

Servathon

The purpose of the Servathon is to focus upon one or more of the Twelve Traditions and all aspects of A.A. service. This broad charter specified in the Mid-Southern California Area "Guidelines For Structure and Procedure" gives the Servathon participants a unique opportunity to review and learn about A.A. service fields that they may not be familiar with.

In the past, topics for the Round Table Discussions have been selected from discussion topics scheduled for next year's General Service Conference. This has the effect of bringing the Area closer to the forthcoming Conference in April. The information gathered at the Servathon provides a baseline for a more in-depth review of the topics at the "Pre-Conference Workshop" held in the spring of the year.

Table 01 - On fire for PRAASA 2019 (Jeff G)

Jeff opened table #1 on PRAASA @ 10:45 a.m. showing previous buttons he'd collected at nine previous PRAASAs, wearing the 10th for 2019 in Irvine. Questions asked were:

- How many of the six people at the round table had attended previous PRAASAs – Jeff (9), Teresa – who was the first woman Spanish Speaking Delegate in her Area had been five times, once in Anchorage, Alaska; Nevada, San Diego, Sacramento, and Los Angeles.
- Who does to PRAASA? Every 15 delegates in the Area, the trustees and anyone who cares to learn more about service.
- How PRAASA location is chosen (defined) is from a rotation list where the fifteen areas can either accept or decline four years in advance. The fifteen areas are six in California, two in Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Alaska, and Arizona.
- Agenda items are released early in the year to cover at PRAASA which is held in march. A Gathering our Area's conscience before our delegate goes to the conference in New York.

Table #1 – 3rd Rotation

SMF, RND, SLC 1st PRAASA -111

1. a) 8
b) 5
c) Person on chair and told story of being transgender (Powerful)
 - cab ride
 - SMF – hearing-impaired lady sharing
 - RNO – Navajo young lady share (7th Tradition @ work)
 - Still had badge from 2010 PRAASA
 - Attended 13 PRAASAs
 - Oakland non AA Trustee heard appreciation and gratitude for AA. Learned to show gratitude (people, experience, service work)
 - Travel experiences
2. Anyone who has general Service Commitment
 - * anyone who wants to.

- Eleven Western states
- Hosting area high attendance
- 3. Areas can pass or trade
 - List but not set in stone
 - ~first Friday in March ~
 - 2020 Tucson AZ
- 4. (Greg) U.S. trustee @ Large Share
 - Uganda – no literature; 80% country alcoholic
 - Joel C. – emotional report (8)
 - Rod; non-A.A. Trustee @ Large Rob from Boston
- 5. Are we divided in A.A.?
 - Young People, Women’s meetings (competing arguments)
 - Divisiveness ~
 - Exchange of ideas at Servathon!
 - Spanish Speaking Women w/service!
 - Balance Service – Quality
 - ~ Program Chair
 - i. A.A. & Digital Age
 - ii. YouTube!

Table 02 - Is AA Accessible to All Who Need It? (Ron E)

Session #1 – Delete markings – few; City was sued; Second floor meeting – Danger !; Lower and “Definitely an issue”; ADA legal issues

Defined meeting place definition?

LAST information gathering/sharing is vital!

[ADA guidelines need to be realized]

= ? * Utilize advocacy group regarding ADA issues

? #4 Young vs. old language divide?

- Multi language literature availability
- * Blame pointed out use of dictionary
- Sergio talked of “the study” of the Big Book!
- pamphlets connect old and new

Session #2

Committee NAME changed

1. Special needs to Accessibility to
2. Pamphlet changed to “access to A.A. members Share on Overcoming/Barriers
3. – Transportation and know about or find us
4. Transition parking to hall terrain and lighting
5. Language continues Vietnamese, Pilipino, etc.

Use of resources PI, CPC

Area 08 – proposed language Big Book to conference; plain

Also a proposal for study guide

Audio

Session #3

Most building that have meetings by law must be wheelchair accessible however, not all groups have meeting places that are.

Some meetings in Directories are listed as accessible for the deaf!

Interpretation issues will A.A. text; "archaic"

Meeting that can accommodate non-English Speakers, by having A.A. Literature in other languages.

= Awareness if they come & don't stay

Table 03 -Grapevine in Committee Work (Ed L.)

