

WESTERN WASHINGTON AREA # 72 QUARTERLY

July 11, 2009

North Bend, Washington

Area Chair, Randel P. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 8:32 A.M.

A motion was made by District 44, seconded by District 9 to tape the meeting for use by Area Secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick, alternate DCM, District 33 read the Twelve Traditions, and Ted O., Alternate DCM, District 36, read the Twelve Concepts.

The Chair made the following statements:

“We will be using Roberts Rules of Order ‘loosely’ today. Our objective is to move through business as smoothly as possible. Please keep a clear focus on the issues being discussed to eliminate as much confusion as possible and do not hesitate to ask for clarification.

“Our Area committee consists of the DCM’s and the Appointed and Elected Area Trusted Servants. Our Past Delegates and others are invited to participate in discussions. I will encourage all of the Area committee to share their knowledge and experience. Only the Elected Trusted servants and the DCMs or substituting Alternate DCMs may vote. The Area trusted servants will be using the microphone at the podium to give their reports; the floor microphones will be used for questions and discussions.

“Reminder: New motions must be in by 10:00 AM. We ask for 2 copies in the box at the front of the table by the Secretary.”

Past Area Delegates present were introduced: Barbara M. and Jim M., both from Northern Coastal California, panel 41 (1991 and 92) and panel 45 (1995 and 96), respectively; Shirley R., Western Missouri, panel 49, 1999 and 2000; Eddie H., panel 53, 2003 and 04; Dick D., panel 55, 2005 and 06, and Gail H., panel 57, 2007 and 08.

Host Committee announcements were given by Jeff N., DCM, District 36.

Timer was Kate P., Sunlight of the Spirit group, District 36.

A motion was made by District 54, seconded by District 19 to approve the minutes from the April Quarterly meeting. Motion passed.

[General disclaimer from the Area Secretary: all written reports were transcribed or copied as supplied, with no correction or editing, except for very minor changes as needed for clarity. If I received no written report, I reserved the right to summarize the oral report given. All reports submitted in Spanish were transcribed to the best of my ability, but I would particularly welcome careful proofreading of these sections by those who, unlike me, can read Spanish.

No attempt has been made to precisely reproduce discussion of motions or other topics; a synopsis has been placed in the minutes. Every effort was made to include all opinions and topics brought forward. Any omission was an oversight and not malicious in intent].

ELECTED TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS

Delegate – Dave T.

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

General Service Board Trustees

At the May 2nd Board meeting it was suggested to ask one of the rotating out trustees to remain on if Class A Trustee Jeanne Woodford should resign as expected. However during a special conference call meeting on June 5th the board held a lengthy discussion which included the following concerns:

- Urgency of the need to fill the vacancy
- Needs of the Fellowship
- Needs of the General Service Board
- Rotation
- Delegate input regarding the process to fill the vacancy

With much thought and consideration, the General Service Board has decided to leave the Class A Trustee position vacant at this time, and requested that the trustees' Nominating Committee begin the process of filling the vacancy and present the nominee's name to the 2010 General Service Conference for approval.

So until the 2010 Conference, the General Service Board will operate short one Class A trustee in addition to operating short one Class B regional trustee and one Class B General Service trustee. A reminder that the deadline for submitting resumes for the Class B General Service trustee position is July 15th. Deadline for submitting resumes for the Class A trustee position is July 17th. And let's not forget that at our upcoming Assembly we will be selecting a candidate for Pacific Regional Trustee using the 3rd Legacy election process.

General Service Office Staff Assignments

Staff at our General Service Office will affect their biennial rotation on Monday, July 13. Even though they are paid staff the staff members at GSO rotate their desk assignments every two years. I have provided a list of the new assignments so you will know who those links on the AA website (AA.org) are directed to.

From my trip to New York I have a whole new appreciation of the staff people and the job they do for us and I don't think that we, the fellowship, adequately express that to them. So I would like to ask you to help me start a new tradition in our area by addressing the staff by name when we are contacting GSO with a request and also that we thank them in advance for their service and assistance. And remember there are 1.3 million of us and only about 80 staff members. Lastly on this topic I would like to request that you copy me on correspondence to GSO, particularly things from our committees; this will allow me to support you better as sometimes questions are sent back to me to handle and is more difficult to help when I get brought into an issue late.

2010 INTERNATIONAL

Its time to get serious about planning for the 2010 International in San Antonio. This is going to be AA's 75th Birthday party. Registrations forms will be coming out between now and our Assembly, probably first part of September. We are not going to be using the hotel lottery system this year; once you are registered you will be making your own hotel reservations on a first come first serve basis.

Also we will be putting together volunteers to staff a Pacific Regional hospitality room at the International. The first step in that process will be to find someone to act as our Areas volunteer coordinator. The requirements are someone with a good past history of service preferably at the area level and not currently serving in a position any more tasking than group coffeemaker. As I will be quite busy with the Conference and Delegate Report Backs during the months leading up to the International I would prefer someone capable of taking this thing and just running with it.

DELEGATE'S REPORTS

So far 2 Intergroups and only about half the districts have scheduled reports. I don't know what more I can do to impress upon you that the time for getting these done is rapidly running out, Delegate Reports are not a Holiday Event. Next year I think we will look at more combined Report Backs – something more like we do our Pre-Conferences

Alternate Delegate – Debbie A.

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

GSR Workshop – April 11th – District 18 & 33

GSR Workshop – April 25th – District 21

GSR Workshop – April 26th – Pierce County

Traditions Workshop – May 9th – Meeker Fellowship – District 29

GSR Workshop – May 16th – District 7 & 37

District 29 Inventory – June 9th

GSR Workshop – June 27th – District 10, 22, 55 & 56

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. None at this time

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

I would like to work with the Seattle districts in participating in GSR Workshops. It appears we have these workshops with no support from the Greater Seattle Area. To assist at the Pre-assemblies. Will assist District 1 in a concept workshop. Be available to districts

Treasurer – Mike M.

Quarterly Financial Report – 2nd Quarter of 2009; see separate attachment

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

I'm not sure what other past DCMs do, but I try to show up at District 10's district meeting as often as I can. District 10 is as active as ever and I find it awesome to be included in their activities!

I was invited to give a 7th Tradition presentation in District 44 at the Tacoma Central service office. Thanks to James and District 44 for letting me speak about this important subject!

Some of us traveled to The 12 Concepts workshop in Port Angeles in April, that was fun, and Ernie M. was early. Also, Steve M. a past DCM of District 17 has been holding a Service Manual study on Friday nights at 7PM at the Greater Seattle Intergroup.

I was able to attend the GSR workshops in Aberdeen in April, and Sequim in June and it was fun seeing everyone interested in service there. I also sat in on a Web Committee meeting in May.

Some of us went to see Dave's first report back from the General Service Conference at his home District in May. That was fun, and Dave had a fine first report. I also attended the informal Trusted Servants meeting in June at the Greater Seattle Intergroup.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Have your home group make regular financial contributions to the Area! (See the middle paragraph on page 30 of "Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age" as a reference).

If you receive a free newsletter subscription from the Area then you can help out by paying for its full \$12 price!

Alternate Treasurer – Tammy M.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. The QuickBooks software is up and running smoothly. After Mike and I got most of the kinks worked out the preparation of the financial statements has gone much smoother. The idea is to be more transparent with the groups about where there money is going.

The Finance committee is a full working committee and we have already had many items on the agenda and one variable budget request. I would like to thank them for their service; it is a great group of people to work with.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. As so many groups and districts already know contributions are down. This is a time of financial hardship for many. My suggestion would be to remember what it is we are trying to

do which is to reach the still-suffering alcoholic. Make sure the groups know where the money is going and why it is needed.

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

Another goal still for the next quarter and the year is to visit the groups and districts to give 7th Tradition presentations. Not just to tell them that we need money but to talk about the spiritual part of giving both time and money.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON THE TREASURER'S AND ALTERNATE TREASURER'S REPORT

--No memo is listed for some of the check register entries. This is fairly easy to do in Quick Books and would make cross-referencing the items easier.

--The balances on the first sheet of the report vary from the other sheets.

Mike: this is because the first sheet is the actual checking account balances as of 6/30, which did not deduct outstanding checks, whereas the subsequent sheets are like checkbook registers, which deduct checks as soon as they are written.

--How would one pay for a newsletter subscription and not get a second copy, that is, the copy one pays for and the free copy provided as an Area trusted servant?

Kim (Registrar): communicate with her if you do this, and she will make sure that you don't get two copies. However, you should also bear in mind that the copy sent to the DCM belongs to the District, and the copy sent to the GSR belongs to the group, so if people in either of these positions want their own copy, they will need to receive two.

--There seems to be no plan for how we are going to make up the shortfall between the budgeted Area funds and the incoming contributions. Do we need to more aggressively curb expenses?

Mike: the budget is a "worst-case scenario", estimating what the *maximum* expenditure would be in every case. It has never happened that the entire budgeted amount has been spent, and if current trends of both contributions and expenses continue, we will make it through without a shortfall. We probably won't be able to contribute to GSO at the end of the fiscal year, but we will be solvent. On the other hand, it is always prudent to decrease expenses where possible, and I have made some suggestions in my report. In part, our current solvency is due to the efforts our trusted servants have already undertaken to curb costs.

--It is difficult to understand the line item for the Archives repository; it appears that the amount would suggest we are paying quarterly, but on this quarterly report, the payment appears twice.

Mike: this is an anomaly created by when the payments were made. It just so happens that both last quarter and this quarter were paid out in this quarter. No payments appeared on last quarter's statement. We did not double pay.

--Could you clarify the \$630 translation expense noted on page three?

Tammy: this is to translate the Area Handbook into Spanish.

--We need a summary of all this data that will be easily understood by the groups.

Mike: good point; I will work on this and send it out.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by District 21 and seconded by District 14. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair – Randel P.

Over the last Quarter I have participated in GSR schools, attended a Finance Committee meeting, a Delegate's Report, and the PI/CPC and GV and Lit Quarterlies.

On May 25th I received word from Betsy B. that she was regretfully going to have to resign as Newsletter Editor. I coordinated with the other elected Area trusted servants to review the remaining resumes we had from our December '08 selection meeting and choose a candidate for Newsletter Editor. We selected Gene F., past DCM from District 8. While we were aware that Gene would need to be approved by the Area Committee, we encouraged her to assume the Newsletter duties ASAP to maintain the continuity of the newsletter publishing schedule.

Our second Area Trusted Servants meeting was on June 7 at the Seattle Intergroup. We discussed Standing Committee Quarterlies and Quarterly arrangements, Standing Committee activities, our selection for the Newsletter Editor position, reimbursement procedures in light of current Area funds, and panel topics for the Area Assembly. We had one DCM join us.

Harriet and I have been very busy setting up the schedule for Pre-Assemblies. A big thank you to all the DCMs that made the effort to make arrangements for meeting locations and coordinate with other Districts. We will be having 6 meetings over the course of August. I'm looking forward to them. I hope that we can lay the groundwork for a smooth Assembly.

Sad to say that we still don't have a real working translation committee yet; it's a work in progress. Please continue to get motions, etc. to Stephen, Reid or myself so we can get them translated before the Assembly.

Over the next Quarter, I will continue to attend Standing Committee Quarterlies, chair the Pre-Assembly meetings and Assembly, and deal with all those day-to-day items that arise. All that and a night of head banging with AC/DC on August 30th! Feel free to contact me if I can be of service.

Alternate Chair – Harriet V.

