



Our Commitment to Carry A.A.'s Message – Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action

Pacific Regional Forum Report - Spokane, WA

From Your Area 93 Chair:

Pacific Regional Forum – Spokane, Washington August 29-31, 2008

Friday: Madeleine P. intros: recognized each position of service

Opening remarks: Leonard Blumenthal (Class A Trustee, Chairman of the General Service Board). The last of the special forums will be held in Moosefactory, Ontario Canada. He spoke about the 58th General Service Conference theme. Encouraged members to ask lots and lots of questions

Presentations:

Madeleine – Roll of Class B Trustee "What's it all about Alki?" Went through a timeline of the birth of the conference and Bill & Bob's "Plan for AA's future". She reminded us the conference process is a year round process by which the trustees carry out the work. She also mentioned the committees to which she is currently assigned. Bottom line of all service is "one drunk talking to another drunk". This event and all AA services are to equip us for the 12th step call.

"Rockin' Rogelio" / "Nacho Grande" (aka Rogelio Flores, Class A Trustee) gave a talk and gave a special recognition to Area 93

Doug R. – conference desk & coordinator, has been a paid staff member for 12 years. There are 78 employees, 5 part-time between the two corporations. Staff committee assignments rotate every two years (the committee assistants stay with their corresponding committees) he shared about the GSO correspondences that come via email/letters/phone.

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Some of which ask "What GSO's Official position?" on such and such. He said GSO does not have an official position, but may respond with a letter ("Experience shows...") that some group

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From Your Area 93 Delegate:

2008 FORUM Grapevine Roundtable

Robin B., Grapevine Editor, moderated this roundtable discussion and the beginning time turned into a question and answer period for our Editor. Some questions:

- 1) Do we need Conference approval or to go through the Delegate to request that the Grapevine focus on an area concern? Answer- It is your magazine; you can write an article sharing experience or even describe a problem in the Area and ask for sharing on solution.
- 2) Are the magazines available in large print? Answer- No but they are available on audio and also online subscriptions so you can change the font on your computer to make it larger print.
- 3) We know Emotional Sobriety is available on CD, are there any more CDs planned for the future? Answer- Three is an anthology of Young Peoples stories coming and we are also working on a CD of Old-Timers stories.

4) What is the selection process for Letters to the Editor section of the magazines? Answer- They are all put in a folder and then four different editors read each piece and give their remarks, Robin makes the final selection.

5) How are GV/LaVina employees paid? There are 13 full time workers, 5 are hourly employees and the rest are on salary.

6) How much time before an issue is published do stories need to be submitted? Answer- 4 months in advance, the Grapevine staff will send two contacts to the writer of an article (3 if by email) to say "yes" or "no" to being published. They may file and hold the story and use later.

7) If we have subscription problems, who should we con

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members may interpret it to say "This is GSO's opinion..." which conveniently lines up with their own opinion and then use it to "filet" his/her home group. We enjoyed a laugh together.

Q&A:

Q: How often does our Chairman of the Board (or any other Class A trustee) get asked to participate at the level of press/radio/films & TV? A: Many opportunities came throughout the year from US/Canada - newspapers, etc. and they'll respond any time they are asked.

Q: How are conference items weighed and sorted and finally end up on the agenda? A: If they are specific to the committee, then it is easily referred to the corresponding Trustees Committee. But the "short answer" is there is no "rule" on how. [Service Manual describes this process, items can end up on agenda, workshop topics or presentations] if something comes from an individual or a group, sometimes a reply letter will be generated to seek local discussion and/or support. Madeleine said weight is given to something generated from an entire area.

We were shown the video "Markings on the Journey"

General Sharing and Close of Friday session.

Saturday: Grapevine / La Viña Presentations:

AA Grapevine (non trustee) director, Jim B., gave an overview of what AA Grapevine does. English magazine has a subscription of 107,000 and a pass it on rate of 4 (this means five people see each edition of grapevine) La Viña - 11,000 subscriptions in 2007 and the pass it on rate has not been determined yet. Jim spoke about the composition of the Grapevine board. GV has 60,000 stories, is 64 yrs old, and has 150 articles by Bill W. and 12-15 new stories per month. Grapevine is solely supported by subscriptions and sales of GV literature. It is always a challenge to price the magazine (the current rate of inflation would price a year's subscription much higher than its current cost - ref: bureau of labor web site for inflation statistics)

Robin B. - Grapevine executive editor. GV, Inc. has the two magazines, GV books and audio downloads. (A free sample audio download subscription was offered to the Pacific Regional Forum attendees through Nov 01) GV digital archives are a good source for presentations.

Grapevine is also very interested in submissions for La Viña stories. Compilations of grapevine stories from the heart with a wide range of emotional topics are compiled in to the "Emotional Sobriety" book and "Language of the Heart" includes Bill W.'s articles.