1. Why is the Grapevine still relevant?
 - It helps us reach communities that may not readily have the availability most of us have; **Military, Corrections, Loners International**
 - After reading many of use **pass the magazine** to others, meetings, etc.
2. Are we self-supporting if we do not contribute to the Grapevine?
 - In the last three years we (GV) has been **in the black**, even though La Viña had been in the red.
3. What can the Grapevine do that no one else can?
 - It is a tool that can be **versatile**. When you can't attend an A.A. meeting or there are **no meetings**
 - It can be tied to other committees. **Corrections Correspondence, Hospitals & Institutions**, etc. This can be relevant to Question 4.
4. How can other communities use the Grapevine?
 - By communicating ways of getting subscriptions to **Hospitals, Programs, Correction Correspondence**.
 - During **ASC or ASA – also at District meetings**.
5. How can the Grapevine be improved?
 - The survey in **September/October** was not definitive.
 - Add Concepts stories possibly incorporated some conference information in the monthly subscriptions following GSC.

Session #2

1. Why is the Grapevine still relevant?
 - Targeted audience of alcoholics, currently relevant with (Areas), Second cultural, etc. but in context our Traditions, Current because new submissions, Portable and available as an outreach tool. Only 20-30 stories of 200+ submitted set published Not only entertaining ok, outreach, constitute (somewhat) as a meeting.
2. Are we self-supporting if we do not contribute to the Grapevine?
 - Seems our not adopting 3rd parties undermined availability of articles. We should partner cooperate with 3rd parties such as Amazon. In Spanish-speaking communities, strive to have la Viña reps. Area and District need better magazine rep.
3. What can the Grapevine do that no one else can?

- Only alcoholic steps to and for other alcoholics, La Viña stories are all now submitted by Spanish-speaking culture. Mexico has plenitude. Contributors only by alcoholics but magazines from all people Anyone can buy. We advertise on grapevine App for more income.
- 4. How can other communities use the Grapevine?
 - H&I Corrections etc. clear – need cooperation Grapevine La Viña shared USA Communities Districts visit groups with displays. AA says if active A.A> meetings.
- 5. How can the Grapevine be improved?
 - Having A.A. signs for public meetings to connect La Viña and Grapevine to A.A. GSO has a new A.A. symbol, A.A. inside blue circle.

Session # 3

1. Why is the Grapevine still relevant? Those in totally Spanish – (Directed partly to a Newcomer) to Spanish community that there are internal, cultural for its readers. La Viña celebration resulted in new subscriptions for out Area 09. Nationally (Newcomer though Southern California only) relevant, no just Southern California. Sam structure as attracting with Preamble, Steps and traditions. Relating to just are story will make you fall in love with La Viña. La Viña share one how A.A. works. Share with other alcoholics.
2. Are we self-supporting if we do not contribute to the Grapevine?
 - Subscription page in magazine to show you how to receive volumes, personal stories, contributed.. how to submit stores? Hand written, emails, or record your story.
3. What can the Grapevine do that no one else can?
4. How can other communities use the Grapevine?
 - Tool to take magazine into other committees. Public Information uses magazine for new people, so in addition to PSA. Carry the message to prisoners - WA **Delegate**.
 - Have La Viña and Grapevine chairs use at committees to talk about their experience into those committees.
5. How can the Grapevine be improved? Impact – already digital rescan ad ways to record 7:00 minute sessions. Attend La Viña writers workshop.

Table 04 - AA and Spanish-Speaking Women (Ryan W/Carmen M)

1. (Women) have history/road in A.A. Responsible for carrying the message to form groups, have a voice, be self-supporting, etc.
2. Gratitude for all men who are helping pave the way → utmost importance!
3. Area hold a Spanish-speaking Traditions workshop.
4. English speaking meetings to keep a copy of Spanish Speaking Big Book on hand, phone # resources.
5. Identify rooms that are very cheap or negotiable for (women) can have meetings and be self-supporting/rent without restrictions
6. Traditions supporting (women) meetings →
 - 3 only requirements/singleness
 - 4 autonomy

12 principles before personalities
5 primary pursue

7. Carrying message through literature → new group binder, etc.
 - o Tradition support, but above all responsible to carry the message ex: of new man sick shows up – can they stay (autonomy)? yes. Equimene por mujeras en reuniones de homores.
8. District 12 Bridging the Gap → Reaching out to (women) in prison and sponsoring them
9. Panels → bilingual, Spanish speaking.

