

Hello Friends in District 4, my name is Jacquie, I am an alcoholic and am gratefully serving as DCM.

I attended the June Quarterly in Surrey in person that was held the July long weekend. 222 attended in person, 127 attended online.

- We were reminded that Rotation is the most important part of service and is done in the spirit of humility.
- Treasurer report for Area 79. May contributions to Area 79 were the highest of the year so far, though we are still \$10K short of where we would like to be for the year. Our Area 79 Quarterlies & Assemblies are over budget due to the cost of venues and travel. We have spent \$18K more than we have received in contributions. Area is being prudent with their travel costs by sharing transportation and rooms.
- Treasurer report for AA World Services & the General Service Board Contributions for 2023 were \$10.84 M, highest ever and accounted for 62% of the operating expenses, meaning book sales are not the biggest contributor anymore! Book sales are up but so is the cost to produce books. Operating expenses were also up by almost 10%. AAWS ended 2023 with an operating surplus of just over 581K. The first quarter of 2024 is showing favorable improvements for AAWS & GSB. Let's keep it going with contributions!
- The new book put out by Area 79 "Our Stories First Nations, Inuit & Metis Recovery" was presented and copies were sold. We were asked to limit the number we purchase until the second printing, I purchased 3 copies for our District, the District committee will discuss and decide where these can be distributed to be of best use. We can order more at a later date.
- Delegate's report. Our delegate visited us at our Rally on May long weekend so therefore you have had the opportunity to hear her report. On the delegate's page on the Area 79 website you will find a flyer of the Highlights of the 74th Conference.
- Bidding took place for 2025 Area Events, the following were successful bids
Jan. Quarterly Jan 10 and 11th - Districts 37 & 38 (White Rock & South Delta)
Pre-Conference Assembly April 11-13 - Vernon
June Quarterly June 6-8 - Kelowna
Sept Voting Assembly Sept 12-14 – Castlegar
At some time it would be nice for our District to host an event in hopes of garnering more interest in General Service.

- Update on 2025 International Convention.

For information keep checking aa.org

As well there is a website for volunteers icvwc2025.org on this website you can sign up for a newsletter to be kept up to date.

Sept 10/24 Registration & Housing opens. You must be registered for the event to have access to booking the hotel rooms that are set aside for this event . A rumour is circulating that all rooms are booked, this is not so, blocks at discounted rates are being held for us and to be released on Sept 10th. There is a limit of hotel rooms each person can book.

District News

Recently I have been approached about safety in our fellowship, especially the safety of women. I once heard a Past delegate state that we in AA have given the cute name of 13th Stepping to what is actually assault or harassment and is predatory behaviour. Everyone must feel safe to attend meetings and be part of our fellowship so that our lives can be saved from alcoholism. We also need to show the public that we are responsible, upstanding citizens

I have distributed the literature piece 'Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare' to some members and some groups. You can find all literature by visiting aa.org please ask your GSR or myself if you need help finding what you need.

The Safety Card that is read in some meetings has been found beneficial and preventative. Less than 2 years ago we had a workshop on Safety. Instead of another workshop some female members are trying to spread the word to women in AA about this issue and what we were taught, women helping women and men helping men. That being said the noon groups that meet at St. Georges need more women with more sobriety to attend. I am happy to say that already more women are attending the said meetings as requested. We will be discussing safety at our next District meeting however the District is not the AA police.

Other news from the last meeting - Our District prudent reserve was increased from 3 months (\$1,800.00) to 6 months (\$3,000.00). Storage costs have increased again, we are now paying \$120/month.

I have another request for help. I have sent this information to GSRs but have had no bites as of yet, I will try this platform. From the Area Archives Chair *“The Archives Committee has begun working on a project to display in the hospitality suite at the International Convention in Vancouver next year. This project is the creation of an Interactive map of BC/Yukon Area 79 which will include a bit of history of each District and a photo that will pop up when a person clicks on the District icon. We need photos of your district’s geographical area. The photos must obey copyright laws, so permission to use any photos that are selected will be needed. The photos can be of a historic site, geographical landmark, a landscape in your district or meeting places. NO PHOTOS OF PEOPLE.*

There will be 1-4 photos of each district chosen depending on the capacity of the software we use for the map. The photos along with a signed waiver attached can be submitted anytime from now until the end of July.”

Time is running out. Please contact me at the email below if you have any photos that you feel would be of use. Your GSR and myself have the required waiver needed.

The Area 79 website is being updated. I am really counting on your help again to write a blurb for the website on District 4 history. Photos similar to as already mentioned will also be needed for this.

Our next District meeting is in person, July 17th at 5:30 pm at the Courtenay Library. Come join us to help ensure that the AA message is there for those who are still suffering as was done for us.

Check out the BBQ poster on this website. Bye for now! Enjoy the summer!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
In Gratitude, Jacquie M, District 4 DCM

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