At the April quarterly I presented a standard guideline for the Standing Committee Quarterlies. Since that time it has become apparent that we need to place additional emphasis on the need for self support and a means for funding if a quarterly will have any special needs. In your mailbox today you will find a revised guideline addressing these items. A sample flyer and finance reporting form are attached to this guideline. This information is also on the Area Website under Resources. At this time the guidelines for the accessibility committee state that interpretation is provided for Area Committee Business Quarterlies, the Area Assembly and the accessibility committee's quarterlies as requested. Until we have had an opportunity for full discussion and a possible decision on how we are going to handle interpretation needs in our area, I am suggesting that we continue to handle this on an as needed basis and if you get a request for interpretation for any area committee quarterly you are hosting, that you contact Stephen C. our accessibility chair for assistance as well as Tammy M. our Alternate Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee for further assistance.

A brief reminder about the Friday Panels at the Assembly in October; Participating DCM's for the 2009 Assembly Panels are 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 27, 29, 34, 38, 39, 44, 55, 56, and 57. The district participants will be mixed and matched with Area Elected and Appointed trusted servants and Past Delegates. I have most of the topics ready, but if anyone has a suggestion now would be your last opportunity to let me know as I will be wrapping these up and sending letters to panel chairs by the end of August to allow the panel members time to prepare their presentations. The theme of our Assembly is the same as the General Service Conference theme, "Our Commitment to Carry AA's Message – Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action". As you each receive your panel topics I would encourage each of you to consider this theme in your preparations.

Please encourage the folks in your Districts to start getting those Assembly registrations in. Remember this is as much about logistics and planning as it is about money.

We will be selecting one Assembly location at this year's Assembly for our 2014 Assembly. Dates will be October 3rd – 5th 2014. These will need to be full bids, detailing location, & pricing. If you need more information please review the Assembly Guidelines section in the Area Handbook or contact me (or both).

The past quarter was filled with four GSR Workshops in Districts 18, 21, 55 and the Tacoma Districts; the Accessibility Quarterly in April, a group inventory in May, and the Olympic Roundup. Continued to meet with the 2009 Assembly Host Committee and had the first meeting for the 2010 Assembly Host Committee. I also met with the hosting districts for the August 29th Pre-assembly.

Speaking of Pre-assemblies the following have been confirmed:

August 8th, Districts 10, 22, 55 and 56 in Gardiner at the Community Church

August 9th, Districts 9, 29, 33, 44 and 54 in Orting at the Old Soldiers Home

August 15th Districts 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, 24, 46 and 57 In Bellingham at the Faith Lutheran Church

August 16th Districts 7, 8, 21, 27, 28 and 37 in Centralia at Fort Borst Park

August 22nd Districts 15, 18, 31, 32 and 34 in Renton at Renton Highlands Community Church

August 29th Districts 14, 16, 17, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42 in Seattle at Denny Park Lutheran Church

As of this time (late June) we have yet to hear from the following districts: 1, 35 and 36. Hope that by the time I have to read this that we will have all pre-assemblies scheduled. Looking forward to see you and your districts GSR's and one or more of the pre-assemblies.

For the upcoming quarter it is all about the pre-assemblies and preparations for the Assembly in October and whatever other opportunities present them.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service and if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at any time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance committee met after the April Quarterly to discuss the financial matters that arose from the quarterly. Randel the Area chair also attended this meeting to participate in the discussion of the motion pertaining to the elected discretionary fund.

The main topic was a discussion on seed money for districts hosting area committee quarterlies. The current motion states that districts are allowed \$300.00 seed money prior to their quarterly. The three districts hosting the three quarterlies in 2010 have already asked for their seed money. Many of the facilities are asking for 6 to 9 months in advance, and the amount to reserve is higher than the \$300 allowed. After discussion the finance committee concluded that a temporary fix would be to pay the registrations of the 18 trusted servants sooner than the 3 months ahead that is typically done to help offset costs. This may be a temporary solution and we encourage the group's district and groups to take a look at this.

The other item we discussed was the access motion that was passed. We tried to anticipate what the costs would be if the motion was passed at the assembly. The estimate we came up with was to fully fund access it would be \$12,000 to \$14,000. Since the treasurer does review each year per the motion we discussed whether or not the budget should be increased to a more accurate amount for services needed.

After the Finance committee met, I received a request from Darren, our CPC chair about an invitation for the Criminal Justice conference, which was a one day event. The request was forwarded onto the committee through email. It was discussed through email then I took a telephone poll. The request was for the area to pay the exhibit booth fee of \$200 from the variable budget. The committee was all in agreement that this event was important and we needed to be represented. After full discussion on whether or not the request meets the criteria for the motion we agreed to fulfill the request. The criteria it met was, it was requested by an appointed trusted servant, it was service related, and it was not anticipated, even though the CPC chair has attended this conference before and it was funded from the variable budget. The information we were given was the conference was not put on last year because of funding from the state and there was no indication it would happen this year. However the event was held and we were invited again to attend. The Finance committee approved the request and suggested that the CPC committee bring forth a motion to the quarterly and address this issue as it did not feel it could be funded through the variable budget again and become a pattern.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR APPOINTMENT

At this time, it was noted that the Newsletter Editor position is currently open following the resignation of the person who previously held this position. Geene F. was selected by the Area Elected trusted servants to fill this vacancy. Geene presented her qualifying statement and was confirmed unanimously by the voting members of the Area Committee.

APPOINTED TRUSTED SERVANTS' REPORTS

Secretary – Reid B.

These minutes are, of course, the majority of my report; I hope they are complete and as clear as I could make them. Over the past quarter I also attended and did minutes for the informal trusted servants meeting in June. I coordinated the translation and cleaning-up of the Spanish version of the Area Handbook; my hope is that from here on out it will be easier to translate and publish, since only new sections will need to be added. The \$630 noted in the Treasurer's report for this translation should be a one-time expense; subsequent versions will be much cheaper to do.

Unless I hear any objections, I am going to replace the obnoxious, old mailboxes with hanging files. These are not perfect, either, but should, I hope, be a big improvement.

Otherwise, I am just living the good, sober life in AA. Thanks to you all for the opportunity to be of service, and my extra, special thanks to those of you who got reports to me in advance; it really helps.

Archivist – Trisha C.

ARCHIVES QUARTERLIES:

Second Quarter Archives Quarterly was held May 2, 2009 in Kirkland hosted by District 39. There were 16 Archivists present. Also in attendance were 3 past archivists, 7 DCMs/Alt.DCMS, as well as the archives steering committee. Ralph B., and Phyllis C. were our speakers. Both speakers have 50+ years of sobriety. District 39 had a most awesome archives display.

August 1st Archives Quarterly: It will be held in Bellingham hosted by District 11. Reminder: postcards were mailed July 1st. Dick D. and Mary M. will be our guest speakers.

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Your area archivist and steering committee met several times thru out this quarter. I feel truly blessed to have a great STEERING COMMITTEE....they ROCK! The steering committee and I met on July 28th to have a steering committee meeting and fill a vacant steering committee position. Roger R. was unanimously voted in.

AUGUST ARCHIVES WORKSHOP:

Registrations are available for the Archives Workshop being held in Bothell; August 15-16^m we are asking districts to please put out an effort to get flyers out. E-mailed archivists from across the U.S. with the flyer. Areas 92 and 58 will be attending with their archivists and others. Topics to include hands on preservation, restoration and ideas for cataloging archives. I have requested \$100.00 from Area 72 to defray the cost of holding the workshop. We are looking at forming a committee to plan a 2010 workshop. With more time to plan it could be a larger event, a joint Pacific Northwest Archives Workshop with Areas 92 and 58. Steering committee may be discussing this after the Workshop on August 16.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES WORKSHOP:

Contact was made with Randel (Area Chair) requesting him to attend the Archives Steering Committee in October concerning a motion regarding the area archivist attending the National Archives Workshop. We will be conferring with Districts 92 and 58 who both have already made similar motions. Hopefully, we will have a motion ready to go at the January Area Quarterly. It will be in our favor that the NAW is now mentioned in the AA Archives Guidelines, The Archives Handbook and Archives Pamphlet. We are one of the only (if not the only) Areas not to send our Archivist to the workshop. In the past our Archivists have all gone on their own and brought back valuable info. to the Area. We should not let this set a precedent for future Archivists who may not be able to afford the expense. AA is self supporting. We are working on this motion to benefit the 2011 Archivist. The steering committee will be drafting a request for funds to be made available to the archivist for the 2009 NAW being held at Woodland Hills in CA.

TOURS OF REPOSITORY:

We will start this in January of 2010. I will bring a calendar to the Oct. Assembly and have DCMs sign up their districts for a tour. They will be encouraged to bring their district information to file- minus the staples.

MOVING REPOSITORY:

HELP WANTED flyers are now available stating what we are looking for to move the repository. Please take flyers to hand out at meetings. We need all the help we can get. Each possible site will be toured and assessed by the archivist and steering committee members before approval. Midway is the most desirable spot- being midway.

I really would like all of you to know that I am really getting into this position. I love it! What makes this position so incredible is the steering committee, who is absolutely dedicated! I feel so blessed to be a small part of a greater whole working in archives as your area 72 archivist.

Accessibility – Stephen C.

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

Attended and spoke at the Dist. 33 Spring Fling in Covington and answered questions the attendees had. Thanks Lawson for the opportunity!

Attended the April Area Quarterly

Held the Accessibilities April Quarterly in Vancouver

Attended and spoke at the District 16 GSR Business Meeting in Seattle

Attended, helped and spoke at GSR Workshops in Aberdeen and Tacoma

Attended and spoke at the District 44 GSR Business Meeting at CSO in Tacoma

Attended and spoke at the District 18 GSR Business Meeting in Renton

Attended and spoke at the Access information workshop at the Our Primary Purpose Group in Bellingham

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

Getting people in the Area to understand that requests for translation or interpretation have to be received 60 days before their event is held. This is Area policy. I will be addressing this problem in the August Access report in the Area 72 Newsletter. Last minute requests for these services are a crapshoot at best and last minute cancellations are just plain bad business practice.

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

Still working on putting together an information presentation for the Spanish speaking districts.

Holding the Access July Quarterly in Mukilteo.

Corrections – Dan F.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We had very good attendance at our most recent quarterly. It was June 20th in Olympia. There 23 districts represented with 35 total in attendance. Probably our most spirited discussion centered on money. It's been a few years since the corrections literature budget was increased. With a new prison on line, prison populations increasing in general and with a forthcoming increase in the cost of literature, seemed to be unanimous in their opinion that a request for increase was justified. Any request for an increase would come in the form of a motion. The committee asked me to look into how that process works. I informed them a few days after the quarterly that although I recognized they didn't have a lot of time, it would be best to try and get one together in time for this quarterly. At this point I have not heard from anyone of the committee about a proposed motion. I suspect there will be more to come on this at our September quarterly or perhaps before it.

Our corrections bridge coordinator Bill W. is continuing the fine work that was being done by his predecessor in the previous rotation.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We continue to have problems with the secretary position. The first volunteer stepped down after the first quarterly. We had a member volunteer at the last quarterly but we still need a permanent secretary for the remaining six quarterlies. If you know someone who has a computer and can take down accurate notes and report those back in the form of minutes, I want to hear from them.

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

I plan to be prepared to discuss the corrections correspondence program at our September quarterly. This is where a volunteer on the outside corresponds by letter with an inmate. Meetings, the bridge program and correspondence are all ways to let the inmates know that AA cares and about them and that there is a different way.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Darren F.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. The last WWA72 CPC Quarterly was on May 9th in Normandy Park, hosted by Districts 18 & 31. Attendance was down compared to the February CPC Quarterly but, I'm really impressed with the District CPC chairs that are showing up and think we have a strong core group this rotation's Area CPC Committee.

The Area CPC Committee attended the 2009 Criminal Justice Conference at the MCC Twin Rivers Training Center in Monroe. Thanks to those Area CPC Committee members who volunteered to staff the exhibit booth during the conference. Our General Service Office sent us enough CPC literature for this conference and probably the next. The next Criminal Justice Conference will be on September 24th in Walla Walla. I have forwarded information to Area 92 (WA State East).