Mesa #4 12 precentes

1. Como Podemos a quirir autonomia unidad y personal el propocito en la Junta de Mujeres. Sillega un hombre a la Junte de Mujeres for primera vez lo primordial darle el mensuje.
2. Como responder allos conetarios Negativos por una forma pocitiva. Eschuchar y agarrar lo Bueno y recazer lo malo.
3. Tu cres que es Bueno idea tener mesas de trajujo de la mujer de abla ispana en el area. Son Servivior Generales entende, Maraton de la mujer efectiva ala Junta de Mujeres pero como A.a. somos uno solo.
4. Que Podemos Compoartir en la Junta de Mujeres que o ayuden a ir ala Juntas Regulares. Tener Junta de Mujeres su car sus inquietudes y ablar a mujer a mujer no entendmos al prinipio bien de alli Salir alos Grupos Regulares de hombres y Mujeres sin miedo.
5. Como Podemos alcanzar efectivamente ala mujer Alcolica que nesecite Junta en espanol. Nuestras Experiences acerles saber poder llegar Alugares Jue no Suben que ay una Solucion que es A.a. y una madrina de Mujer Amujer Abla ispana

Table 05 - Are You Safe in Alcoholics Anonymous? (Nancy H)

1. Sexual – incidents
 - a. Physical fights – stabbings
 - b. Chair throwing
 - c. Crosstalk in meetings integrates unsafe conditions
 - d. Melanie D. Solutions
 - e. Literature, God
 - Pressure to believe in God (Atheists and Agnostics not feeling comfortable)
 - Money, free info about Trade you work.
2. Safety cards, safety information
 - Format in reading at beginning of meeting
 - Education to newcomers
 - If you see something, say something.
3. No – there is now literature and safety cars.
 - a. Beginning Discussion
 - b. All are not well but have legitimate reason to be there.
 - c. Tradition 3
 - d. Open/Closed meetings. Alcoholics/Addicts
 - e. People coming from Treatment Centers (explaining to how A.A. works, etc.)
4. Life or Death emergency * fights * restraining orders * bolo (be on the look out).

- a. How does that affect your group as to whenever you call PD (police department).
(individual decision or not)
- b. Service Animals ~?
5. Group literature Concerns – Is Your Aware! Some are some aren't
 - a. Repetition for awareness.
 - b. Safety Literature at GSO – no cost.
 - c. Safety cards in newcomer packet? (should they be)
 - d. Behavior * Safety * Solutions*
 - e. Have GSR discuss it occasionally

Session

1. Calling GSO in New York about Literature
2. Mental illness = threat of violence –
3. (Gaslighting) = seeking approval in worn area – lot of time/
4. Medical advice
5. Crosstalking/bad or good = commenting =
6. Physical safety - 9New
7. Higher powers/God/
8. Dress Codes –
9. Group Cons – No Harassments
10. Pair – for accountability =
11. Being appropriate with topics -

Table 06 - Why Not Gossip at AA Functions? (Hiro S)

1. Is gossip a safety issue? Has personal gossip made it impossible for (potential) members to get/stay sober in your group or other groups (Tradition 3 and 5)?
 - Consensus was that yes things can be harmful and something to be aware/cautious of avoiding Politics, religion, medications, sex issues/orientation/years/drug of choice were all mentioned as topics that can be difficult.
2. When does what I say to another member of AA become gossip?
 - Group as helpful to each other vs. harmful in talking about each other. What is the notice? Noted that the business meeting defines the 'group conscience'; and the 10th Step helps our motives (see p.125 big Book).
3. Have I broken someone's anonymity, by dropping their name when they are not present?
 - Using famous names to "promote" my group or make it more attractive
 - Calling people out when we hear gossip also noted to be important
 - Using Traditions helpful to highlight, but sometimes resistance noted in the groups. Whole program as spiritual ad "design for living."
4. Can my gossip be construed as slander or defamation of character?
 - Sharing experience and prevent harm – is that ok? Re: sexual predators. Am I willing to share it directly with the person I am talking about?
5. Would this topic be useful as part of a group, district, area, or conference inventory?
 - Yes – need to have awareness of this. Example given to just "famous people" for example as "just an alcoholic." Noted that service meetings also a target of negative 'gossip' or stories not based in fact.

