16 The A.A. Group and P-19 G.S.R. literature) and made a color image of the flyer that can be sent via text as well.
- Additionally, we have a lot of open chair positions (committees of zero) and hope that attending the “silent” meetings will organically help get GSRs to the district business meeting as well as fill open service positions. We should all be reminding our districts that being self-supporting is more than putting \$\$ in the basket and/or holding a service position at our home groups. Let's all make sure to be responsible! “...When anyone, anywhere reaches out, [we] want the hand of A.A. always to be there...”

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

- Attend 10 “silent meetings” to increase GSR attendance at the district business meeting and fill open committee chair positions.
- District Inventory is scheduled for November, and we are hoping to gain some good insight on current issues and generate some goals for 2026.
- In December we will be having a potluck to end the year and reflect on the District Inventory after some time to reflect!

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

Name: Cheri Davidson
Position: DCM
District number: 33
Date: 10/1/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. During the previous quarter in July, the PI chair organized an A.A. information booth at The Covington Days event. Literature was distributed, questions were addressed, and participants engaged with each other. This event takes place annually and is one of two regular events in which we take part each year.

We have acquired a printer and are currently doing our own printing. The focus has been on saving money and paper. So far has been very successful.

Been a quite quarter.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We are currently experiencing an issue with the delivery of our GSR Kits. I reached out for assistance and received helpful resources from Lupita and Courtney, for which I am grateful. While the matter has not yet been fully resolved, I have learned that seeking support can be challenging but ultimately beneficial. It is reassuring to know that I am not alone and help is available.

I have struggled with my expectations. I realized my perception of our district's enthusiasm was mistaken. It's not my place to judge others’ motivation, nor can I control it. We are making great progress, and I am proud of our district.

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

Preparations are underway for this year’s Gratitude Banquet, and we are working diligently to create an enjoyable evening of fellowship and celebration. Building on the success of last year's event, we have addressed previous minor issues and implemented thoughtful improvements to ensure an even smoother experience. The Gratitude Banquet Committee Chair has effectively organized committee member roles, and nearly all positions have been filled by committed and enthusiastic volunteers. We cordially invite you to join us on November 1st from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Tahoma High School in Maple Valley.

Although it's still some time away, our District voted at the last meeting to host the December Grapevine and Literature Quarterly in 2026. This is significant since we haven't held an event in years, and I was encouraged by everyone's enthusiasm to participate.

We are co-hosts of the 2026 Burien Little Assembly Planning Committee, which began meetings last month. We will help participate in organizing this event.

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

Name: Angel M
Position: DCM
District number: 34
Date: 10/4/25

July 1, 2025



Accomplishments from the past month.

- Belinda & I visit a couple of groups (Highland Happy Hour & Recovery Through Honesty) and we attend the Saturday night Speakers on June 14th (I spoke there). Also I visited Serenity Brake, The Men Group at 4pm at the Alano club and two times The Afternooners.
- We worked with Courtney, our Delegate, to have a report back from the conference for our District on July 26th, at 1pm, at Kelsey Creek Church. I'm working on a flyer with all the details.
- I couldn't attend any of the Delegates report back with District 18, and the virtual only by zoom. Also I couldn't attend the planning meeting for the gratitude banquet of the District. I had a situation with my family.

Problems or issues we are facing.

- We still have 3 service positions open: Corrections, Treatment and YPAA.
- A lot of the meetings in the cities that we cover as a District have no representation in the District (GSR’s).

Some goals I hope to achieve or begin work on in the next month.

- Belinda has a list of the groups we have as District 34 and we are planning on identify the ones without GSR and go to 3 or 4 this month.
- Keep asking for help from the GSRs to spread the word about the open service positions we have at every meeting possible.
- Attend the upcoming events for our District and for me as DCM. The Area 72 business quarterly and The District
- 34 Delegates Report Back.

August 5, 2025

Accomplishments from the past month.

- On the 11th-12th of July I attended the Area 72 Business Quarterly. It was a powerful energy during the weekend because it was right after the International Convention, and I felt that in my heart. As a result of In the discussion of the business we have 2 motions for the GSR’s to vote on in the Assembly. The Digital instead of the printed version of the newsletter and the bus signs project. Aly and Belinda were there and it is always awesome to have them there representing the District as well. Aly took notes and she shared them with us. Those are great, so take a look and use it to inform your homegroups.

- On July 17th Belinda did a test on Google Meets. I attended that and then another on the 24th to make sure it was ready for her gratitude banquet committee on the 26th of July. Great job Belinda thank you for your hard work.
- On July 23, We had a zoom meeting with the Area 72 Web Servant Shu and John our PI Chair to go through details of the email and the upcoming PI Quarterly. Great Job John, thank you for your hard work.
- On July 26, I attended the Gratitude banquet committee meeting from 10am to 11am, and I was on my way to Kelsey creek church, so I can be there for our Delegates report back. It was low attendance for that one, I hope you all have the chance to attend the one hosted by District 18 or the online one. It was great, we have a great Delegate who loves AA and our Area 72 and she honors that with hard work and passion for the service. Probably I already reported this, but during the Conference she sent us post cards sending gratitude and love from New York and with the numbers of the pages in the big book at the family afterwards where It says that we must insist on enjoying life. When I read that I cry because I felt so grateful for the moment and for you my beautiful and strong District 34 and for the opportunity you are giving me to be of service.
- On August 2, We hosted the first Pre-Assembly of this rotation together with our neighbor districts. It was a success. Very clear on the information and very fun. The attendance was good, we had around forty people.
- We passed the basket practicing the 7th tradition and we collected \$90. Thank you for attending and for all the help before, during and after.

Problems or issues we are facing.

- We still have 3 service positions open: Corrections, Treatment and YPAA.
- A lot of the meetings in the cities that we cover as a District have no representation in the District (GSR’s).

Some goals I hope to achieve or begin work on in the next month.

- Belinda has a list of the groups we have as District 34 and we are planning on identify the ones without GSR and go to 3 or 4 this month.
- Keep asking for help from the GSRs to spread the word about the open service positions we have at every meeting possible.
- Attend the upcoming events for our District and for me as DCM.