The Grapevine is committed to a new look for the magazine (transformed over the years to be attractive) among considerations is changing the physical size of the magazine. Some stats: 1952 the word "Grapevine" added to cover of magazine, 1974 P.O. Box was added, 1981 "our meeting in print" added (incidentally 1981 conference theme was "...Courage to Change" 1954 first GVR positions created. "R" stood for "reporter"; they were liaisons to the Grapevine office. She encouraged groups to use the magazine for 12th step work and also to buy 50 packs to take to treatment facilities - they sometimes have one meeting a week brought in, but the GV magazine could be there the other 6 days. There was considerable discussion regarding staple free year round subscriptions (the fiscal impact would be between \$2,200 and \$3,000 per issue to do this).

New sections coming to grapevine.org include: tabs for "Newcomers", "Professionals" and "Sponsorship" with links to related articles.

La Viña editorial advisory board member, Paz P. (her first Forum) spoke to the history of the La Viña magazine and shared a fun PowerPoint presentation. She noted among the Spanish-speaking community 3,200 groups, 95 districts, 55 intergroup/central offices participate in La Viña. Subscriptions to date in 2008 = 10,642 units. She is looking forward to a "user friendly" Spanish section of the Grapevine website.

Pacific Regional Delegate's presentations: Alaska 02, Western Washington 72, Central California 93, Arizona 03 and Northern Interior California 07.

I was particularly impressed with Area 72 delegate's Gail H. presentation regarding being so caught up in procedures and minutia that we lose sight of our primary purpose to do more and better 12th step work. She noted that most AA members are truly concerned with carrying the message and not really concerned with how to properly make a motion (in her area they have been spending a lot of time rescinding motions and the "how to" of this) in her opinion, "God may have a hard time speaking through Robert's Rules of Order." She endeared the general service conference as a model of how to do it "right".

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District	Cities in District	Groups Est.	District Meeting Place	Day / Time
1	Calabasas, Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Hidden Hills, Northridge, Reseda, Tarzana, West Hills, Woodland Hills	77	Cabriito House 7552 Remmett, Canoga Park	1st Wednesday of the Month 6:00 PM
2	Hispanic Groups – Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, Lamont, McFarland, Wasco	8	Chester & 3rd Bakersfield	Every Tuesday 7:00 PM
3	Hispanic Groups – Canoga Park, No Hollywood, Panorama City, Reseda, Sun Valley, Van Nuys, Burbank	16	7311 Vanuys Blvd #7 Van Nuys	Every Tuesday 8:00 PM
4	Hispanic Groups – Arleta, . Canoga Park Northridge, Pacoima, Palmdale, Lancaster, North Hills, Newhall ,San Fernando, Sylmar,	16	14967 Paddock Ave. # 7 Sylmar	2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month 8:00 PM
5	Hispanic Groups – Carpinteria, Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Ventura	13	545 S. B Street, Suite C Oxnard.	2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month 6:00PM
6	Hispanic Groups – Goleta, Grover Beach, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria	9	408 N. McClelland Santa Maria.	1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month 8:00 PM
7	Acton, Canyon Country, Lake Hughes, Lancaster, Newhall, Palmdale, Pearblossom, Phelan, Quartz Hill, Saugus, Valencia, Pinion Hills, Rosomond	56	Aguadulce Women's Club Agua Dulce Web: www.AAdistrict7.org	2nd Saturday of the Month 9:00 AM
8	Oxnard	22	Gold Coast Meeting, Ventura Central Office 321 N. Aiador, Camarillo	3rd Wednesday of the Month 7:00 PM
9	Oxnard, Point Mugu, Port Huneme	25	Gold Coast Meeting, (see above)	3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM
10	Bakersfield, Tehachapi	6	34th Street Alano Club 1001 34th St. Bakersfield	4th Sunday of the Month 4:00 PM
11	Burbank, Glendale, La Crescenta, Los Angeles (Brunswick Ave.)	49	Shakers Meeting Place 315 W. Vine St, Glendale	1st Monday GSR, Last Monday Committee 6:00 PM
12	Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Santa Paula	28	Gold Coast Meeting, Ventura Central Office 321 N. Aiador, Camarillo	3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM
13	Meiners Oaks, Ojai, Ventura	56	Gold Coast Meeting, Ventura Central Office 321 N. Aiador, Camarillo	3rd Wednesday 7:00 PM
14	Hispanic Groups – Santa Paula, Fillmore, Camarillo, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Moorpark	8	949 1/2 Main Street Santa Paula	2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month 7:00PM
15	Bakersfield, Shafter, Delano, Wasco, Buttonwillow, McFarland	14	34th Street Alano Club 1001 34th St. Bakersfield	4th Sunday of the Month 4:00 PM
16	Canoga Park, Encino, Granada Hills, Northridge, Pacoima, Sylmar, Panorama City, San Fernando, Sepulveda, Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys	49	15950 Chastworth St. Granada Hills	1st Monday of the Month 6:00 PM
17	North Hollywood, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Sun Valley, Toluca Lake, Universal City, Van Nuys	80	Church 5000 Colfax, N. Hollywood Web: www.district17AA.org	1st Monday of the Month 6:30 PM
18	Hispanic Groups – Shafter, Delano, Earlimart, Richgrove	10	814 7th Ave Delano	Every Monday 7:00 PM
20	Borron, California City, Lone Pine, Mojave, Randsburg, Ridgecrest, Rosamond, Rosamond/Mojave	19	High Desert Alano Club 325 N. Downs, Ridgecrest	1st Monday of the Month 7:15 PM
21	Bakersfield, Buttonwillow, Delano, Shafter, Wasco	19	34th Street Alano Club 1001 34th St. Bakersfield	4th Sunday of the Month 4:00 PM
22	Arroyo Granda, Atascadero, Avila Beach, Cambria, Cayucos, Carrisa Plains, Creston, Grover Beach, Los Osos, Morro Bay, Nipomo, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, San Luis Obispo, San Miguel, Templeton	69	Alano Club, 1814 Osos Street San Luis Obispo Web: www.aadistrict22.org	2nd Sunday of the Month 10:15 AM
23	Goleta, Montecito, Santa Barbara, Summerland	89	Holy Cross Church 1740 Cliff St, Santa Barbara Web: www.ccaadistrict23.com	1st Monday of the Month 6:00 PM
24	Simi Valley	12	United Methodist Church - 2394 Erringer Rd. Rm 10, Simi Valley	3rd Thursday of the Month 7:00 PM
28	Agoura, Agoura Hills, Newbury Park, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village	40	King of Glory Church 2500 Borchard Rd., Newbury Park	3rd Tuesday of the Month 7:00 PM
50	Bodfish, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Mt. Mesa, Onyx	13	Kern Valley Senior Center, 6407 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella	1st Thursday of the Month 6:00 PM
52	Lompoc, Los Alamos, Orcutt, Santa Maria, Solvang	24	Rotates Alano Clubs, Benwiley St Santa Maria, D St Lompoc Web: www.aadistrict52.org	2nd Sunday of the Month 10:00 AM
53	Frazier Park, Pine Mountain Club	5		
59	Bakersfield, Taft	17	34th Street Alano Club 1001 34th St. Bakersfield	4th Sunday of the Month 4:00 PM