(Note #2)

Jeff. Area 93 Alt. delegate Panel 57: PRAASA & Service'03-08-05
Only 3 stories and 4 ovens; were thereby one w/ 6

Cesar F. Panel 64 Delegate

Committee with Six Western and European Speaking AA Communities

4 years school to h/c bilingual, Then GSR

GSR School @ Area: a conduct to Committee membership

Area 09 – membership corporation

History of experience: Divisions pass the basket and now PROF. Interim: ^ Spanish District ACTIVITY & ^
7th Tradition

Other Languages: Cambodian/Vietnamese/Philippine/Iranian

P.I. or CPC

Session #2

Gossip

Lack o respect of anonymity leads to gossip

Clicks can be cliquish (gossip)

Does a person keep their anonymity of they come out?

Culture of gossip in communities/clubs

Embellishing can seem like gossip

Intention – helping others – Information that helps others

Gossip can be a form of safety, ethics

It's experience 'a lot' sharing personal info going behind his back.

Practice* Would I say it to their face?

MBS- desire opinions or information criminal record, Megan's Laws, educating

Solution is found in the Twelve Tradition

Tradition 12 Anonymity → and

Concept 12 Act of Government → Difficult subjects – safety Dangers in A.A. and journal and newspaper articles.

When we experience our peers not behaving in the community behaving badly. What do we do with that information?

Inventory Questions read by Hiro?

Posting photos self w/people in the background, Social media Educating on anonymity

A.A. group as. A.A. meeting and Communication

Tool run it through your own filter

When people in A.A.s talk about other meetings.

Structure meeting vs. unstructured meetings

Hiro had a great take this on this for me

Session #3 – 3rd Round table - Cards (3)

- Why not Gossip at AA functions?
- Gossip is a safety issue sobriety is affected. Unsafe and trust.

- Sponsor shared sponsee fifth step.
- Safety is important in A.A.
- Members assuming relapse with missed meeting from a member who relapsed a lot.
- Social media,
- Meeting before and after is still a meeting.
- Negative talk about members can have long term effect.
- Very gray area of right and wrong.
- Values should we instilled in newcomers through sponsorship.
- Treatment people. How do we treat them? Do we all re. them to be alcoholic?

When is it gossip?

- When it is negative
- Talking about someone share
- When the person is not present
- When does concern become gossip?
- Walkaway when the conversation becomes gossip
- OK – when you have permission
- It is isn't in your hula hoop, stay out!
- What are my motives?
- It is my business?
- Sex offenders, is it right to announce? May be a minor crime.
- Medication, accusing others if not being sober due to medications.
- Outside of A.A. gossip s so normal.
- Gossip can form groups,
- Group to group gossip. "That group is wrong."
- Regime to regime gossip. "Those So. Cals don't know how to be sober."

Table 07 - YPAA As a New Area 09 Committee (Molly S)

9:25 a.m. YPAA: Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous; To Service Young Alcoholics, Crush the stigma that A.A. is not boring but fun. To show that Young People can get sober – Julius.

Question #1

- Concerns regarding any specialty group
- How to integrate Young People into AA as a whole.
- Be welcoming to Young People.
- YAA good marketing strategy.. AA can learn from that.
- Other service entities that host Panels at high schools often use older people instead of young people.
- Incredible and awesome that we are starting to form YPAA networking Young People. Young blood helping drive area.

1. How can we stop YPAA from being isolated?

- Old people telling YAA how to do it. Interface with old-timers and get interest to their committee get more involved cross pollinate fight thru it.
- Membership flat and adding new members.

New type of attraction to the area.

- Springboard (Facebook)
 - Different demographic trying to help not stop them
 - Adding committee is attracting people into service are branching out. Fundamental to educating tech and Facebook Bridging the Gap and knowing the Traditions.
 - Looking for budget and taking it to Area.
 - We are not finding young people our Area for Spanish speaking to any level. It's hard.
2. What would you like to see from us?
- A lot of universities put fliers out there to set up meetings (interface)
 - Interested how the Area can be more supportive
 - Make mini workshop in small chunks
 - How to get info contact for liaison for District 18
 - Can Young People introduce
 - Yes, Young People and old people can get together.