September 2, 2025

Accomplishments from the past month.

- On August 6th I attended the planning meeting for PRAASA 2027, I was invited for Lisa to be the Hispanic Outreach Chair for the committee.
- On August 9th we attended the PI Quarterly hosted by our District, and it was a successful event. Our PI Chair John had everything under control and well represented. Great job John, thank you for your hard work.
- On August 23rd I attended the event that the group Regla 62 had, and I announced the business meeting of our District and the open service positions.
- On August 28th I attended the Area 72 language steering committee meeting.
- On August 28th I attended the Rigorous Honesty Speaker Jam, it was an amazing meeting.
- August 30th we visit the Nooners group and announce the open service positions at the District.

Problems or issues we are facing.

- We have 4 service positions open now: Corrections, Grapevine & Literature, Treatment and YPAA.
- A lot of the meetings in the cities that we cover as a District have no representation in the District (GSR’s).
- Some goals I hope to achieve or begin work on in the next month.
- Belinda has a list of the groups we have as District 34 and we are planning on identify the ones without GSR
- and go to 3 or 4 this month.
- Keep asking for help from the GSRs to spread the word about the open service positions we have at every meeting possible.
- Attend the upcoming events for our District and for me as DCM.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns, here is my contact information.

Yours in service,
Angel M.
DCM 34
(360)-421-4458

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

Name: John K.
Position: DCM
District number: 35
Date: 9/23/25

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

- Planning for the District 35 Gratitude Dinner is underway in earnest. It is being held on November 15 at Pine Lake Covenant Church in Sammamish. The event is free, and we’re offering complimentary childcare during the speaker portion of the evening.
- District 35’s CPC Committee is preparing two items for the upcoming Area CPC Quarterly:
 1. A tightened bid to host a CPC Quarterly in 2026.
 2. An overview presentation of our YP speaker panel visit to 7th grade students at Issaquah Middle School this past May

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 Young People's Speaker Panel Program: Expanding Impact

Our collaboration with District 36 at Issaquah Middle School (IMS) has been a tremendous success. We're returning for the second and third trimesters, reaching a minimum of three 7th grade classes with potential for expansion.

Current Challenge: Finding enough available young speakers. Our solution? We're hoping to partner with neighboring districts to build a shared reserve of young people we can all draw from for speaking opportunities.

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

Looking Ahead: Our first foray into ABC Middle School was a big success. The teacher who invited us into her classroom is very vested in the speaker panel program. She is a terrific collaborator and champion for the program and is eager to help it grow. Our conversations to date have produced several potential opportunities to expand the program, which we hope to vet and prioritize in the coming months. They include:

First, expanding within Issaquah Middle School to additional 7th grade classes. Second, introducing the program to other middle schools in the Issaquah district. Third, facilitating introductions to school districts within D35 and D36.

Beyond the classroom, we're exploring two additional key areas: Working with our Area and District CPC Committees to bring panels to school counselors, nurses, and security staff – the frontline personnel who first encounter students struggling with alcohol. And partnering with our PI Committees to include young people's voices in school-organized parent discussions, to inform and shed light on the topic through the eyes of young people who have experienced it.

Bottom Line: We have proof of concept, a champion educator, and a clear roadmap for scaling impact. Our next quarter focuses on building our speaker network and systematically expanding this successful program.

I'd welcome hearing how others have tackled similar speaker recruitment challenges.

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

Name: Mike L
Position: DCM
District number: 36
Date: 10/1/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. The focus of our business meetings this quarter has been discussions and presenting information on the Assembly motions. Over the course of two business meetings, we have presented information on the Assembly and got feedback from the groups on the motions. Up to this writing I am still getting feedback from GSR. I feel I know the district conscience well on the issues and urge the GSR to participate in the Assembly with their input and even minority opinions on the motions. We have also kicked off planning for our November gratitude dinner with a separate committee full of energy for this event. They have found a new location, a new time, and whole crew of new (and old) volunteers to help. We had a picnic in September, and a new speaker meeting started this summer (first Saturday of each month at Hope Hall). Regular women’s meeting has been happening at Echo Glen Children’s Center, and our corrections chair has an updated doc with all sorts of information for volunteers. You can find out more about everything in our district in our up-to-date website at <https://www.snovalleyaa.org>

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We filled our Alternate DCM and Secretary role recently but still have a lot of chair positions open. It is a continuing challenge to get our alcoholics interested in general service. Although I am grateful for the enthusiasm that our current district officers and GSR have (many are filling dual roles). The feedback I have received is to keep talking about general service, each presentation at larger gatherings (the speaker meeting and the gratitude dinner) has gotten one or two more people to check out the district. Look for those captive audiences and make sure we are informing as many as we can about AA’s Third Legacy and how this has helped our sobriety and our spiritual life.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Pull off a successful Gratitude Dinner and enter the holiday season with some more great service work in our Alcothons and annual gratitude tree that is hosted in our local 12 step fellowship hall. The gratitude tree is hosted by local AA and is not a district event per se, but I loved it last year and plan to attend in December. This celebration is done with an informal potluck and meeting where members are invited to speak about what they are grateful for and light a bulb on a decorated tree. Our alcothon takes place with meetings at the hour, around the clock on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day then again on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. This allows anyone experiencing the challenge of sobriety during the holidays to take a break and meet with other alcoholics.

Yours in Service,
Mike

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

Name: Lauren G.
Position: DCM
District: 37

No report submitted

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

Name: Kim Heeren
Position: DCM
District number: 38
Date: 09/03/25

- Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]
- District 38 continues to thrive as the summer comes to an end. We had our Founders day, which was prior to the last Quarterly, so we have been cruising since then. We have submitted our contract for District 38 Gratitude Banquet on November 8th and are gearing up for the big event.
 - Continuing to inform and educate District 38 on the responsibilities of GSRs and alike. I know that by getting this group informed and excited, we will be able to share the message of hope to newcomers in District 38!

- 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 do not see any issues we are dealing with at this very moment. Yes, we have a few positions open, but I do not think that is an issue. We just haven't found the people to fill them yet!

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

- Are we going to do Founders Day every year?
- Gratitude Banquet!
- Fellowship events is something the groups seem to want, therefore implementing some new ideas would be ideal.

