

## **2009 PRE-CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

The purpose of this email is to provide you with some background information on the Pre-Conference process in Area 72, so that you may arrive at the January Quarterly informed enough to make the necessary decisions regarding the scheduling of this years Pre-Conferences. **We will be scheduling the Pre-Conference dates and groupings at the January Quarterly.**

We use the Pre-Conferences to distribute the information on General Service Conference agenda topics to the groups in Western Washington. The Conference agenda information is made available about February 15<sup>th</sup> so the Pre-Conferences are scheduled in the month of March in order to allow enough time for the groups to review the information and provide their input to the Delegate prior to the Conference, which takes place at the end of April.

To complicate this process your Delegate is required to attend a couple of other functions in or near this time period, these events are the Pacific Region Alcoholic Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) and the WWA April Quarterly.

So the available weekend dates for the 2009 Pre-Conferences are;

Saturday – March 14, 2009  
Sunday – March 15, 2009  
Saturday – March 21, 2009  
Sunday – March 22, 2009  
Saturday – March 28, 2009  
Sunday – March 29, 2009

Because we can only hold a limited number of Pre-Conferences in the allotted time we usually use something like the following groupings of districts;

Eastside Districts – Districts 18, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38 & 39  
Northern Districts – Districts 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, 24 & 57  
Peninsula Districts – Districts 10, 22, 46, 55 & 56  
Southern Districts – Districts 7, 8, 21, 27, 28 & 37  
Seattle Districts – Districts 1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 31, 32, 40, 41 & 42  
Tacoma Districts – Districts 9, 29, 44, 45 & 54

**These are suggested districts grouping only! Which grouping each district wants to participate with is up to that district.**

The districts in each grouping should get together and select one district to host. This host district will be responsible for selecting and scheduling the Pre-Conference facility and coordinating the event with the other districts.

Information & Flyer – An informational flyer listing the participating districts, date, time and location of the event, and any other pertinent information should be to the newsletter editor preferably by the January 14<sup>th</sup> deadline but no later than by February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Food & Fellowship – Some districts have traditionally provide a fellowship hour with coffee and snacks prior to the event if it is in the morning, or have had a potluck before if the event is in the afternoon.

Sound System – The host district should schedule with the Area Sound person if the sound system will be required.

Funding – The districts in each grouping should also agree on how the event will be funded, either by each distinct contributing a pre-agreed amount or by passing of a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition basket at the event. In either case please insure that sufficient funds are provided to the hosting district by the end of the event.

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