Thanks to Districts 33, 45 and 29 for inviting me out to make CPC presentations at their district meetings. Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

The next WWA72 PI / CPC Quarterly will be on August 8th in Tacoma, hosted by Districts 9.

Grapevine & Literature – Reggie F.

Greetings. Many of us in Area 72 missed an important anniversary of a huge milestone in our A.A. history. This past April marked the 70th anniversary of the introduction of the Big Book to our fellowship. In April of 1939, 5000 copies of the first edition of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" rolled off the presses in anticipation of a Readers Digest article about the fellowship. When that article fails to appear there is bleak hope for the fellowship. Again it turns to another form of publicity, a radio broadcast coast to coast is set to talk about the fellowship. Hope once again is restored. The broadcast goes off and the results are little demand for the book. From a group that had little hope when they first arrived to the group that we have today which offers great hope to the newcomers, A.A. has come along way baby. A rich history such as this can be found in some of the later books published by A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine. For those of you who just don't have or wish to take the time to sit down to a comfortable read, you might think of purchasing and listening to A. A. come of age on CD. We also have a new book that has come out just this year. The book is produced by the Grapevine and was derived from stories submitted from some of the old-timers. That book is titled "Voices of Long term SOBRIETY" and fortunately for you we have a limited amount of copies available for purchase. We hope to have more available for the Assembly, but you know that you don't have to wait to purchase from us. It is available currently at most of the Intergroups and some of the higher quality books stores. During this past six months of the rotation, the Grapevine committee has transferred over \$3000 worth of books, tapes and other inventory; it also has updated the current inventory to include a more inclusive line of Spanish literature, Russian Literature and literature for the special needs. At our last Quarterly of the Grapevine Committee, one lone district indicated that they planned on putting together a display. After all the districts has presented their reports, the display that was created for the Access quarterly was dismantled and the framework was presented to them, this will enable them to get them started on their display. Of course once home and realizing that now we did not have such a display, a trip to the local Goodwill was in order and once again we have a wonderful display for the Special needs. The idea for this was taken from a recent "Box 459" publication (Feb-Mar 2009). Each time a new publication that is forwarded by the GSO, Grapevine or Area is received it is wise to read it cover to cover with the exception of the Area newsletter. For in our area newsletter, once you get past my article, the rest is just gibber gabber.

Now onto some meaningful facts and figures, the area Grapevine and Literature committee has currently on hand the following as inventory and available resources:

Charts and displays		\$238.00			
Books and videos		\$1,971.50			
Guidelines		\$30.60			
Standing Committee Workbooks and Kits		\$134.00			
CD's		\$677.80			
Audio cassettes		\$128.20			

Pamphlets		\$147.76		
Bank balance	3/17/2009		36.07	
Special Orders invoiced to Area for other committee's			\$18.00	
Materials on order (outstanding checks)			\$778.73	
cash on hand	3/17/2009		\$77.50	
Total inventory		\$3,327.86	\$ 910.30	\$4,238.16

Now mind you that our Area Secretary has bribed us with chocolate and as everyone knows that on page 134 in the big book a great wise doctor "thought all alcoholics should constantly have chocolate available for its quick energy value at times of fatigue." I believe our secretary has read this and also believes in the last part of the paragraph. " Many of us have noticed a tendency to eat sweets and have found this practice beneficial." He (our secretary) has found this practice also very valuable especially when bribing other alcoholics. The consequences of his actions have worked and thus the above numbers are reflective of the date that I received the bribe (June 22, 2009). The numbers for today (July 11th) are a bit different as there was an area event on June 27th that changed some of the numbers. However, the values will be substantially higher as the increases of the purchase price (July 1st) of the books (A.A.W.S.) will also change the numbers. For a current value, wait for my verbal report or come see the hot off the press edition of the numbers that will appear on the back side of the check registry in your mailboxes.

YILAS

[Your humble briber has included the updated numbers below. No chocolate was harmed in this transaction].

CURRENT AREA 72 INVENTORY AS OF JULY 10, 2009

Charts and displays			\$238.00		
Books and videos			\$2,035.90		
Guidelines			\$30.60		
Standing Committee Workbooks and Kits			\$134.00		
CD's			\$662.80		
Audio cassettes			\$128.20		
Pamphlets			\$163.46		
Bank balance	7/10/2009			67.62	
Special Orders invoiced to Area for other committee's	expensed to Area 72 Alt –Treasurer for P.I. Committee			\$18.00	
Materials on order (outstanding checks)				\$778.73	
cash on hand	7/10/2009			\$86.15	
Total inventory			\$3,392.96	\$ 950.50	\$4,343.46

Newsletter Editor – Geene F.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Again thank you for allowing me to be of service to Western Washington Area 72. With the help of several people and my higher power my very first attempt of the Western Washington Area Newsletter went to print - on time. This was truly a team effort! Thank you to all who assisted.

I had the opportunity to attend the Corrections Quarterly. It was very inspiring to listen to the folks who are so

passionate about carrying the message to men and women behind the walls. I was also given the opportunity to help in the kitchen cooking that day. I learned quite a bit between the cooking lessons from a really gifted chef to the business being conducted that day.

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

No problems or issues.

Couple minor little requests - when districts send me flyers to put in the newsletter I would prefer to have them in a Word format.....Publisher is ok too. It's easier for me to embed the fonts when I convert the newsletter to a PDF.

Oh and the deadline is the 14th of each month for submitting information to go into the newsletter.

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

This is going to be one big growing experience - it's pretty exciting.

Public Information – Carol W.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Participated in two GSR Schools: Aberdeen and Sequim

Visited 5 Districts: 34, 38, 17, 16, and 55.

Topics of discussion:

- Bus sign project in district 34 – they have taken on a contract to put 124 signs in the Metro bus system on the eastside. Doubling our coverage in King County.
- “Attraction vs. promotion” in District 17. Great discussion and one that we need to have often so we don't slip into promotion.
- P.S.A. (public service announcements) – available through our literature catalog.
- AA schedules distribution wherever the public meets, i.e., local motels, hotels, churches, etc.
- Books in all libraries. Ask if they can be put in the reference section.

Conducted second Public Information Quarterly – well attended. Eddie H was our speaker.

Attended Trusted Servant get-together.

Worked with Home District 36 to host the Area July quarterly in North Bend.

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

Make sure that all libraries have our books. Distribute schedules to local motels, hotels, churches, etc. To remind all districts that Public Information is conducted at the district level and the districts can get involved in distributing books and schedules.

Registrar – Kim C.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. After the April Quarterly I contacted the newsletter publisher and I am currently sending the list of who is to receive the newsletter....the great part of this is that he will send me a list of incorrect addresses, etc. I had not received this communication before.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. I have been receiving group change forms and/or new group forms WITHOUT the district number....Please make sure that the district number is listed on all forms. I need the following information to make changes in the database/and GSO's database:

Changes to existing groups:

Dist #, Group name, Contact/GSR name (last name if they want to receive mailings, i.e., newsletter; there are postal service restrictions on mailings without last names) address, city, state, zip. Include the group number that was rec'd from GSO would help make sure that the change gets updated to the correct group.

New groups: Name and location of new group (street-city-state-zip) name and address of contact/GSR person, District number, day and time the group meets.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Continue to work on step by step instructions on entering info into the database-to help keep consistency in the future.

Sound System Operator – Jesus A.

Dear Friends from Alcoholic Anonymous:

After working for these past three months and giving you guys a service, I want to tell you that we have been working with Accessibility trying to get the word out from the Hispanics to you who speak English. We've been translating flyers from Spanish to English to make the First Tradition possible. Also, we have been working with David to bring together the Office and both Districts 1 and 57. We have been looking for interpreters from the Office and the Hispanic Office to interpret from Spanish to English and English to Spanish. In the last past 2 months I have been forgotten, nobody has called me about the equipment that I have for translation. I am ready for whenever you need my service just call me to let me know where and when I will be giving my service under the rules of the of our Area and I will be there. Thank you for the service and having me in mind. Everyone have a great 24 hours.

Queridos y estimados amigos de Alcoholicos Anonimos: Despues de pasar estos tres meses prestandoles un servicio, quiero decirles que hemos estado trabajando en conjunto con Accesibilidad tratando de ser puente de las personas Hispanas o la de Ingles, hemos estado tratando de hacer flyers del Ingles al Español para hacer posible la Primera Tradicion. Tambien, hemos estado trabajando con David en conformidad y conjunto para unificar la Oficina con los dos Distritos; Distrito 1 y Distrito 57. Hemos trabajado en buscar interpretacion de Español a Ingles e Ingles a Español con voluntarios del Distrito y de la Oficina Hispana. El servicio del sonido los dos ultimos meses me han olvidado, pero hemos estado en disposicion del servicio. Ustedes nadamas comuniquense para hacerme saber donde voy a dar mi servicio bajo las reglas de nuestra area y yo estare ahi en la mayor disposicion. Muchas Gracias por el servicio y tomarme en cuenta en sus conciencias ya que esa es la voz pura de Alcoholicos Anonimos. Les deseo a todos y cada uno de ustedes en el programa que pasen felices 24 horas.

Treatment – Bill K.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. After reviewing the video "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous", the committee has decided to create a panel discussion format to be used with the video to better inform the treatment facility (T.F.) clients about AA both inside and outside treatment. We also discussed the Conference agenda items pertaining to the T.F. Committee and forwarded the Area 72 T.F. Committee conscience to the Delegate for inclusion in his committee discussions at the General Service Conference. The Area T.F. Committee continues to grow with more district representation, and more committee involvement. Bridging The Gap continues to function as designed, and the districts are responding to the requests for bridging from the T.F. Clients.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. The only ongoing problem facing the T.F. Committee at this time is the confusion over the Grapevine Subscriptions. This is being addressed by the Area GV/Lit, and should be resolved soon. Issues affecting the committee including Bridging the Gap have been resolved, and the committee continues to function. The committee is always interested in any ideas that would increase its ability to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic.

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

The T.F Committee will be receiving a report from the Delegate at its next quarterly on July 18th, and discussing any actions taken by the Conference T.F. Committee. We will also be discussing a T.F. Committee specific inventory. The T.F. Committee has not taken its inventory in recent years, and this will not only be helpful to the T.F. Committee, but a useful addition the upcoming Area Committee inventory. We will also continue discussion on "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous", and filling out the last of the 2010 Quarterly bids.

Web Master – Sharon C. and the Website Committee

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Held June Website Steering Committee meeting sharing accomplishments during the past quarter and discussing possible changes to the meeting schedule database of the Area Website.
- Assisted District 54 in adding their meetings and groups in the schedule database.
- Added “2010 International Conference” link under “About A.A.” section of the Area Website.
- Compiled “GSR and Alternate GSR” web pages that include various tools, providing links under the “About Area 72” section of the Area Website.
- Added automated “ASL Interpreted and Español Meetings” web pages under the “Meetings” section on the Area Website.
- Changed “Forms” category on the website to “Resources,” adding Area Assembly and Standing Committee Quarterly Guidelines, Sample of Standing Committee Quarterly Flier, and Expense form. Updated the online guidelines in late June per Alternate Chair’s request.

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

Reduced spam significantly by rebuilding the web mail server and adding more spam filter processes.

- Conducted a spam survey with results that reflected committee members receive either one or two daily, one every other day, one to three weekly, or none at all.
- Encountered email accounts having difficulty sending email replies through Outlook; technical support researched this and came up with a possible solution.
- Continue to encourage Committee members to use Area web mail as one of the Area’s communication resource tools as it provides consistency with rotation of committee members for email and website addresses; continue interfacing one-on-one.

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

- Set up sub-categories under the “Resources” category of the Area Website.
- Explore web tools for tracking web page hits to learn customer usage for assessing where we are and what direction we want to go with the website.

DCM & Intergroup Sharing chaired by Alternate Chair Harriet V.

District 1: No report submitted.