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

Name: Robert M
Position: DCM
District number: 39

No report submitted

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

Name: Chris B.
Position: DCM
District number: 40

No report submitted

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

Name: Nate L.
Position: DCM
District: 41
Date: 10/2/25
Hi friends,

I’m grateful to be able to share a little about what’s been going on in District 41 lately. This district really is such a warm and welcoming group of meetings, and it continues to be a joy to serve alongside all of you. Every time we gather, whether it’s for our monthly district meetings or for one of our special events, I’m reminded of how lucky we are to have such dedicated members and such a spirit of unity.

Our monthly district meetings have been very well attended by GSRs. The GSRs bring back news and updates from their home groups, which helps us all stay connected and aware of what’s happening across the district. It creates this wonderful sense of shared purpose and makes it easier for us to support one another.

Another thing that stands out this year is the generosity of our groups. Thanks to everyone’s commitment to the 7th Tradition, our district has received strong contributions that allow us to continue to spread the message of AA.

In August, we enjoyed our annual summer district picnic at Magnolia Park. People brought their families (and dogs!), we shared meals and stories, and the atmosphere was filled with gratitude. Plus, the weather was literally perfect.

We’re still in the process of filling in some of our district committee chair positions. That continues to be a work in progress, but I want to thank the GSRs who have been spreading the word and encouraging folks in their groups to consider service.

Looking ahead, we are very excited about our upcoming annual Gratitude Banquet, which we host together with several neighboring districts. This is always one of the highlights of our year and we hope to see many of you later in November.

I’d also like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work of our members during our July Pre-Assembly. It was a successful event, and on top of that, we had incredible food! Moments of service and fellowship not only strengthen our district but remind us why we do this work together.

As we head into the final three months of 2025, I feel a sense of gratitude. We’ve had such a strong year and I’m so thankful for each of you and the love and service you bring to District 41.

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

Name: Teri Harte
Position: DCM
District number: 42
Date: 9/28/2025

Accomplishments this past quarter:

Whirlwind Summer! I am blessed.

- Patrick M., our fabulous Area Tech & Web Chair, squeezed us in between the July quarterly and the International Convention, bringing his presentation- thank you Patrick, great schpeel!
- Nine days later we joined D24 at their HUGE summer picnic- seeing many folks I haven’t seen in like 15 years! Fun!!
- In August we co-hosted an ahhmazing Pre-Assembly (taco fest!!) with Districts 14, 15, 16, 17, 31, 32, 40 & 41; great job y’all’s!!
- In September I zoomed into D24's biz mtg. and came away inspired. I changed up our agenda format a bit- having our GSR’s go “to the mic”. It worked well and I think they had fun.
- Our annual D42 picnic was a grand event; overnight the wildfire smoke cleared, it was a comfy 73*, not windy, and some 80-90 hungry A.A.’s and families came out to the beach. Two surprise visits! A Past Delegate AND a Past D42 CM!
- Our friend Eddy M-M, Vice Chair, Greater Seattle Intergroup presented his Roadshow, ending with an engaging Q&A session. Thanks Eddy!

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

- Again... Balance. Work. Life. Balance. Am I keeping spiritually fit for sanity?

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

- Three open Committees yet to fill: Tech/Web, CPC & PI
- Working on inventory action item #1, we formed an Ad Hoc committee, to gather information on locations/Wi-Fi /pricing for going back to in-person biz meetings. We will have a formal vote after the research is in.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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

Name: Jim B.
Position: DCM
District number: 43
Date: 9-17-2025

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

- We have been having a discussion about sending money downline, that was brought to our district about the transparency of how funds are being spent at GSO. I asked our Delegate Courtney to attend our last District meeting to help answer questions and concerns from the district. It was a very productive meeting and a lot of concerns were answered. I do believe the information we were presented with will help in moving forward with this topic in the future.

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 redoing our district handbook and have gone online and looked at some of the district handbooks that are posted there. I would like to see more of the GSRs and committee chairs get involved to help with this process because their input would be greatly appreciated. Our webservant and archives chairs had stepped down, but within a month from one district meeting to next both committee chairs had been filled.

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

- I know I have said this before, but I would like to be able to report that our district handbook is done. I am looking forward to starting to go around to the groups in the district group consciences to show support from their DCM. Our Gratitude Banquet is November 1st at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Thanks for letting me be of service.

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

Name: Kari Monreal
Position: DCM
District number: 44
Date: 9/17/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We held our first election for an open position for CSO Chair 2. There was a tie and we had to revote. – this was pretty exciting, and it filled my heart that my than 1 person made themselves available.
All other positions have been filled!!
Our last DCM, Chelsea, completed D44’s handbook and did a fantastic job.
Our district meetings are well attended.
□

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.
Our YP rep is the only person showing up for the monthly meeting-we are tabling if we should eliminate this position. No other members are attending. He will be attending until the end of the year.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin working on in the next quarter.
Participating in the Road show, and assisting with D44’s archives.

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

Name: John Cameron
Position: DCM
District number:45
Date: 9/19/25

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

- Our CPC Committee, Jim K and Sean, has gained real traction with JBLM military meetings and communication and booked more panels/presentations JBLM, PLU, Pierce College and a Nursing Home. And big win of a new member leaving their first meeting and saying they were fired up.
- Treatment going strong Troyan and Nick, bringing meetings into nearly a dozen facilities
- PI Committee Cindy and Darrell is on fire with the Fair hundreds of contacts made and reinstituted Road Show/3rd Legacy
- Corrections Leah and Robert. Planned for months and held a step workshop at Purdy prison., as AA volunteers can’t act as sponsors to inmates, Cleared outside visitors to hear 5th steps.
- Vigorous and robust discussion regarding Bus Signs, and the Newsletter
- Organized and held a Pre Assembly
- Working on a handbook revision were getting lots of participation, getting to the end and adding info graphics
- Put together a bid for the 2030 Assembly with almost 60 in attendance
- Prepared for being on an Assembly panel
- Had our summer Picnic and next month is our Gratitude Banquet
- Ongoing service manual, Traditions, and Concepts Studies.
- Planned a district Inventory for November

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 were running over on our overall time and have instituted a 3min hard cap for reports
- Last district meeting all our tech died and I managed to pull off an entire meeting from my phone.

