

## JANUARY 2026 DCM REPORT

Hi everyone! I'm Rose and I'm an alcoholic, honoured to serve as your Panel 75 DCM. Happy New Year!

We've started 2026 on a roll! The Night Owl meetings, which were made possible by groups stepping up to take turns to chair, concluded their well-attended run on January 1st. I want to thank the Hi-New-Ners for organizing this series of nightly meetings and for donating Seventh Tradition contributions to District.

Following this, the January Quarterly was held on January 6, 9, and 10th. I was delighted to be accompanied by five GSRs in person, three of whom were new. Attending your first assembly is an unforgettable experience that deepens members' appreciation for this fellowship and the unwavering passion of its members. It's also a wonderful way to meet people and get to know fellow committee members while enjoying copious amounts of junk food and coffee, and challenging your ability to sit for long lengths of time!

The Quarterly was attended by 403 people, with approximately half in person and half online. It started dramatically Friday evening, with an on-floor confrontation between the Area Service Committee and Sha-nnon, the former alt Chair who had been asked to step down in November after admitting to falsifying feedback data. Sha-nnon disputed the Area Chair's statement to DCMs at a specially convened meeting November 11, that she had willingly stepped down. She felt she had been forced to step down and that the talk surrounding this disclosure to the DCMs tarnished her. With the guiding light of the Traditions most evident, an honest discussion ensued, Sha-nnon expressed forgiveness towards the ASC and we emerged from this challenge united as a spiritual entity. As a result, an updated ASC panel was ratified with Eileen M taking over the Corrections Chair from Chad P, who stepped down due to health reasons; Joanne C, taking the alternate Chair and PI Chairs; Pauline D, the Archives Chair; and Dawnn F, the GV and Registrar Chairs.

Some takeaway items from the assembly:

- GSO is in dire need of contributions, once again having to draw upon its Reserve Fund. It has less than 6 months of reserve rather than the ideal of 9 to 12 months. GSO is operating with the least amount of money than ever before, while requests for services has gone up. The pandemic, high inflation, and diminishing margins on literature have all contributed to this situation. Scott H, the GSB Chair requested we ask ourselves: What is AA worth? Should we reduce services?
- AAWS will raise literature prices February 1.
- The CPC Conference Committee has agreed to hear Area 79's CPC motion regarding the production of short clips derived from new videos for professions in the works.

Back at home, other items that may be of interest to District members:

- The Rally Committee is looking for members to fill all positions. The next Rally meeting will be at 1:30pm on Jan. 31 behind the Alano Club. If no volunteers show up for this meeting, then the Rally will be cancelled.
- I am looking for five members to help me put together a bid for an assembly. In particular, I need someone with the skills to create a five minute power point presentation.
- Feb. 6: Area is presenting an online workshop: Building Committees at the Local Level to be facilitated by Michelle B and Joanne C.
- Area Archives Chair continues its call out for stories illustrating the impact of COVID on members.
- The Trustee' Literature Committee is conducting virtual writing workshops to help develop two pamphlets: Pamphlet for the Transgender Alcoholic and Pamphlet for the Asian Alcoholic.

- District 43 Corrections Committee hosts Correction Corner the last Sunday of each month to allow members to share about how their lives and recovery were impacted by the corrections system.
- GSRs, its not too soon to consider scheduling a special meeting or extra long business meeting to cover the Pre-Conference Agenda Items. The agenda items should be ready for distribution mid-March. Also, if you're considering going to Burnaby for the Pre-Conference Assembly, please talk to each other about sharing transportation and accommodation.

Finally, GSRs, particularly those in their second year of rotation, please make time to mentor your alternate GSRs. It is important to maintain communication with your alternate GSRs to ensure they are adequately prepared to fulfill their responsibilities of representing your group during your absence from business meetings and assemblies. It is crucial to recognize that your alternates, in collaboration with you, serve as a vital link between your group and the broader AA community. The absence of a GSR at these meetings effectively diminishes the group's representation and voice. In my position as DCM, I will continue to communicate with absent GSRs and unrepresented groups to encourage their participation at District.

I wish you all the best on your recovery and service journey today and tomorrow and look forward to working with you all.

Thank you for your service,

With gratitude,

Rose