Area 93 Upcoming Events

Dec. 21, 2008	Area Committee Meeting	Standing Committee & Subcomm. Chairs, DCMs, DCMCs, & Area Officers	Goleta Community Center 5679 Hollister Ave. Goleta
Jan 18, 2009	Area Assembly	Everyone	College of the Canyons 26455 Rockwell Canyon Rd Santa Clarita, CA
Feb. 15, 2009	Area Committee Meeting	Standing Committee & Subcomm. Chairs, DCMs, DCMCs, & Area Officers	Goleta Community Center 5679 Hollister Ave. Goleta
Feb. 21, 2009	4 Area DCM Sharing	DCMs, DCMCs, & Alternates	Area 08
Mar 2009	Area 93 Archives Repository Anniversary	Everyone	3031 West 5th Street. Oxnard

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tact? Answer- Jeff M., he is wonderful and has been there 11 years.

Then discussion began. One question was "How do we get groups to have Grapevine Literature and Grapevine displayed and represented?" The general sharing produced these suggestions: involve younger members (teens- 40s), display at Unity Days, get GV Reps, encourage the home group to get subscription(s) and have the GV rep attend District and Area meetings, share your enthusiasm and passion to get members interested, order 50 back issues for \$40.00 and distribute with an extra subscription form. Also having a laptop when you display Grapevine and show the GV website, audio version and digital archives may encourage subscriptions right on the spot, Highlight coming attractions when you talk about Grapevine, give a summary of a story, enough to make members curious or whet their appetite for the next issue. Bring the grapevine to institutions where you do panels, give a copy to a newcomer if they go home after the meeting and start having crazy thoughts it can really help. Have Grapevine catalogs at all events, once a month have a speaker meeting focus on the Grapevine, use the magazine as door prizes at potluck and give away a subscription at the meeting.

Next discussion centered on "What can I do to get more involved in Grapevine?" You can get bulk prison issues alone from catalog. You can pay tribute to our recently departed Andy T and put a subscription form on every chair at a meeting or function. Combine committee projects (such as Grapevines in libraries - combining GV and PI), use stories out of Grapevine for topic at discussion meeting, use GV cans to collect funds to buy subscriptions, buy a subscription for each committee (Area or District) Also for the Challenge for each Area to get 100 new subscriptions by the end of this year use a visual aid at assemblies (like a thermometer)

Next discussion, "what is needed to get all issues "perfect binding" (no staples)? We need to gather information and find out all jails, prisons that do not allow the magazine with staples. Our office has heard about this request but never had responses to any of the questions they have asked to determine if there is a real need.

-Submitted by Debbie J. CCAA Panel 57 Delegate