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

- Maintain our Momentum
- New GSR who has yet to come to district, and a Dark Meeting that needs some help.
- We have a couple Liaison positions that need to be filled.

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

Name: Dave Johnson

Position: DCM
District number: 46
Date: 9/30/25

DCM46 - October 2025 Assembly Report

Northwest greetings, Area 72! District 46 is located in NW Washington and extends from Langley on Whidbey Island in the south up to Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands. Including towns like Anacortes, Freeland, Coupeville, La Connor, Oak Harbor, Eastsound, Friday Harbor and Clinton, District 46 covers a wide range of islands, half of which are only accessible by ferry. Necessarily, this poses challenges in getting together to do business and hold workshops. It’s why we became one of the first districts in Area 72 to become fully hybrid.

This past quarter might be characterized by the concept of consolidation. After making sure our GSRs and elected/appointed were familiar with the email and file system set up by Area within the google framework we began encouraging monthly reports to be posted online. Our motto might read “one way in which we share our experience, strength and hope.” Not everyone can make business meetings. To be able to read GSR reports online, to learn what some of our appointed chairs are doing, to refer back to a topic brought up in a business meeting; all these become opportunities for learning and sharing.

As we encouraged reports to be submitted online, as we created a workflow for reports to be posted online, from initially a minority of people presenting reports, we now see 80% of our GSRs submitting reports. It’s now possible for all our members to better understand and appreciate the efforts groups are regularly making to reach the alcoholic who still suffers.

Consolidation: After no workshops last year, with the encouragement of our third legacy chair, we put this on our agenda. After a bit of useful controversy, we settled on 4 workshops and have completed two of them. We might not hit 4 out of 4, but we will most likely see 3 out of 4. More to be revealed.

A notable amount of energy and effort to promote the pre-assemblies and provide background information took place. Each business meeting, we would examine one of the three motions, providing context and question/answer opportunities to our district members so that they could go back to their groups and get their input.

Consolidation: From polling our GSRs on whether they had these group discussions, to providing all relevant links to Assembly-related information (thank you Area 72!), we reached out to district members via our hybrid business meetings, targeted newsletters, our email distribution list and the GSR page on our website. We used the same channels to promote registration for the assembly and reservations at the hotels.

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

Name: David Hancock
Position: DCM
District number: 54
Date: 9/22/2025

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Our Standing Committees have significantly contributed to our community, a few of their accomplishments are as follows.

- CPC: Getting Big Books and 12X12s into the local libraries, in English as well as Spanish. Working on a Firefighter project and has put together a packet of pamphlets for 1st responders to hand out to those they come across in need.
- Corrections: Making good inroads in standing up meetings at the Enumclaw jail. We have not had a presence since Pre-COVID.
- District Newsletter: Our Editor released monthly editions of the Plateau Messenger since June! This District newsletter has returned after many years of absence! Read it and let us know what you think! [Plateau Messenger October 2025.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- PI: In addition to ensuring there is AA literature available throughout our community, the committee is working to get a panel into the local High School come this Fall. In addition, they hosted an AA Booth, for our first time ever, at the King County Fair in Enumclaw in July. The event was a great success!
- Treatment: The committee continues to take panels into several Treatment facilities in the general area.
- Workshop: As part of a 12 Step Workshop Series, the committee hosted an event on Steps 4 & 5 and a workshop on Steps 6 & 7 is scheduled for October 11th from 10:30-12:30 @ the Church of the Nazarene in Enumclaw.
- Our District Picnic was held on August 16 @ Mud Mountain Dam. We had decent weather and awesome fellowship, food, games & fun!

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

We are looking to fill a couple key District positions; Alt DCM (we have a gentleman shadowing the DCM at this time), CSO Director 2 & Third Legacy.

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

We have several activities underway to address some near-term goals.

- We are engaging a Banquet committee for our February 21st Anniversary celebration
- We just identified the team to generate our 2026 budget that we plan to present to the District at our November meeting.
- We have joined the 2026 Burien Little Assembly committee where District 54 will Co-Host the event in 2027 and Host/Chair in 2028. This is a very new responsibility for this rotation.
- We will form our District’s Inventory Committee in the coming months and conduct it in 1Q2026.

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

Name: Danielle E.
Position: DCM
District number: 55
Date: 9/27/25

Hello Area 72!

- We have had a great quarter with lots of people willing to be of service.
- We have our first young person’s chair and are excited to begin planning on our first ever young person’s meeting in district 55.
- We also have been getting together our volunteers for this January quarterly we are hosting with districts 56 and 22.
- Right around the corner we have our Halloween Party featuring a speaker, trunk or treat and costume contest.
- Then we have our annual gratitude dinner with Derek S as our speaker.

This is such a fun time for our district with all the different holiday activities.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Danielle Engdahl
DCM District 55

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

Name: Angie Graziano
Position: DCM
District number: 56
Date: 9/2/25

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

District 56 has been busy!

- Our groups have been preparing for Assembly, attending pre-Assembly sessions and meeting with their groups to garner input and prepare to vote.
- We have examined the digital newsletter, discussed the King County Bus Project and been reviewing topics for newsletter submissions.
- Additionally, our Answering Service Committee has been coordinating with other districts on the Olympic Peninsula to examine a more cost efficient and effective business solution.
- Our Treatment Chair is coordinating a robust program to bring meetings into treatment center.
- Our Young People’s Chair is working on organizing some special fall events.
- We are also planning for our Gratitude Banquet...and, planning to host the January Quarterly with Districts 55 and 22!
- Several of our Groups have celebrated significant milestone birthdays by hosting potlucks.
- During the past quarter, our groups have been discussing safety in AA and have shared AA safety literature with their members.
- We also hosted our annual picnic where the district servants had an opportunity to introduce themselves and minutely with members and their family and friends.

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

- Thankfully, we have not been facing problems or issues this quarter.
- Attendance at District meetings has been robust and folks are really pitching in!