District 2: Gary M., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Got out to meetings, in my District, that I have never been to before! (God, why am I afraid of those people? I admit "I am", but why?)

Attended the Delegates report, in District 11, and got a "multi-District"

Delegates Report together for several districts in (and around) Snohomish County.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. The Delegate, having to drive around (think of just the fuel!) for two months, to do 15+ (?) "Delegates Reports" is a gross waste of his time and our money. If the reports were treated like "pre-conferences" and were held with 8-10 districts at a time, it would be much more efficient and cost effective.

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

Host the Upcoming Grapevine & Lit. Quarterly. Go to more of those meetings in my District that I've never been to before...even though they scare me! In a nutshell....I'm going to try to "let go (& let God)"... a little more often.

Go to the famous, "District 2 Picnic" and prepare for the Awesome District 2 "Spiritual Dinner"- Our very own....Gratitude Banquet.

District 3: Susan W., DCM

First of all, our District Picnic is scheduled for August 22d and we would love to have visitors from other Districts, as well. There have been several changes in District 3 over the last quarter. Our Alternate DCM, Secretary and Newsletter editor all had to resign, but we have been fortunate to be able to fill these positions--which is a good thing, especially since I have been out of action for a while, due to an accident and the resultant surgery.

Our new Archivist is in action and we have created another new service position; the District now has a web servant and our web page is up and running.

Although we do not have every group in the District represented by a GSR, we are blessed with the active participation of GSR's from the majority of the groups.

District 4: Randy V., DCM

At the present time all of our meetings are well attended in Skagit Valley. At Pioneer Center North (PCN) the detox was closed as of the end of June due to the lack of funding. The treatment meetings that the District supports at PCN are well attended. We still have District service positions that still need to be filled and are looking for people to fill them at the present time. The positions are: Corrections, Accessibility, Phones, CPC, Grapevine and Literature. In July we will be having the treatment quarterly. A lot of the meetings have been changed due to the future loss of the Triangle Social Club. So check District 4 website at www.skagitaa.org for further information. Thank you!

District 7: Benjamin G., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We held a GSR Workshop and Delegates Report which was co-hosted with District 27 and 37. The Delegates report featured two Delegates; Dave A. Oregon Area 58 and our Delegate Dave T. both gave excellent reports and are great inspirations of service. We have our new web site up and running and created a new district position of Alt. Treasurer. On a personal note I have been cleared for all Correctional Facilities in our district and have been involved in taking in meetings to these facilities. I have been attending various meetings in the district and have been active in participation with the Standing Committees and we are preparing to host two more Area Standing Committee meetings this year as well as hosting the DCM Quarterly in January 2010.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. As always working to inspire more group and GSR participation.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Carrying the message of AA Service to more groups and members in the District.

District 8: Beth W., alternate DCM

We have a lot of great things going on in our District. Corrections chair just put on the June Corrections Quarterly. Access chair is very active, and is working on the 2010 Access Quarterly we will host. We have a couple of positions open: Archives and Third Legacy; these positions had been filled, but are now open. Last month Dave came out and gave a Delegate's report at our District meeting. Our picnic is coming up August 1 in Olympia.

District 9: Liz F., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

Since the April Quarterly, the District Archivist, Sandy G., found several previous editions of the District Handbook. Using those as a template, the updated handbook will be ready for distribution at the next district meeting.

The P.I. Liaison for the district, Jimmy C., also serves as the Road Show Coordinator and is doing a wonderful job informing the members of all the opportunities to be in General Service. The Road Show has already made the presentation at several groups in the district as well as in neighboring districts. I am excited to participate in the Road Show at Unity-Destiny's annual retreat this September. We hope that more of the "AA activities" will invite the Road Show (a.k.a. Third Legacy Presentation.)

Another group has sent a GSR and an Alternate! Welcome to Back to the 40's! Only 4 meetings in the district are not participating as groups. And that's saying a lot since there are 560 *meetings* a week in Pierce County!

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Several of the shared standing committees of Pierce County have continued to hang on to large sums of money. This is especially disheartening when the funds could be used elsewhere, such as meeting the Area's financial needs. The Pierce County Accessibility Committee (PCAC) at last report had a balance over \$2000.00, with no stated purpose. And the CSO continues to find reasons for not disbursing excess funds but made a substantial literature purchase last month and still raised the prices. Several groups have already stopped sending contributions to these committees. I'm not sure what else the groups can do and would appreciate experience, strength and hope from anyone who can help. The experience of rallying support for more money seems much more spiritual than dealing with the fear these committees have of letting go of the excess funds. Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

The districts of Pierce County will be hosting the Concepts Workshop again this year. The date is set for September 12th. Last year, I was brought to tears watching an old friend, new to service, literally light-up as she spoke to the Delegate and Past Delegates about General Service.

District 9's Gratitude Banquet is set for November 7th!

District 10: Jim D., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Progress continues to be made in the area of Accessibility. Our Alternate DCM has been working with some District members and has formed a committee. They have been working on getting volunteers to take meetings to people in need and possibly a Spanish speaking meeting. The April Accessibility Quarterly was attended by six people from District 10, and plans are being made to attend the next one.

Our Third Legacy / Workshop chair has scheduled a District inventory for later this year. It will be facilitated by a past Area 72 Delegate. She has also been trying to get people interested in service by performing skits at different functions. A workshop on the different service committees is also scheduled for later this year.

District Ten had great representation at the GSR Workshop in Sequim, hosted by District 55. There were ten people from our District in attendance. This was a big improvement from the last workshop, where there were only two (the DCM & Alt. DCM). It was a successful event, with a lot good information put out.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We have addressed the reimbursement for mileage for District Trusted Servants, much like the Area Assembly motion. Currently, our District does not have a standard way of reimbursing for mileage. Some people use actual cost of gas, while others use mileage. We have also brought an amendment to the Area motion, as the District feels that 2/3 of the IRS rate is still too high of an amount.

Group contributions have been down in the District.

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

Hopefully, District Ten will have a large representation there.

Also, I would like to set up a tour of the Area 72 Archives. This would be for anyone in the District.

District 11: Andy J., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. This last quarter District 11 has been is kind of holding pattern. Each Committee Chair and GSR is really starting to get a good feel for what service at the District level entails, and I'm anticipating much activity in the coming months. Our Third Legacy Committee has been very active in hosting or co-hosting workshops in District 11 (Accessibility Overview, how to conduct 12-Step calls, service opportunities in District 11) and conducting Group inventories. We had a visit from Dave T. in June, where he shared his experience, strength and hope regarding his attendance at the General Service Conference. Lastly, Alt DCM, Doug E and I continue to visit registered groups in District 11 to discuss service.

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

None to report.

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

We are hosting quarterlies/pre-conference workshops: Achieves Quarterly on August 1st and the Northern Districts Pre-Assembly workshop on August 15th. He is also conducting our District 11 Inventory on August 12th. Workshops in the works are how to conduct a 12-Step Call and one based on the Traditions Checklist. We are also putting together a bid to host the 2014 Area Assembly, which we will present at the 2009 Area Assembly this October.

District 12: Bob M., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. District 12 is doing really well in Corrections and Treatment. The majority of Committee members report on their functions and progress. Planning for 4 events is close to or past a 50% completion. Just this evening a new group, three month old, joined in with District 12. Their GSR and 3 other members attended also. This speaks highly of District 12 as a District. Bridge and Bridging the Gap programs are doing really well. Corrections has a good group of volunteers. PI committee is working hard at getting info pamphlet racks put out in the public domain. Great District meeting turnout.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. District wise we are still short three alternates. Luckily we usually have about 15 GSRs attending District meetings and increase the discussion on motions when they arise or come forward. 100% attendance by all committee members at District is still a small concern. Believe District 12 finally has a permanent Webmaster. District Central Office person resigned and need to fill another position.

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

As a District we hope to fulfill and keep full all positions including alternates. Attempting to increase GSR attendance with reminder e-mails. Get members, homegroups more involved in District activities. Pass on at District some of the suggestions from today to the relative committees. August 22: Picnic; September 19: Salmon bake; November 23: Gratitude dinner.

District 14: Mark T., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We established a financial outline which provides guidelines for financial support of our District Service Committee. The outline will be included in the appendix of our District Service Handbook. We hold a Concept study prior to our District meeting which we hope will gain in popularity. We attended Delegate's report at Greater Seattle Intergroup and were completely inspired by Dave's account of that spiritual experience. We almost participated in PI workshop (it was postponed) and we look forward to the next offering. We began visiting Groups with no GSR representation to encourage participation in our District Committee. We are developing 3rd Legacy Road Show and hoping Groups will invite us to share our experience and enthusiasm for general service. We participated in Pre-Assembly planning with Districts 16, 17, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42. It is really a blessing to work together with neighboring districts in creating solutions and carrying the message. We used Pink Can contributions to purchase literature for the Seattle Intergroup Corrections Committee. Vashon Islanders are particularly supportive of Pink Can contributions and we love their presence and wisdom in District 14! We finished planning our annual District Picnic at Lincoln Park (Sunday, September 13). Everyone is welcome! We look forward to holding our next District Meeting on Vashon Island (an annual tradition).

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We have good participation at our District Meeting with lively and constructive GSR sharing. Further, most of our Committee Chair positions are filled. However, we seem to be in a commitment slump in some ways. We sometimes neglect our obligations, fail to take initiative, or pass up our Area Quarterlies. One way we plan to infuse some passion into our committee and re-dedicate ourselves to service is to ask more guests to speak at our District Meeting. It is always inspiring to hear from past Delegates and other service-minded people who love this aspect of their program.

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

Work on our District Service Handbook continues and we will likely get that finalized up this quarter. We will continue supporting meetings in hospitals, treatment centers, psychiatric institutions, jails and prisons. We have a growing group of AA's who are dedicated to carry the message in this way. We hope to rededicate the District Committee to our

service commitments and to welcome new members. We will continue studying our literature and sharing our experience. We will discuss our next District Inventory. We are looking forward to the Assembly in October!

District 15: John P., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. District 15 has some active trusted servants that are attending Area Standing Committee Quarterlies and keeping District 15 apprised of what's going on. Our Accessibility Chair, Steve M., is leading an effort to bring awareness to a very important, yet often overlooked, accessibility need – that of carrying the message to the home-bound alcoholic. Our Treatment Chair, Bill N., has been getting the word out about the Bridging the Gap program.

Ray, our Gratitude Banquet chair, has already led 3 committee meetings. We have involvement of several people from D15, and we're making great progress on early planning. We still need more communication with Districts 40 and 41 to figure out the full scope of the event.

D15 has helped out providing literature for a women's meeting at the Sea-Tac Federal Detention Center. We've also committed to helping provide literature for the 1811 Eastlake Center, which historically has not had much communication with A.A. at all. We also continue to provide schedules for Correctional facilities on a quarterly basis.

Gail, our Alt DCM, is moving forward on our Area Assembly bid and has collected final reports from past Assembly committees. She is still hoping to get feedback from other Districts that have hosted Assemblies.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Overall, group contributions are down, though we do realize this is the case at all levels of A.A. and are hopeful this will change. If the trend continues, our ability to help provide literature for local groups, schedules for correctional facilities, etc, may be limited. One of our groups had a huge success by simply communicating to their group what contributions can do to carry the message, and committing to contribute every month no matter what they have available. Their contributions increased dramatically as a result and have been contributing to District 15 more than they had in the past.

We've had a difficult time keeping all of our Committee Chair positions filled.

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

We'd like to reach out to groups in our District that are not currently represented at District 15's business meetings. We'd also like to let the groups in our District realize that we depend on consistent contributions, but also realize that groups need to determine for themselves where their money should be spent, and contributions at groups may be down in general as well. We'd like to see more District service positions filled, but also realize that having the handful of active trusted servants that we do, that are taking on small projects, is better than having all the service positions filled without much activity.