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

- Next quarter, our District will be hyper-focused on the Gratitude Banquet and the January Quarterly planning.
- We plan to have the Answering Service Initiative closed out and ready to implement in January 2026.

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

Name: Reyes M.
Position: DCM
District Number: 57
Date: 10/1/25

District 57 North Seattle to Mount Vernon district meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month, the first meeting is for group reports and the second is for service manual study.

We continue to visit the groups that do not have a server to motivate them to send their server and to keep them informed about what is being worked on in the area!

Thank you!

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: 10/9/25

Good afternoon to everyone who is gathered, I'm Luis G

MCD of District 58 of Area 72.

I herewith send you my Report and what we have done as a District and with its committees.

We continue to take Study Boards of the Manual every

First Sunday of the month and Work Meetings on the second

Sunday of the month from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM or later, we continue to visit the groups to motivate them and they will be with their RSG'S. Also tell you that the District already has another committee, it is nothing less than the website with its owner Julio L. and with that committee together with the District, we are taking the Public Information Simulations, and I also want to thank all the RSG that have been

FLOOR DISCUSION TOPICS AND MOTIONS

All Floor Motions subject to Motion 06.4

Motion 06.4 states: We move that the Western Washington Area Assembly deal with floor motions in the following manner. Prior to formally discussing and voting on floor motions, the Area Chairperson will determine by simple majority vote whether the Assembly wants to:

- a) Address, discuss, and vote on the floor motion at that time; or*
- b) Refer the floor motion to the Quarterly process to be considered for addition to the agenda for the following Assembly*

Floor Motion #1:

Move that Western Washington Area 72 fund ASL Interpretation for the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) in 2026.

Moved by Courtney S., Area Delegate, Seconded by District 21.

Background presented by Courtney S., Area Delegate:

The Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) is preparing for its 2026 event, with Area 72 hosting again. The region has historically supported Spanish and ASL interpretation, a practice revisited each time they host. Following a 2022 motion, they funded both services last year. Given the strong ASL community in Southern Western Washington and Oregon, we propose continuing this support for 2026. The motion aims to maintain accessibility for all participants.

In accordance with Motion 06.4 the Area Body voted by a simple majority for option a) Address, discuss, and vote on the floor motion

Discussion on Floor Motion #1

- Courtney S., Area Delegate mentioned that that are printed copies distributed and that estimate the cost for ASL interpretation to be around \$3,000.00.
- Angel, DCM D34 said he is in favor of this motion because English is his second language and fully understands the need for interpretation at all levels.
- John, DCM D45 said he is very familiar with trying to obtain ASL for various meetings in the Area and having researched this and spoken with a hard of hearing A.A. friend says he is very much in support of this motion.
- Houston, Area Registrar believes interpretation is essential especially since we know there will be a need for it.
- Rachel said before she was a GSR she was the Accessibility Chair for D24 and is a sign interpreter. There is a school for the deaf and hard of hearing in Vancouver, WA and Salem, OR which is a reason why there is such a concentration of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in those areas. She has heard much regarding deaf and hard of hearing members wanting to be more involved in service and is in support of this motion.
- Jim, representing Edmond Fellowship, D24 believes that if you are asked to do something, such as this, you do it. I think it’s a good idea.
- Jo, DCM D25 wondered why Area 72 was being asked to fund something for the PNC?
- Lupita, Area Alt Delegate, answered that to keep registration costs as low as we can is one of our goals and that the Area 72 has already agreed to fund Spanish interpretation to keep registration costs low. It is also our year to host so the burden falls on us.
- Erin said that, as she remembers, Area 92 had ASL interpreters so we can’t let them beat us!
- Zach R., GSR for the South End Fellowship, D18 said he has a heart for this because his brother is hard of hearing and quoted A.A. Tradition 5 that says, “each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a Spiritual entity. Having but one primary purpose set on carrying it’s message to the alcoholic who still suffers.” As the hosting Area is of primary importance to pass this motion.
- Javier, I have participated in PNC in Wenatchee, and it seems I was the only Spanish speaking member, so if just one person requires interpretation in language or ASL we should provide it.
- Elaine G., GSR for the Foglifters Group, D8 said she feels we should provide ASL.
- Derek N., Area Alt Treasurer asked if this motion were to fail would there still be ASL interpretation?
- Eddy, Alt Chair for the 2026 PNC said that would not be the case because it is an expensive line item and there is a chance it might not be provided.
- Derek N., thanked Eddy for the clarification and shared that he, himself, is hard of hearing and fully supports this motion.
- William, GSR for the Hot Stove Group asked if there is a way that if there is no need do we still need to pay for it?
- Eddy, Alt Chair 2026 PNC stated that we would not need to pay for it if there was no need.
- Rodrigo believes it would be nice to have the interpretation.
- Francis, GSR, D33 said he’s had people come to the Alano Club who needed ASL and he is all for it and said he would fund \$1,000.00 himself so no one is excluded.
- Liz, Alt GSR for the Serenity Sisters Group, D27 said this is like the Language of the Heart to her and asked what would Bill W. do? She believes we should fund this.
- Brad Q., GSR for the Flimsy Reed Group, D44 believes this to be very important.
- At this point there was a call for the question.
- Lisa, Area Alt Chair said that since there were still 2 people at the mic we would continue.
- Another individual mentioned that there is definitely a need for more interpretation at our meetings.

Lisa, Area Alt Chair called for the vote.

The motion passed unanimously so no call for minority opinion.

Floor Motion #1 now becomes Motion 25.4 and is stated as follows:

Move that Western Washington Area 72 fund ASL Interpretation for the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) in 2026.

Floor Motion #2:

We move that Western Washington Area 72 reduce the geofence restrictions on the Area 72 website.

Before discussion, the maker of Floor Motion #2 (D25) by their DCM, Jo G., requested to the Chair that the motion be moved to Sunday.

Upon opening the topic of Floor Motion #2, Derek S., Area Chair, presented th option of moving this Floor Motion to Sunday at 9:30 am for the Motion 06.4 vote first, and then discussion if the body voted for option a) address, discuss and vote.

Tammy, GSR, Came to Believe Group, suggested/moved that we vote under Motion 06.4 tonight and if we select option a), we discuss Floor Motion #2 on Sunday morning and if we select Option b), the Floor motion carries to the Quarterly process next year. This motion was seconded by _____.

Derek S., Area Chair clarified that we are now voting on whether we move the floor motion to tomorrow at 9:30 am (complete with the Motion 06.4 process) or run it through Motion 06.4. tonight with discussion on Sunday morning if the body votes for option a).

Derek S., Area Chair, called for a vote on whether to move the entire process to Sunday morning (including the Motion 06.4 process) or run the Motion 06.4 process tonight and if the body voted to address, discuss and vote on the motion under option a), that discussion would occur Sunday morning.

The body voted to run Motion 0.4 process tonight.

Aarin, GSR, expressed her opposition to moving the Floor Motion discussion to Sunday because she could not in attendance on Sunday and would like to discuss this through the Quarterly process instead of Sunday morning.

Derek S. Area Chair stated that we have a hard stop at 11:30 pm so there wouldn't be time to discuss the motion tonight of the body voted to discuss the motion under motion 06.4 a)clarified

Derek S., Area Chair asked those who voted for run it through Motion 06.4, after hearing minority opinion, would like to change their vote.

No one moved to changed their vote, minority opinion fails and the motion will be presented for Motion 06.4 process tonight, with discussion, if any, on Sunday morning

Floor Motion #2 moved by Jo G., DCM D25, Seconded by _____.

Background presented by Jo G., DCM D25:
We request the removal or reduction of geofence restrictions on their website to allow international members access. The restrictions were implemented to prevent spam attacks, blocking access from outside the U.S. and Canada. The proposal suggests that the webmaster and the web steering committee explore alternative security measures to maintain the site's functionality without geographic limitations.

In accordance with Motion 06.4 the Area Body voted by a simple majority for option b) Refer the floor motion to the Quarterly process to be considered for addition to the agenda for the following Assembly

The Area Chair recognized Desi with a Minority Opinion

- Desi, D24 stated their district has an online group in the Ukraine and believes there is an urgency to having this geofencing issue taken care of.

Derek S., Area Chair recognized the minority opinion and asked if they were a voting member of the Area. The individual is not a voting member and, procedurally, only voting members may express a minority opinion.

Seeing no minority opinion from a voting member, Floor Motion 2, in accordance with Motion 06.4 b), will be referred to the Quarterly process to be considered for addition to the agenda for the following assembly.

Adjournment: Moved by District 8, 2nd by District 29: Approved
Closed with Responsibility Statement at 11:10 PM
Respectfully Submitted,

Don N.
WWA72 Secretary

Flyers, Events, and Forms

D45 GRATITUDE
BANQUET &
DESSERT POTLUCK

NOV 1ST,
2025

LOCATION

STEILACOOM
COMMUNITY CENTER
5PM-9PM 2301 WORTHINGTON ST
STEILACOOM, WA 98388



TICKETS
AND TIME

TICKET COST: \$20
AVAILABLE FROM A D45 GSR
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM MEXICAN FOOD
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PANEL 57 (2007-2008)



ACTIVITIES

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RAFFLE BASKETS
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D45 ARCHIVES DISPLAY

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT: MARY W. ALT DCM D45
253-592-1377

BURIEN
LITTLE
ASSEMBLY
PLANNING GROUP

WHEN
3rd SUNDAYS 10:30am-11:30am
August 17th, 2025
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Seattle, WA 98108

53RD ANNUAL
BURIEN LITTLE ASSEMBLY
Humility in Action
Saturday, March 14, 2026

WHERE
ZOOM MEETING
ZOOM ID 810 1629 87
PASSCODE 817009

WWW.BURIENLITTLEASSEMBLY.ORG

WESTERN WASHINGTON AREA 72

ARCHIVES
QUARTERLY

NOVEMBER 1ST 2025

10AM TO 2PM
EDMONDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
22600 96TH AVE W, EDMONDS, WA 98020

Hybrid Quarterly and Potluck
Hosted by District 24
Main Dish: BBQ Chicken Sliders and Coleslaw
Learning Session with Nancy K Past Area 7
Archivist: Early AA Women's History
MEETING ID: 895 8451 3370
PASSCODE: Archives
For more information contact
archiveschair@area72aa.org

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TRIMESTRAL
DE ARCHIVOS

1 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2025

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Hibrido Trimestral y almuerzo alojado por
Distrito 24
Plato Principal: Mini hamburguesas de pollo a la
barbacoa y ensalada de repollo
Sesión de aprendizaje con Nancy K. Ex archivista
del Área 7:
Historia de las mujeres de AA tempranas
ID de Reunion: 895 8451 3370
Código de Acceso: Archives
Para mas informacion contactar la coodinadora
de archivos
archiveschair@area72aa.org

VOLUNTEER FOR A SHIFT
AND REPRESENT AA @
THE NAADAC 2025
CONFERENCE
OCT 11-13

We need
YOU

Contact Sooz:
cpc@area72aa.org

National Association of
Addiction Treatment Providers
- Hyatt Regency, Bellevue

DISTRICT 32

Business Meeting

1st Monday
of the Month
7:00PM

MONTHLY GSR & COMMITTEE MEETING

GSRs, Committee Chairs & guests meet
to discuss & support service activities,
share information & resources,
encourage participation, and make
decisions to support AA in our area
(Auburn, Federal Way, Algona, Pacific)

BROOKLAKE CHURCH COFFEE SHOP
629 S 356TH ST, FEDERAL WAY, WA

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AREA 72 ACCESSIBILITY QUARTERLY

October 18th, 2025

The room opens a little before 10:00 am. Meeting starts at 10:00am and ends before 2:00 pm.