I'd personally like to invite more Area Trusted Servants to our District meetings, though it is difficult finding the time necessary to get through our 90-minute monthly meeting as it is.

District 16: Sheree R., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We have had an increase in GSR attendance to the district meetings and that is awesome. I attended the Archives Quarterly & the PI Quarterly which I found very informative. We arranged our pre-assembly with other districts.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Problems we are having are filling district positions. Solutions we are trying are inviting an area committee member to our district meetings to discuss their position and duties for the area. We hope to get the GSR's fired up to perhaps fill these positions.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Attend the pre-assembly and continue to emphasize the importance of GSR attendance and input regarding the upcoming pre-assembly and assembly. I also hope to attend more meetings within our district.

District 17: Michelle K., alternate DCM

District 17 meets the second Thursday of each month from 7:15pm – 9:00pm at Intergroup, all are welcome. District 17 is the Fremont and Ballard areas, boundaries are the ship canal bridge in Fremont, Puget Sound, Aurora, and 85th St. Activities in District 17:

- Seeking to understand Tradition 11 as it relates to bus signs, the PI booth at the Monroe fair, and Public Service Announcement. Tradition 11 reads, “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press radio and film.” The area PI Chair, Carol W., attended our June business meeting bringing us her experience and understanding of how the PSAs, bus signs, and other constitute acceptable means of attraction. She encouraged us to read through the public information guidelines for further education.
- Service Manual Study continues on a monthly basis; one person volunteers for the chapter the other for the concept and it is aligned with each month (i.e. in July we did concept 7 and chapter 7).
- During this rotation D17 has an intergroup liaison to bring information to the district
- If possible the business meeting has a segment for simply brainstorming –there are no motions during this time, just conversation on what’s up for people –thoughts, ideas, burning issues.....this is a new segment
- Gratitude Banquet –this event is held every year in D17 and is fully self supporting (no 7th tradition money is used); the district does provide seed money for the rental deposit; however this is paid back from the sale of tickets to others within the district. A committee is responsible for the details of putting the banquet together and giving up dates and status at the district meeting. D17 has worked over the years to streamline this process.

District 18: Alethea M., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Co-hosted the CPC/PI Quarterly with Dist 32
- Have a new CPC Chair who joined the District just last month
- Huge increase in Treatment Bridges due to the work of our Treatment Chair, by getting in contact with the Area we’ve been able to bridge a lot of folks, which is great!
- Interest from a member of our district in getting together an Accessibility committee at our District.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Nothing at this time, things are going swimmingly 😊

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

- Education on the preassembly and what to expect at an Assembly with the GSRs.
- Our District 18 picnic, we have held annually for some time and I hope to see a larger turnout from the district this year!

District 19: Bruce G., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. The Service Manual study by our 3rd Legacy chair, Tom P, has been very informative. The steady & empowering work continually being done by the Treatment & Corrections committees has been wonderful. I’m grateful for the District members and groups that have stepped up to support the District Picnic & Gratitude Banquet chairs. And, it has been good to see that the Central Office is working to better train new phone volunteers, as well as improving their own record keeping.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Getting more people & groups supporting the funding of our Gratitude Banquet. We have the interest in having a Gratitude Banquet, but few are willing to buy tickets to help fund it now, when it doesn’t happen till November. Still working on the issue. Still have to form a committee to work on developing a District Handbook. My Alternate, Duane, has gotten copies from other districts to help guide our efforts. But the challenge now is making the time to go through a lot of archived minutes to figure out where we have been (hard to do during the summer months).

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

1. Would like to get something going on the Handbook.

2. Get more people to attend fund raisers for the Gratitude Banquet, or get groups that want the Banquet to happen, pass a second hat to help the funding issue.
3. Have a great Accessibility Quarterly on Jul 25th.

District 21: Laura Y., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

Since we saw each other last, a number of our Area trusted servants took the time to bring us a great GSR workshop. We are especially grateful to Stephen C. who came through for us in arranging a translator, even though we did not give him anything like the two months he needs to arrange it—and to Daniel, the volunteer translator who came. This was especially welcome because it turned out we did have two Spanish-speaking members who attended.

It was an absolute joy to have Dave T. visit on a sunny Sunday afternoon to recount the tale of his first conference in New York as delegate. I was quite awed by how he was able to translate the humility derived from that experience. And it was great to see photos of Phyllis H. at work in the GSO office! The few of us who attended Dave’s report really appreciated his trekking all the way down to Aberdeen to fill us in.

Our district treatment chair has resurrected a lapsed meeting so we now have a group regularly taking a meeting in to the Northwest Indian Treatment Center in Elma. This is a bit of a coup, since the treatment center was somewhat resistant to have “outsiders” come in. “Cooperation with the professional community” came into play in negotiating access, and we’re fortunate to have some reliable volunteers who are willing to attend regularly to meet the center’s requirements.

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

Having inherited the responsibility of hosting the 2011 Assembly in Ocean Shores, I was very relieved to find ready recruits at the last district meeting. Our current Alternate DCM Colleen G. agreed to chair the host committee along with GSRs Rick S. from Aberdeen, and Tom H. and Dan V., both from Ocean Shores. So we have a committee! The prior DCM, Sue M., fortuitously not only reserved the Convention Center for our gathering but made deals with several of the beach hotels, so I really ought not panic. Past and future host committee chairs have offered good advice (e.g. now would be a good time to get a committee together) and support and I expect more of the same will be available any time I ask. I just need to be reminded, it’s all been done before!

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. The district lost our secretary when she took a new job; our secretary Lynn B. from the last rotation has agreed to fill until we find a replacement. I’m hoping a volunteer will step up to the plate before we meet for the Assembly, as she’s also doubling currently as our Accessibility chair.

With attendance and contributions down, getting a GSR to the October Assembly is a stretch for some of our smaller and younger groups. I’m hoping to help coordinate carpooling and room-sharing to allow as many of our GSRs to participate in the October Assembly as possible. This is such an awesome experience, especially for first-time participants, “something we should not miss.”

Before that, I expect to do the same in herding GSRs and others interested in becoming GSRs to the Pre-Assembly. Centralia is a great central location for us in the southern districts. I just hope we don’t wear out our welcome in District 28. I know from past experience if we can get enough representatives to attend from the Harbor, they’ll pass the word about how helpful it was in preparing for the Assembly ... making the process even more productive next year!

District 22: Steven B., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. At the April Quarterly we received the bid to host the April 2010 Quarterly in Port Angeles. The facility is secured and a committee is in place—more details to come. On April 18 we hosted a very successful “Concepts Workshop” facilitated by former Delegates Jim and Barbara M. and Ernie M. On May 21 participated in the third annual conference at Olympic Correctional Center in Shelton. We received the Delegate’s report

on May 23 (thanks, Dave). On June 27, a number of GSRs and District appointed and elected trusted servants attended the GSR Workshop hosted in Sequim.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. For a number of years in District 22, we have faced a scheduling conflict on the weekend of the annual "Olympic Roundup" as this is the same weekend in May that we twice annually hold our monthly District meeting in Forks, as to take the meeting out to the west end of our District. A number of District service people are involved or attend as well as our Archives and Literature committees are set up at the Roundup, making it a very hectic schedule to be involved in both activities. After discussion at District and receiving input from the groups, it was vote to move the May meeting to April to avoid this conflict in future years.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Following the successful and well-received "Concepts Workshop" in April, the District voted to hold a "Traditions Workshop" on September 12. We continue to plan for the April 2010 Quarterly, where we hope to see all of you.

District 24: Stephanie S., DCM

In May we had a presentation by the PI Booth for the Evergreen State Fair and our district voted to donate money and schedules for this event. In June Dave T. gave his informative delegates report and shared photos from his trip. Both were very well received by the GSR's and I thought it was slick and professional. In July Bob H. from the Area Treatment Committee came to offer support to our new Treatment Chair and share how the committee works.

Our Newsletter/Web chair was being criticized (and not constructively in my opinion) for the way he was doing his job and at our last business meeting he resigned. A person new to our district but ready to do service work was at that meeting and volunteered to take on the position. Our Archives person just stopped showing up and gave our district archives to Tricia C. I picked them up and pleaded with the GSR's for someone to please take the boxes and the position. Thankfully someone was willing and able to step up and we now have a new Archives Chairperson. Still open in our district is the CPC/PI chair position which we continue to announce.

On July 25th will have our district picnic which is 1 of the 2 annual events we hold that generate additional funds for our district.

A few challenges for me this past quarter have been maintaining principles before personalities with some of our elder GSRs, utilizing my Alternate DCM to her full potential and sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly... I finally got a service sponsor as was suggested at the beginning of my service as DCM. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

District 27: Roy C., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We held our June District meeting at Long Beach, Washington, hosted by the Peninsula group. Our public information standing committee gave a full report and a wonderful workshop on the proper use of approved AA literature and the public at large. Our participation with other Southern Districts is a unique twist to one District doing all the work. The help and fellowship with the other Districts shows me that anything is possible with a little help from others who have more experience and wisdom.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. GSR participation in District 27 lacks a willingness to participate in District functions. Our GSR participation is down and I do not have a solution as to how to increase participation. I do know that our GSR are not reading the newspaper or letters that are published by the area pertaining to upcoming events. It is my solution to have our GSRs re-apply for the newsletter so that everyone is well informed. It is not the DCM's job to read all the upcoming events to the few that do participate.

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

District 27 has invited our area literature chairperson, Reggie, to give a presentation on AA approved literature and also to answer questions on the new price increases. He will also have order forms for the GSR's to take to their home groups. We are getting ready for the area assembly and I am looking forward to the last quarterly of the year.

District 28: Veda M, DCM

Last district business meeting was held in Randle, WA. It was a potluck. Will host a pre assembly at Fort Borst Park in Centralia WA. It will be a potluck and families are welcome a picnic will be in the park for them. Still need to fill several positions that are empty.

District 29: Teresa M., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

I wasn't able to participate in as many committee commitments as I wished to this past quarter. I did attend the GSR Workshop on April 26th. 6 GSR's, 3 Alt GSR's & 1 trusted servant attended. Orting Fireside invited me to attend their meeting on May 6th. What a nice humble group with lots of new sobriety and enthusiasm. On May 9th I participated at the Meeker Fellowship Traditions workshop. Alt DCM, Mike A. also attended. Mike & I both attended the Delegate's report on May 17th at the P.C. CSO. On June 9th at our district meeting we held our annual inventory facilitated by past delegate, Gail H. It appears, overall, that we are doing well. However, that doesn't mean a few of the points of interest will be discussed at a later date. More to be revealed.

Mike A. has been gearing up for our district picnic on August 8th at the Soldiers Home in Orting. Mike is meeting with volunteers every Thursday evening at the district building coordinating raffle, events, food, etc. Our Gratitude Banquet is set for November 7, 2009. Good speakers, food, music and lots of fun. Come join district 29 for fellowship in Gratitude month. Flyer and ticket information coming soon.

Our Pre-Assembly date has been set with our neighboring districts for August 9th. This will also be held at the Soldiers Home in Orting.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. I have suggested to the GSR's to participate in at least one of the quarterlies. At the Mt. Vernon quarterly D29 had 4 GSR's. So for July I have challenged the GSR's with meeting at our district building and carpooling to the July quarterly. More to be revealed next article on turn out of the suggestion. We have had some rumbling from AA members of what to and not to print in our district action log calendar of events. D29 has a policy that commercial and personal advertisements will not be published. GSR's have been asked to go back to their groups and look at the policy to see if it needs to be revised for verbal clarification. In the mean time, Mike A and I have asked our Newsletter editor to include a disclaimer similar to the one printed in Box 459.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. I am in hopes of attending a standing committee quarterly or two prior to the Assembly. Pierce County districts have discussed the Concepts Workshop for September. Date, time and place will be out as soon as it becomes available. I will continue to encourage participation with fun and exciting ways to attend service commitments both at the district and area level.