This is a hybrid event, hosted by District 18.
Cadence 3 Media (private office), located in
Kirkland, park anywhere in the parking lot
1128 8th St. Kirkland, WA 98033
https://maps.app.goo.gl/i2uSbNUNaNgTaCK58?g_st=ipc
There will be coffee and water, please bring some
finger foods, snacks to share

Meeting ID: 85403489813
Passcode: 813238 <https://area72aa-org.zoom.us/j/85403489813?pwd=V0piL2FHV001UWE0M1ZYNW4xMitzUT09>
For questions contact
Bud Wasierski Area 72 Accessibility Chair accessibility@area72aa.org
(253) 392-4748

Interpretation at quarterlies can be scheduled with advanced notice.
We will be passing the basket on site for the 7th tradition. Our quarterly meeting is self-supporting.
Plan on tossing five or ten bucks into the basket. You can also Venmo Sasha Bishop directly.
Our host, @Sasha-Bishop



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A NEW BEGINNING

GRATITUDE
POTLUCK



Join us for an evening of food,
fellowship, speakers, and fun!

BRING YOUR FAVORITE
DISH OR SIDE TO SHARE

Enter to win AA books in the raffle!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH,
6 TO 9 P.M.
15403 AMBAUM BLVD SW,
BURIEN



2025
Gratitude
Banquet

SAVE
the
DATE

You are never alone

SAT. NOVEMBER 15th

Alcoholics Anonymous District 5

50/50
RAFFLE

Gift Basket
Raffle

Join us for:

Dinner, AA & Al-Anon Speakers and Fellowship!

Fellowship @ 4:00pm, Dinner @ 5:00pm, Speakers @ 6:00pm

Location - Sage Hills Church
1601 5th St. Wenatchee, WA
Held in Gym & Fireside Room

Prepared & Sliced
Turkeys & hams will be provided by home groups
Please Bring Gravy, Salads, Side Dishes or Desserts

Questions? Want to be of Service?
Text:
Ward 509-421-8701 or
Tony 509-264-7409



DISTRICT 8

GRATITUDE
BANQUET



SERVICE THE HEART OF AA:
GIVING BACK WHAT WAS FREELY GIVEN

SPEAKERS:TBA

FOOD FELLOWSHIP SPEAKER MEETING

NOV.15

3PM-8PM

OLYMPIA HIGH SCHOOL
1302 NORTH ST SE, OLYMPIA,
WA 98501

HELP
needed

TICKET
TICKETS \$15
(includes
potluck)

BASKET DONATIONS: GROUPS AND
INDIVIDUALS MAY DONATE AS
MANY AS YOU LIKE, THEMED
BASKETS ENCOURAGED.

Turkey, Ham and all
the fixings (vegan
option available)

Please bring a potluck item:
(Last Name Initial)
A-E desserts,
F-J Hors d'oeuvres,
K-N Rolls/Bread, O-S Salads,
T-Z Side Dishes

FELLOWSHIP,
50-50 RAFFLE,
DOOR PRIZES
AND MORE!

Contact
us

We NEED Volunteers for the planning
committee, set up and clean up. To
volunteer contact Call/text Chaz 360-359-
2429 or Karli 775-544-8814

Chair people please join us on Saturdays at
2pm on Zoom, Zoom id: 88973628230
Passcode: 685582

DISTRICT 44

GRATITUDE
Banquet

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

5PM DOORS OPEN
6PM DINNER
FOLLOWED BY
DESSERT POTLUCK

7PM SPEAKER

SOBRIETY
COUNTDOWN

8:15 RAFFLE
CLOSING PRAYER

THEME: PURPLE HAZE A 1970S EXPERIENCE
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE 1970S OUTFIT!

STAY GROOVY

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH HALL
1001 N. J STREET
TACOMA WA 98403

SPEAKER : EDDIE M.

District 34

GRATITUDE DINNER

November 22, 2025

North Bellevue Community Center

4063 148th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA

Time 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Suggested dish – use 1st letter of last name

A-H Salads/Stuffing/Dinner Rolls

I-Q Side Dishes/Veggies/Casseroles

R-Z Desserts

Groups – Pre-sliced turkey, ham or main dish

Contact Belinda: altdcm34@area72aa.org

DISTRICT 33

GRATITUDE BANQUET

Saturday, November 1st
5pm - 8pm

Tahoma High School Commons
(please use the east entrance off Hwy 169)

Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes
& gravy provided.

Potluck-style sides and
desserts by sobriety month ~

Jan-Aug: Side/Salad
Sept-Dec: Dessert

Speakers
50/50 Raffle
Sobriety Countdown

This is a FREE event
– donations gladly
accepted

Questions? Want to volunteer?
Please contact Heather D.
425-877-5473

Repository Work Party Schedule Sep25-Dec26					
Year	Mon	Date	Day	Work Party	Future events may influence archive activities.
2025	Aug	8/17/2025	Sun	12-3	Prep D/31 8/24 Zoom, 9/6 Rep 2-5, D31 Archives & Sponsorship Workshop 9/20/25
2025	Sep	9/21/2025	Sun	12-3	Area Check in 9/21 & Assembly 10/3-5/25
2025	Oct	10/19/2025	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Regional Archives Workshop 10/25/25 & Arch Qtly 11/1 Edmonds
2025	Nov	11/1/2025	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in
2025	Dec	12/21/2025	Sun	12-3	Area Check in & ACM Qtly 1/2-3/26
2026	Jan	1/18/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Arch Qtly 2/7
2026	Feb	2/15/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & BOT2026 Tacoma & PRAASA Hawaii - 2/27-3/2 (2/25-3/2-Mary)
2026	Mar	3/15/2026	Sun	12-3	Area Check in & ACM Qtly 4/10-12/26 & 85th WA AA & IAAMC SeaTac 4/10-12/26
2026	Apr	4/19/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Arch Qtly 5/2
2026	May	5/17/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in, 6/21 & Caplam Lacey & Founders Day Akron, 6/10-14/26
2026	Jun	6/21/2026	Sun	12-3	Area Check in & ACM Qtly 7/10-11/26 & PNC 6/26-28/26 Vancouver
2026	Jul	7/19/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Step Ashore 8/6-9/26 & La Vina 30th 7/24-26/26
2026	Aug	8/16/2026	Sun	12-3	Arch Qtly 8/1/26 & NAAAW 2026 9/10-13/26 Tacoma
2026	Sep	9/20/2026	Sun	12-3	Area Check in & Assembly 10/2-4/26
2026	Oct	10/18/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & Arch Qtly 11/7
2026	Nov	11/15/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in
2026	Dec	12/20/2026	Sun	12-3	Appt'd Check in & ASC Rotation Potluck
Area 72 Archives					