District 31: Conrad J., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. One of our main goals was to generate more participation in our district. We started this venture by asking our groups and committee members in our district to visit as many groups as they could. It works! We had three new groups come to district meetings. Also we wanted the groups in our district to have more of a voice at intergroup, so we voted to combine our district meeting with our zone meeting. By doing this smaller groups could combine service positions and be heard. This has also generated more involvement in our district than we expected. All in all it has been a good quarter.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We have found in this quarter that asking our groups GSRs and Zone Reps about their problems helps to solve ours.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. District web site. More involvement and input from the groups in our district.

District 32: Michael G., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Corrections: bought about \$500 worth of books for Kent Regional Justice Center and Grapevines with the Pink Can fund. Picnic committee organized and I have worked at holding it together. Our picnic is July 19 at Five Mile Lake in Auburn. Archives is working with some groups at getting group histories.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Our Treatment chair quit three months ago and me and the alternate found out about a month ago. We still have three chair positions open: CPC, PI, and Accessibility. I think I have an old DCM talked into one.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Get my open positions filled.

District 33: Lawson M., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. The end of spring and the start of summer always bring with it the local festivals. Each year District 33 participates in Maple Valley Days and Covington Days by setting up a Public Information Booth. The fairs run about 12 hours a day so it present lots of opportunity for volunteers / service work. Maple Valley Days costs \$25 and Covington Days \$50 so this is a great use of district funds.

We hosted a Delegate's Report at the June district mtg – this is the 1st time we have done this and it is the 1st time we have had 30 people attend the delegate's report... I may be on to something.

Our Correction Committee is taking a meeting into RJC every Monday now. It requires a minimum of 2 people to host the meeting. While we have plenty of regular volunteers Gabe G. is always looking for more applicants.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Typical AA revolving door in some of our service positions but we seem to get through them without much disruption. We have a new Gratitude banquet chair (Jennie C), a new treatment chair (Roy R) and will be electing a new PI chair next month. We also have a new Alternate intergroup Rep (Matt D)

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

Our workshop Chair (Sheri C) and Alternate (Barb N) are working on a fall workshop (date and theme tbd) and are also updating our Archives workshop for next year's 20th anniversary of the district.

I continue to stress the importance of communication and encourage all chairs to attend their Committee quarterlies and have invited them all to the Area quarterly. These meetings are the best way to share new ideas.

District 34: Frederic M., alternate DCM

We had no meeting in July. Increased participation from groups. A bus sign project has been approved by the District, a project headed by Karen, our PI chair. Last month we hosted the Grapevine and Literature Quarterly; that went really well. Our challenges: we have open positions, and maybe just too much business to get someone to sign up for the newsletter every month. Our goals are to fill open positions and have a high attendance at the pre-Assembly.

District 35: No report submitted.

District 36: Jeff N., DCM

The planning committee for this Quarterly has been very active and made my job easy. I particularly want to thank Ray, the chairperson. Local groups and GSRs did a great job. Our local AA hall, Hope Hall has eight meetings a week, and a new meeting room is being built. We have seen a small increase in contributions from groups after we explained the District budget and how we were using the funds. Val R., our Literature representative passed around special cans to groups to fund our Grapevine subscriptions, and we have now purchased three, including one for the juvenile detention center, Echo Glen. Our PI chairperson, John S. has been passing out AA literature to doctors throughout the valley, and from that we have had a few 12th Step calls from physicians.

District 37: Patty K, DCM

District 37 groups attended this quarter:

- 8 groups
- Two business meetings

District 37 Activities this quarter:

- Provided two workshops for Standing Committees

- How to build your committee with past committee chairs sharing their experience, strength and hope; what worked for them, what challenges they faced and how they overcame them.
- Each of the committees had a piece on how to help that committee, how to speak in treatment centers, how to carry the message behind the walls, how to talk to kids in schools, how to help your Archive Committee and what you could do for Access and Grapevine and Literature committees. We had 49 folks show up for the workshop. It was a potluck. If you feed them, they will come!
- Coordinating a potluck and car pool for the pre conference
- Working with Corrections Committee on the 5th Annual 2-Day Prison Conference (July 18 and 19)
- Co-hosted a GSR School with District 7
- Co-hosted with Districts 7 and 27, a DDDR (Double Dave Delegate's Report Dave T. and Dave A. Area 58) came and shared their Conference Experience with us.

Area 72 Service Activities this quarter:

- Attended the Corrections Quarterly for new father, Ken Jennings
- Attended the PI/CPC Quarterly for Alex who buried her father that weekend
- Attended the Access for Jackie who was in Texas working

Challenges I am working on:

- Practicing Concept IX (very loudly- trying to learn to be quiet.) If they would only do as I say the show would go off right! Gosh it is hard to be a know-it-all and not share that with my District. I hope by the end of this rotation, people still like me.
- We have had a time filling and keeping the position of Alternate DCM, our first one went back to being a GSR and the next one got transferred to Pittsburg—I am beginning to get paranoid. (((smile)))
- Taking the time to not only read the service manual, but to understand it and know what my job really is. (I am told I will have it together by December 2010)

District 38: Carolyn M., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We hosted the Area Archives Quarterly in May. It was well attended, informative and lots of good fellowship.

I attended the "get together" meeting, in June, for the Seattle and Eastside Districts hosting the Pre-Assembly on August 29.

Carol W. attended our May monthly meeting and gave a great presentation on PI. From that presentation we now have a District Chairperson. Thank you Carol, for a "job well done". District 38 now has all the Chairs filled. This was goal I had at the beginning of my term. What a great team.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. I have no problems or issues at this time and I am grateful.

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

Sharon C., Area Webmaster, will be doing a presentation at our July meeting.

I have been contacted by the Eastside Intergroup Chairman of the Board about working together trying to further increase our commitment to sharing the message to the suffering alcoholic. I will be presenting this to the GSR's at our next meeting.

District 39: Ann F., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Our new PI Chair John P. realized he could be of better service chairing the Corrections Committee, but recruited Larry S. to fill the PI position. We purchased 25 big books for the Treatment Committee, before the price went up (thanks Reggie).

Our Archives Committee Chair, Kathy D. is planning to host both an Archives workshop in August 15th & 16th and the November 7th Quarterly.

We are working hard to find a new location for our Gratitude Dinner and planning with other Districts to participate in the Seattle pre-Assembly August 29th.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Our CPC Chair resigned, so this and several other Committee positions remain open.

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

- 1) Building unity in the District, encouraging Groups to send GSRs regularly to District meetings.
- 2) Find people interested in learning more about service & invite them to attend District meetings or join Committees.
- 3) Invite Area Committee members to a District meeting, when we're back in larger space.
- 4) Support our Archivist in hosting workshop & quarterly.

District 40: Nancy H., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Participation with Seattle and Eastside Districts on the upcoming pre-assembly and Gratitude Banquets, plus anticipation of the January GSR School. GSR participation in the Gay & Lesbian AA Hospitality Suite at the 2010 International Conference.

Recently kicked off Pride Month with the annual Bat-N-Rouge (Dykes vs the Drag Queens [dykes won]) softball game to support the Capitol Hill ALANO Club.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. GSRs from our district are working to visit all of the meetings in our district, and to determine our district's southern border. We look forward to adding more GSRs from these meetings.

We are working to increase standing committee participation from our district.

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

Staff all standing committees with members of our district. Visit all meetings in our area and increase GSR participation.

District 41: Jennifer P., DCM

1st Annual District 41 Picnic

Saturday July 25th - 12 to 4pm

Magnolia Park (all of it!)

3100 W Galer Street, Seattle, WA 98199

ALL WELCOME

Bring yourself, sponsors, sponsees, newcomers & family!

Why a District Picnic?

First, it's fun & fellowship! But really, it's service for all of us to help the alcoholic who still suffers outside of our homegroups. We can't help who we don't know, right?!

FOOD

- Bar-B-Q main course provided...until it runs out

POTLUCK

- First Name A to H - Side Dish
- First Name I to P - Salad or fruit
- First Name Q to Z - Dessert

We're asking Home Groups for Service sign-up for drinks, ice, coolers, condiments, games, set-up & clean-up, etc.

FACILITIES

- shelter, shade, bar-b-q, tables, full bathroom, free parking, dogs welcome

Picnic Contact: District 41 DCM – Jennifer P

District 42: Astri T., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Since the April Quarterly, we have been very busy in District 42. Shirley R., GSIG Board Chairperson attended our April District Meeting and gave a great presentation on the history and function of intergroups and how our local service tracts are separate but cooperative. In May, Dave T. brought his display and gave

his Delegates Report, which was met with great enthusiasm. Denis F. – Past Delegate – Panel 37 facilitated our District Group Inventory in June. I learned the meeting members feel good about much of what we're doing at the District level, but there is room for improvement. In particular is the fact that we are rarely able to get through all of the issues scheduled to be addressed on our monthly agenda. We are sure to be working on that while we also try to bring more groups into general service and perhaps schedule a Concepts/Service Manual workshop or meeting.

Randel P. will attend our July District meeting to explain and answer questions regarding the Assembly and Pre-Assembly process. My hope is that between now and the October Assembly, District 42 GSRs will gain a good understanding of the motions that have been (and will be) presented. That their homegroups have an opportunity to discuss, ask questions and come to an informed group conscience that is made clear to their GSRs. That as a result we have well informed GSRs representing our groups at the Assembly.

District 44: James C., DCM

Accomplishment/activities since last quarterly: Delegate's report, monthly speakers at GSR meeting, went to business meeting for Cornerstone Crew, attended 2 district 9/44/45/29/54 PI committee road shows (one in Belfair, one in Gig Harbor), having regular meeting with the other DCMs from the Pierce County area (9/44/45/29/33) at the quarterlies to increase participation and communication, have filled all our open positions and are going well, have decreased the number of inactive groups in the district by one - from 7 to 6.

Upcoming: District 44 picnic August. 1 (starts @ 10am) at Sunnyside beach park in Steillicum, WA -- all are welcome to attend. Speaking at the road show at Monday night women's Big Book study. Upcoming we have the CPC (August) and PI (September) chairs speaking at our meeting; the July speaker will be unable to attend.

Goals/things we can do better: communication and participation can always be increased. Funds are low but are going well. Increase attraction of service and participation.

District 45: Roxanna M., DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter: Converted mini Spanish schedule to full size, handed out to every GSR. Expand District 45 Grapevine and Literature display. Attended Delegate's report.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with: Open positions: Treatment, Corrections, Accessibility. DCM computer use issues—getting help to do report as attachment. Low contributions, participation. Our report to newsletter was being sent, but not received. Secretary working to get a reply to know received.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter: Pre-Assembly attendance by all GSRs. Fill open positions so all standing committees have representation. Gratitude Banquet in November. Take Grapevine and Literature display to roadshows.

District 46: Randy B., DCM

Our district trusted servants are in the midst of traveling to all the islands that make up our District, Lopez Island last month, and Whidbey this month. It's an outreach program that's been successful in growing attendance and carrying the message of service. Some of our GSRs travel over 3 hours to get to the meetings and there's always a ferry boat ride involved. I'm proud to be in service with these people. We are looking forward to having our Delegate Dave T. share his conference report with us next month on Orcas Island. Upcoming service opportunities: our Alt.DCM Floyd V. will be chairing our next business meeting and attending the pre assembly in Bellingham as I will be out of state. Our Sept. meeting will be on San Juan Island, and then of course I'll see you all in Oct.

Problems: Our Grapevine and Literature Chair has been jumping around from person to person and island to island; I'm hoping that position will become grounded soon.

District 54: Barbie K., DCM

Done Since Last Quarterly:

- Attended Service Road Show at Ehli Hill Group in Bonney Lake, WA

- Filled position of Treatment Chair
- Filled position of Corrections Chair
- Filled position of Third Legacy Chair
- Had David T. out to our June District Meeting to give his Delegate's Report
- Attended GSR School
- Began making plans for our District Summer Picnic
- Facilitated Group Inventory for Ehli Hill Group

Planning on Doing:

- Attending July Quarterly
- Chairing GSR Business meetings
- Visit Non-Represented meetings and making the district available to them
- Attending Pre-Assembly
- Getting together with DCM's from 9, 29, 44, 45 to discuss service participation opportunities within our Districts
- Visiting all meeting in the District to encourage participation at the District level as well as letting people know in what capacities that the District is available for them

Problems / Solutions:

- Problem: We still have a number of Standing Committees that do not have a chair person
- Solution: Visit meetings to encourage participation and hold workshops to explain what it is that each committee does

District 55: Beth V., DCM

We had filled the PI/CPC chair, but that person called to resign, so that position is still open. The District website is very active and has reportedly is receiving lots of hits. Activities committee is always active—successful Founder's Day; annual Salt Creek picnic with District 22 is on August 1.

Problems or issues: Need a Treatment Chair and committee. Summertime attendance at District meetings has been down. Most committee chairs are the entire "committee". Service at District level seems to be always just the same few people rotating into different positions.

Goals: I hope to get a grip on all the information that comes my way and get better informed on Area motions to share with my District in such a way that GSRs can (and do) take back to their groups and bring back to District.

District 56: RaeAnn V., DCM

June we didn't have a District GSR business meeting; everyone was on vacation; voted on, passed. June GSR school, District 55, alternate DCM Paul W. attended. Three GSRs attended. Thanks to Area for great presentation. June Delegate's report, District 22. August 8—pre Assembly, Gardiner, Jefferson County, District 56. Problems: new GSRs not registered or not getting newsletter. Good news: we have an active archivist.

District 57: Luis, DCM.

I thank God for being here. The District is celebrating an anniversary next Saturday; you all are invited. We will have Spanish to English interpreters, just in case one of you guys decides to show up. Thank you very much, and happy 24 hours.

Intergroup/Central Office Reports:

[Although there are more than these, only those intergroups and central offices that submitted or gave reports are included below].

Eastside Intergroup, Kevin, Board Chair

We are doing more outreach and trying to carry the message of AA with gratitude and enthusiasm. We are having a picnic on August 22. We are continuing to work on the Eastside Outreach Project, to reach out to all groups with packets for doctor's offices or HR so they know more about AA and can refer to us. Our newsletter finally has an editor. Our funding is low, and we hope to put Pay Pal on our website so people can donate that way. Dave, the Area Delegate came recently and gave us a report on the Conference.

Seattle Intergroup, Shirley R., Board Chair

Thanks to Dave T. for his Delegate's report. Recently we had a spring assembly, and the focus was on *your* Intergroup and how it functions, and that went over quite well. Currently, we are planning for the annual picnic, which happens at Woodland Park and is August 9, and I have buttons to sell, which not only keeps that event self-supporting, but also has a raffle number on each button, which makes you eligible to win the Grand Prize of registration and accommodations for Seaside AA Conference. Thanks for your support. I would love to visit your Districts to talk about how we can work together to be of service.

Tacoma Central Service Office, Tim, Board Chair

Money issues are in the forefront. We are working on budgets and have established operating capital and a disbursement policy. We are always working to improve communication with the groups we serve, and how we can better serve them. **Carmen, chair, Twelfth Step Service Committee:** we have a great daytime coordinator, and she has updated our resource book. The evening and nighttime coordinator positions have been filled.

Oficina Intergrupala Hispana Del Oeste de Washington Informe, Aida

Estimados compañeros este es el informe de lo que hemos estado trabajando hasta el día de hoy.

Esta oficina esta trabajando con los singuiendo comites y servidores la mesa de servidores esta compuesta de la siguiente manera.

Coordinador: Aida D. (Grupo Eco Latino)

Coordinador alterno: Gerardo (Grupo la ultima esperanza)

Secretario: Jorge (Grupo una Vicion para ti)

Tesorero: Antonio (Grupo Eco Latino)

Comites

Comite de Boletin: coordinador Guillermo T. (Grupo hijos del caso)

Comite de Literatura: coordinator Eduardo (Grupo Undia a la Vez)

Comite Eventos Especiales: coordinator Jesus (Grupo Eco latino)

Comite Paso 12 (vacante)

Comite de Hospitales e Instituciones (vacante)

Comite Informacion al public (vacante)

Comite de la viña (vacante)

Enlace al Distrito (vacante)

El Coordinador inform que las reuniones de unidad estan siendo solicitadas en los Grupos ya que asisten entre 30 a 35 compañeros, el día de junio en el grupo La Ultima Esperanza se dio lugar a una de ellas así hacienda la unidad con los compañeros de este grupo; la proxima reunion sera en el grupo lazkar invitando, a todos los compañeros a hacer unidad, ya que sin las unidad el Corazon de Alcoholicos Anonimos dejaria de latir.

Tambien hace una atenta invitacion a todos los compañeros en compañía de su familia a celebrar un gran y delicioso PIC-NIC El día de agosto a las 2:00 de la tarde en el Parque de Juanita en Kirkland.

HOST COMMITTEE REPORTS (if any. Dates and locations are supplied for reference purposes):

Assemblies:

District 12 will host 2009. The convention center has been secured. Liability insurance has been obtained. Please note that hotel prices are quite low right now, so reserving soon would be a good idea. We have 79 registrations to date, but only ten of those are from DCMs; please register as early as possible!

District 7, 27, and 37 will host 2010. Harriet, alternate Chair, notes that the site obtained is great, and the committee is just beginning further planning.

District 21 will host 2011.

District 8 will host 2012.

Dist 18, 31, and 33 will host 2013.

2010 Quarterlies:

January 8 & 9—District 7 (Vancouver Red Lion). Benjamin, DCM for District 7 made a report extolling the virtues of the location, which is, in fact, in Washington and not Oregon.

April 2 & 3—District 22 (Port Angeles Red Lion)

July 9 & 10—District 11 (Bellingham)

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF 00.4 EXPENDITURES

The Chair introduced this topic, pointing us to a handout which detailed some of the issues involved. This handout is reproduced below:

At the April Quarterly, there were some questions raised about expenses covered by Motion 00.4. At that time, I stated that we would get some general info together and that I would schedule some time for discussion on the subject at the July Quarterly.

Motion 00.4 states:

“Move that each Area Elected Official be given an unallocated budget line item of \$350.00 per year, to be used as needed. All money is to be accounted for by submission of receipts to the Treasurer or Alternate Treasurer.”

I have reviewed the minutes from the Area Quarterlies and 2000 Assembly and talked with a few people that were in service back then. Here’s what I found out:

Back in 1999, the Finance Committee was asked to research the issue of unfunded travel and other expenses incurred by elected Area trusted servants that was not covered by existing motions. The result of the Committee’s work was a motion to the 2000 Assembly to establish a \$6,500.00 per year expenses budget for the Delegate and \$1,600.00 for the other 5 elected officers. That motion was not passed at the Assembly. But the Area apparently did feel that some compensation was needed, so the existing Motion 00.4 was passed. The background for that motion cited compensation for travel as an example of what the funds could be used for. There was no wording that implied it was to be used for travel only. Its intent was to compensate Area elected TS’s for expenses incurred when performing Area business.

Since Motion 00.4 was passed it has been used, in my opinion, judiciously by our Area trusted servants primarily for travel expenses, but also for other sundry expenses incurred. It has also been used for non-traditional expenses like General Service Conference pins that the delegates swap and for registration at PRAASA.

Last rotation the Finance Committee reviewed the motion and couldn't see anything that directly makes it obsolete. Since the motion is open ended it has been left to the trusted servant to use it as they have been delegated to. The Finance Committee typically takes our motions at face value and does not refer to the old background information in order to implement motions.

In recent years, Motion 06.3 has been used to compensate Area trusted servants and committee members for travel expenses.

Our discussion at the July Quarterly will be centered on what the Area, and in particular this rotation, feels is appropriate expenditures of home group contributions under Motion 00.4. We will not be going backwards by discussing who spent money on what in the past. It is my strongly held belief that past and current trusted servants made decisions appropriate to the information and understanding that was available at the time. Our discussions will be aimed at providing additional guidance for future decisions. If it seems appropriate, we can ask the Finance Committee to draft guidelines for use of Motion 00.4 funds for our rotation.

Please discuss this information with your GSRs and, in turn, have them discuss the issue with their home groups. And note – the discussion we hear in July at the Quarterly should be centered on “My District feels” and not “I think”. While your individual input is important, it is input from the home groups that will be most valuable.

Discussion:

--This gives the trusted servants more opportunities to serve.

--We must trust our trusted servants to spend this money wisely.

--All of these expenses are reported in detail to the Treasurer and subsequently in the financial report to the whole fellowship, so everything is transparent, and any objection can be raised at the time of these reports, so the current process is adequate.

--If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

--This should be done away with; there is not state purpose for these funds, and 06.3 has replaced the need for this fund for travel expenses. This should not be a discretionary fund.

--Most groups did not respond to this issue one way or another.

MOTIONS PASSED ON TO THE AGENDA AT PREVIOUS QUARTERLIES

The Chair made the following statement:

“Regarding motions: your job here today is to make sure that the motions that we discuss are suitable to go on the agenda for the October assembly. We should not be engaging in discussion on the merits of the motion - that’s for the Assembly to decide. We need to make sure that motions are clear, well written, and can be understood by the home groups. I will give each motion about 20 minutes of discussion time. After 20 minutes I will get a sense from the body if they would like to vote on the motion or discuss a little more unless someone calls for the question. I will ask that you listen carefully to what has been said before approaching the mike and ask yourself this one question, “*Has this been discussed already or do I have new information*”? The goal is to move forward and not be rehashing the discussion. If you chose to go to the mike a 2nd time, please allow others to go to the mike before you go again.”

“The Western Washington Area treasury fully fund American Sign Language (ASL) services at the annual Area Assembly and the three area committee quarterlies for voting members as requested. It is not the intent of this motion to include area quarterly standing committee meetings, which should be funded through the Accessibility committee.”

Discussion:

--The intent of this motion was never to exclude, but to include more alcoholics. However, it was felt that by taking small chunks of the problem of interpretation and passing them individually, it might serve to take heat off the motions presented. However, we are no longer certain this motion achieves either of these aims (i.e., inclusion and simplicity).

--Why can't we just increase the Accessibility Committee budget rather than having two separate accounts for interpretation, as this motion would create? The Area Treasurer concurred that the simplicity of one account would be somewhat easier.

At this point, District 9 **proposed an amendment to strike the second sentence of this motion**. Amendment died for lack of second.

--A question was raised about whether we should be discussing motions already passed to the agenda at this Quarterly. It was clarified by the Chair that one of our responsibilities is to review the motions already on the agenda to make certain they are in the form we wish.

--It was pointed out that one desirable effect of this motion would be to free up the \$7500 Accessibility motion for other uses.

--This motion is exclusionary, as it only addresses ASL.

--The Accessibility Committee doesn't have enough money to do the job they have been asked to do, so just increase their budget.

At this point, Reid, Area Secretary, proposed **an amendment to change the word "voting" to the word "committee"**. The problem is that the Appointed trusted servants cannot vote, so they would be excluded by this motion from requesting interpretation. This motion was seconded by District 41 and passed by the body.

--It was pointed out that this amendment now excludes GSRs at the Assembly, as they are not Area Committee members (Reid says, "oops!"). Other suggested phrases were brought forward to clarify who is included: participants, voting and committee members, official participants, Assembly members, participating members, all voting and committee members, appointed officers and voting members, and trusted servants.

--We were implored to recall our primary purpose in all this.

--The question was asked: to whom are we *responsible* for providing this service?