8/21/2025

Work Party:

P.I. Quarterly

November 8

Congregational Church

301 Lewis St. Monroe

Doors at 9:30 for fellowship
10 a.m. - 2p.m.

zoom hybrid

id# 896 5804 3258

Passcode : Publicinfo

A PRESENTATION ON ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & ALCOHOLISM

Helping Professionals Help
Their Patients

- Developed for professionals with patients who drink too much
- Learn strategies to foster sobriety
- Understand the AA program of recovery from the professional's perspective



Be a Part of
the Solution

WEDNESDAY
14 JANUARY 2026

7 pm Eastern
6 pm Central
4 pm Pacific

**FREE
ONLINE
EVENT**



Scan to join

Zoom Login ID:
810 9099 6343
Password: 411

- Open to professionals, students, first responders, and anyone interested in learning more about AA and Alcoholism
- With Al-Anon participation. Al-Anon is a Twelve-Step support program for the friends and loved ones of alcoholics.



For more information or
<https://www.aabayarea.org/nursing-event/>

Sponsored by AA Nurses Group
and the AA Bay Area PPG Group



Gratitude BANQUET

Hosted by D15, D40 and D41

FRIDAY NOV 21 2025

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
732 18TH AVE E SEATTLE, WA 98112

FELLOWSHIP STARTS AT 5:30, DINNER AT 6:30PM
SPEAKERS AT 7:30

50/50 RAFFLE & 7TH TRADITION OBSERVED

HOST DISTRICTS WILL PROVIDE TURKEY, TOFURKEY, POTATOES, STUFFING,
GRAVY, COFFEE &
BEVERAGES.

GUESTS PROVIDE POTLUCK DISHES BASED ON FIRST NAME GUIDE BELOW:

A-I - DESSERTS
J-P - SIDE DISHES
Q-Z- SALADS

ASL INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT ALTDCM40@AREA72AA.ORG



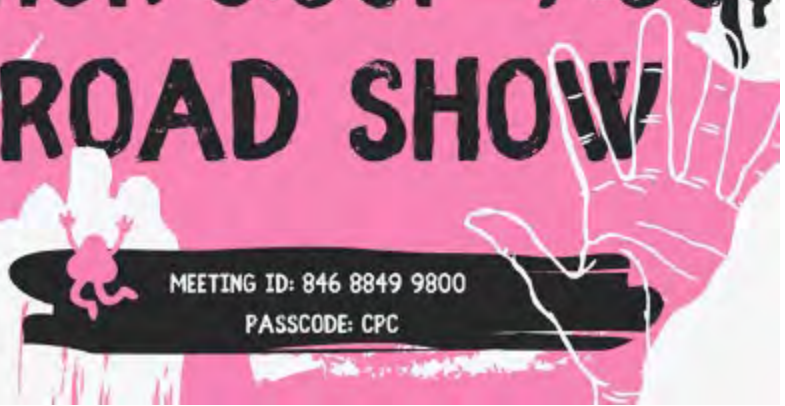
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ROAD SHOW COMMITTEE

EVERY OTHER

THUR 6:30P-7:30P

ROAD SHOW



MEETING ID: 846 8849 9800
PASSCODE: CPC



Área 72 del oeste de Washington

Informe trimestral de negocios de enero de 2026



Enero 2º y 3º 2026

7 Cedars Casino & Resort
270756 Highway 101
Sequim, WA 98382

Información del hotel anfitrión

7 Cedars Casino & Resort

Tarifa de la habitación: \$149.00/noche + impuestos

Para reservar una habitación, visite: <https://gettaroom.bdccheckin.com/7cedars/tip/WesternWashingtonArea72> o llama al: 360-683-7777 y presiona 1. Informa a la recepción que perteneces al Grupo del Área 72.

Las habitaciones de hotel deben reservarse antes del 14 de diciembre de 2025 para obtener la tarifa de grupo.

Viernes por la noche @7 cedros

17:00 – 19:00 –Cena por tu cuenta
19:00 – 21:00 –Inventano de área
21:00 –Helado Social

Sábado @ 7 cedros

7:30 – 8:30.– Puertas abiertas para la confraternidad
8:30 – 12:00 – Reunión de negocios
12:00 – 13:00 – Almuerzo
13:00.– Currículums empresariales

Formulario de inscripción para la reunión de negocios del Área 72 de enero de 2026.
Por Favor, complete el formulario y envíelo con matasellos antes del 5/12/2025

Las Reuniones Trimestrales de Negocios se autofinancian. Los fondos excedentes se transfieren al Área 72 del Oeste de Washington

Marque todos los elementos que desee incluir y haga su cheque a nombre de:
District 22 AA

☐ Costo de Inscripción (presencial)
☐ Costo de Inscripción (Virtual)
☐ Costo de Inscripción (Ambos)

\$23.00*

\$17.00*

\$23.00*

La fecha límite para las inscripciones por correo para las comidas es el 14/12/2025

☐ Helado del viernes por la noche
☐ Almuerzo del sábado (Almuerzo para llevar)

\$21.00

\$24.00

☐ Carnes frías
☐ Vegetariano
☐ Sin gluten

Importe total adjuntos

\$

Please circle your position:

RSG RSG Alterno
MCD MCD Alterno
Delegado Pasado
Voluntario Miembro

Para registrarse, visite el sitio web del área o complete y envíe este formulario de registro antes del 5 de diciembre de 2025 a:

District 22 AA, ATTN: Johnny L
150 Parkway Heights Drive
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Nombre de pila: _____

Teléfono: _____

Grupo de inicio: _____

Apellido: _____

correo: _____

Dirección: _____

*Tiene requisitos especiales de accesibilidad? Por favor, póngase en contacto con nosotros attchairs@area72aa.org

Fecha límite de solicitud de intérprete: 1 de diciembre, 2025 a languagechairs@area72aa.org

Cualquier pregunta envíe un correo electrónico shirleybock@920@gmail.com

*La tarifa de inscripción ayuda a compensar el alquiler y los gastos según la Moción 90.2 y es una contribución voluntaria.