--We should think how we would feel if this was a room full of deaf people voting on whether or not to provide a sound system for us.

--Area Treasurer reminded us that if this motion is too specific, it limits the ability of your trusted servants to provide services flexibly, and those writing the checks will provide guidance to those requesting services, rather than just blindly paying for services.

At this point, District 16 **proposed an amendment to replace the words "voting members" with "participating members"**. Seconded by District 27.

--This is too broad. Anyone could walk in and request ASL services.

--In response to the above, it was pointed out that since services must be requested 60 days in advance, it would require planning to attend in order to receive these services, and it is unlikely that anyone who is not an active participant at the Quarterlies and Assembly will do this. And, once again, the Treasurer and alternate Treasurer would not allow services to be provided for someone who is not part of these meetings.

Amendment passed. The motion now reads: **"The Western Washington Area treasury fully fund American Sign Language (ASL) services at the annual Area Assembly and the three area committee quarterlies for participating members as requested. It is not the intent of this motion to include area quarterly standing committee meetings, which should be funded through the Accessibility committee."**

No further discussion.

Next motion:

"Move that the WWA 72 mileage allowance be 2/3 of the current IRS business rate."

At this point, District 18 **proposed an amendment to change the wording of this motion to: "Move that the WWA 72 mileage allowance be reduced from the full IRS business rate to 2/3 of the current IRS business rate."** Seconded by District 11.

--This clarifies that this is a change from current practice, and makes the intent of the motion more clear.

Amendment passed.

At this point, District 10 **proposed an amendment to change "2/3" to "1/2"**. Seconded by District 28.

Discussion:

--The argument is that 2/3 of the rate of still excessive if we are just paying for gas and wear and tear.

--This distinction should be left up to the GSRs at the Assembly to decide. If they wish to amend the amount reimbursed, they should feel free to do so at the Assembly.

--Should we be reimbursing for gas receipts only?

--Does this amendment change the intent of the motion?

--This is inadequate; anyone who wishes to participate in AA service should not be limited by ability to pay, and some of the burden of travel would be borne by the trusted servant is this was the rate paid.

--What about reimbursing at the lower charitable rate?

--The Delegate points out that he has driven 3300 miles so far this year to perform his duties.

Amendment failed.

At this point, District 34 **proposed an amendment to change the word "current" to the word "prevailing"**. Seconded by District 39.

--The rationale for this amendment is that "current" could be taken to mean the rate current at the time the motion is passed, whereas "prevailing" refers to the rate when the motion is being implemented.

Amendment passed.

The motion now reads: **"Move that the WWA 72 mileage allowance be reduced from the full IRS business rate to 2/3 of the prevailing IRS business rate."**

No further discussion.

Next motion:

"We ask AA World Services to produce pamphlets without staples so that they can enter into all correctional facilities."

For your consideration, the following information was provided by Reggie F., Area Grapevine and Literature Chair:

Leaving the last quarterly I took up the task that was directed to me concerning the motion regarding the staples in the pamphlets. On April 13th a phone call to Eva S. who at the time was the person who was our GSO contact for Literature. I say at the time because as of July 1st the positions at GSO Rotated as they do every two years. Eva suggested that I contact Chris C. at AA World Services and she forwarded me to him that same day. Having received the minutes from the last quarterly I read the proposed motion to him and asked if he could supply us with the data to support the request that we were seeking. He told me some things and I informed him that the GSR's of our area would not accept a statement such as they are just too cost prohibitive. I would also need the information in writing as I needed to pass this on to you who are reading this today. I asked for an email to answer the questions that we gave him. Nothing happened. Randel became my reminder of this fact that nothing was happening. I then sent an email again requesting the information and indicated that Randel was still waiting for this answer. I even copied and wrote in that email that I was copying our area Chair on this email. Still nothing happened.

Then an email came from another Area concerning the lack of response from the GSO concerning this very topic. Randel reported to that person about some of our problems. On June 24th, I called Eva who was in the midst of preparing

for the rotation and informed her of our lack of response. About twenty minutes after that call to Eva I received the following email from Chris:

Dear Reggie:

Sorry I let this fall through the cracks. We are collecting estimates to see if other binding methods will be feasible. I will get you the information as soon as possible.

***Regards,
Chris C.***

It was two days later (June 26th) that I received the answer you will find on the back side of this email [below]. I present this to you today as a supplement to the background data that should go with the motion concerning the staples in the pamphlets. I hope this will help you in your decision regarding this motion.

Email from AAWS:

Dear Reggie:

Thanks so much for being in touch -- I want to respond to your question about why we do not produce our pamphlets without staples.

We checked with several printers, and the only viable method we could identify would be to use glue rather than staples. Our press runs produce hundreds of thousands of pamphlets at a time, and other methods, such as stitching, are just not practical.

Financially, gluing is not an option because we would have to change our printing method. Right now our pamphlets are printed on web presses, meaning a large roll of paper is loaded and the paper feeds through the press and is cut at the end of the process. To glue, we would have to change to a sheet-fed press. The cost of the paper, and the cost to use sheet fed production would double the cost of the press run.

As an example, our pamphlet "This is A.A." (P-1) has a press run of 300,000, at a cost of \$20,400. Our printers estimate that to run the pamphlet sheet-fed and to glue, the cost would be \$40,000.

A.A. World Services understands the importance of reaching the alcoholic inmate and so we do produce several products bound with glue that can go directly into correctional facilities: "Memo to an Inmate" and "It sure Beats Sitting in a Cell"; the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve soft cover editions and pocket editions; A.A. In Prison: Inmate to Inmate; and other soft-cover books. The A.A. Grapevine is also now bound with glue.

Our experience shows that local A.A. Groups and corrections committees appreciate the service opportunity of being able to prepare other pamphlets and older issues of the A.A. Grapevine to go into correctional facilities by having what they call "stitching parties." Our office is sensitive to not doing here what can be done locally; we are to facilitate the work of area and district service committees. Stitching pamphlets and Grapevines locally also allows A.A.W.S. to keep its costs and prices at a manageable level -- as you may know, we are still not self-supporting through our own contributions and are always trying to be very prudent in our use of Seventh Tradition contributions.

I hope this information is helpful as your Area continues to discuss this matter.

With regards, and in fellowship,

Chris C.
Publications Director

[Secretary's note: In both of the communications above, Chris C. actually signed his full name, but it is the group conscience of this Area that no last names be included in the minutes.]

Discussion:

- Should this motion be rescinded, considering the feedback we got from AA World Services?
- Should not be rescinded; this is exactly the kind of suggestion that can motivate GSO and AAWS to make changes requested by the fellowship. It is the automatic response from members of the GSO and AAWS staff to say that changes would be too expensive or cumbersome (to their credit; they are trying to be frugal), but this may or may not be a good way to make choices about how best to serve the still-suffering alcoholic. It also carries more weight if it is passed by an entire Area as opposed to a suggestion from an individual.
- It is very appropriate to say that this would be a good thing; it moves things forward.

AREA INVENTORY

At this point, the Chair invited past Delegate Jim M. to the podium to talk about the upcoming Area Inventory. Jim reminded us of the need for inventory, as stated in the Big Book. He then outlined the procedure which would be followed, which will be to do individual committee inventories at the Standing Committee quarterlies, and then use the time normally set aside for inventory at the January Area Quarterly to have reports from those committees on the outcome of these inventories. This is to emphasize the essential nature of these committees, and their primary role in carrying out the primary purpose of the Area.

The members of the committee carrying out these inventories are Jim M., Dick D., and Shirley R., past Delegates, and Ed K., past Area alternate Treasurer and Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

New motion proposed by Darren F., Area CPC chair: **"The Western Washington Area makes available to the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee money for exhibit/booth fees at professional conferences/conventions not to exceed \$1,000.00 per year."**

Background: It is inefficient to keep going back to the Finance Committee every time such funds are needed or appeal to groups and Districts to provide them. Also, if these are annual expenses, they cannot fairly be termed "unexpected" and therefore may not always be legitimately funded by motion 06.2. These exhibits and booths are precisely the kind of work CPC is supposed to be taking on, as it puts us in direct contact with the professionals who deal with alcoholics. Seconded by District 27.

Discussion:

- Potential venues should be in the background information.
- We have been absent from these sorts of events for too long. This is a good motion.
- The word "conventions" is too vague, won't be well understood by the groups. Perhaps substitute "professional meetings"?
- The background should include some explanation of what "exhibit/booth fees" are.
- Should Public Information be included in this motion?
- What happens to the excess funds? (Area Treasurer responds that these are not funds that are set aside, but are used as needed, so there isn't truly an "excess" at the end of the year, rather, there are funds that were never taken out of the Treasury and were therefore available for other uses).
- Could we participate as a nonprofit entity and not be charged a fee? (Darren responds that the \$200 charged for the Criminal Justice Conference was a reduced fee; the normal fee for a commercial booth is \$1000 or more).

--Why \$1000 asked for in the motion? Why not \$500, since that would cover two such conventions, and in the past we have not been to even that many? (Darren responds that there are many of these types of conventions in the state every year, so the \$1000 is actually a fairly conservative estimate of what it would cost to be at even a few of them).

Motion passed.

New motion proposed by District 16: **“The Western Washington Area treasury will pay all costs associated with requested interpretation and translation services for any Area 72 business meeting according to guidelines established by the Area Accessibility Committee.”**

Seconded by District 17.

At this point, District 17 proposed an amendment, changing the motion to read: **“Approved requests for translation and/or interpretation at the 3 Area Quarterlies and the annual Area Assembly be funded by the Area treasury.”**

Seconded by District 16.

Discussion:

--\$7500 Accessibility budget would not be reduced; this would require a separate motion.

--Does this amendment change the intention of the original motion? If so, it would not be allowed as an amendment.

The intent of the original motion was to fund these services at “any Area 72 business meeting”, and to change this substantially changes the original motion.

(The above procedural objection was discussed briefly. It was determined that this amendment does in fact substantially change the intent of the original motion, and as it is too late for the introduction of a new motion, the committee has only two choices: disallow the amendment, or overrule the procedural objection. The will of the body was to overrule the procedural objection, the prevailing feeling being that the amendment was a substantial improvement over the original motion).

--This motion failed last year because it was too vague about which meetings were covered, and this motion is an improvement.

--We were once again reminded that the Treasurer is the steward of our funds, and this motion would never be allowed to bankrupt the Area.

--Should we include in the background how such requests will be approved? (It was generally thought that this was excessively limiting).

--How will the \$7500 Accessibility budget be used if this motion is approved? This should be included in the background.

--Why don't we just expand the Accessibility budget rather than making another pot for these services to come from?

--An estimated budget for this motion should be included in the background.

Amendment passed.

Discussion on amended motion:

--The two motions now on the agenda that address interpretation have two different criteria: “approved request” versus “participating members”.

--It should be clarified in the background that we will not be spending more money, merely taking it from a different pot.

--“...according to guidelines established by the Area Accessibility Committee” is not in the second motion (the one most recently passed on to the agenda), is this a problem?

--Isn't this redundant with the interpretation motion already passed on to the agenda?

--No, the other motion only covers ASL.

--Yes, they do overlap some, but they should be left on the agenda for the Assembly to choose between them.

--No procedure should be established in the background information for approval of requests.

--This is a good motion; the Accessibility budget is too small for these purposes.

--How are we going to justify increasing this budget without decreasing the Accessibility budget? (This was felt to be an argument on the merits of the motion, and we were reminded by the Chair to stick to the appropriateness and clear wording of the motion).

--Background should include a description of what Accessibility Committee does, to give a clear notion that providing interpretation and translation is but a small part of their mandate.

--Stephen (Accessibility Chair) asks that he be contacted with any questions, and he is willing to come to your District or homegroup meetings to answer them.

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by District 29, seconded by District 18. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 5:02 with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted by

Reid B.

Area Secretary