Session #2

1. What is definition of "Young Person"?

Any person who is young or Young @ Heart. If you can contribute or take someone out of the meeting, you're welcome.

Q1: F: "Oldtimers need to help the youth feel welcome."

Q2: K: "Do you have meetings as a group?" M: Not yet, but we're still working on our bylaws."

Q1: "Sometimes I forget to help someone feel helpful, especially the YPAA. M: "I fall into the same pattern, but I just need to remember that age doesn't matter!"

Q3: M: "In a way, I feel like in YPAA I feel very useful and with Area, I don't feel useful. Outreaching, marketing, etc. help me feel like I'm being useful. Participation is minimal in our District and with YPAA. We can bring that."

F: "If people don't know we exist, nothing well get done!"

We have to make ourselves attractive to the Young People!"

M: "As long as we stick to our primary purpose and we continue to be all-inclusive."

J: "that enthusiasm the YP have is contagious!"

Q4: 'Coming who YPAA as someone who is older, I needed to be around

C: People who are old as I feel! 21, 22

J: "It's just so inspirational to see how connected the YPAA is!"

How could I start a YPAA meeting, if I wanted?

S: You could reach out to the Standing Committee to see if they can find people with your Area, or offer suggestions!

Table 08 - Where Money and Spirituality Mix (Gregory J)

2. Do I feel entitled to use my groups money as I see fit for "service related" expenses?

- Spanish speaking
- Attend District
- Presentation
- Be accepted to be of service

4. Treasurer take care of group money

- Home group/district
- If needed get Conscience approval
- Rolled over into work
- Drinking write checks for self
- Learn to do right

Trap of mind cash and prizes

Food and reserve applied to Life 101 <<< that is reward
"Great Cardone"

5. Paid Staff

- Everybody wants some of it give me money
- Divide between Anglo/Hispanics
- Caps needed?
- DCMC depends on District Treasurer gas U.S./\$0.55 reimbursed
- God will supply works different for everybody
- After service of five years asked no more
- No salary

In GS for wrong reasons motives for Hawaii

Always questioning (experience motives) more more

Groups not making enough present to district

- Eight groups for right money
- Small groups
- Money spent before approved
- AA does not pay for good ideas
 - Requires planning
 - Stealing vs. borrowing (if fired the next day)

A.A. not shaming teaching (Love them)

- Will the area reimburse anyone
- Ask or don't ask.
- No one turning in paperwork
- Spirituality higher than money
- Reimbursement for condos
- Not taking what is you learning
- Hold on to too much money

Meeting Director

- Percentages
- Examples
- Paper shows where money went

Spanish translation Correction made to questions

Introductions

?#4 Sometimes yes

Spiritual Concept of Seventh Tradition discussed is law into up to us and to be responsible as individuals

?#1. Perhaps if over \$100 then its discussed in family unit.
Business, money is controlled to protect the business

?#2. Importance of money being used prudently discussed to support the group, and other entities associated and A.A. One group has made a group conscious to pass a separate basket to send money to entities

?#3. When poor – the master.

When rich – the servant – feeling victimized by those we money to in early recovery now pay bills on time

Sober up, clean up and grew up – the last one is the hardest

Differences of Wants and needs are learned in A.A. Needs are always met. When drinking we spent money on alcohol no matter what.

1. At home, yes, but we established a dollar amount each can spend without needing to consult with each other before spending. At the group level, we can ask our treasurer, or bring up a question at a business meeting to ask about spending the group's money. At the district and Area, budgets are created as a way of controlling the spending of money at the committee level.

2. The Group and/or the Group's treasurer decides where and how the group money is present. Normal supplies for the group are purchased in some groups, where the receipts are submitted other treasurer at the group's business meeting for reimbursement. Question: Will the Area A/P Treasurer reimburse any A.A. member for travel expenses to Area meetings? When my group doesn't meet expenses pass basket again. → only papers through committees or exec committee are paid.

3. I seem to give money power to be my master

- a) When it is scared and
- b) I don't actively control my spending.

In general service, are the groups contributions spent to serve others, allow service to be provided to the alcoholic who still suffers? Sober up, clear up, (grow up) the hardest

4. yes, when I am seeking approval. Also, when spending money, I am more out of control online then when In person, similar to my drinking. When I drank alone I drank for more when I was alone than with others.

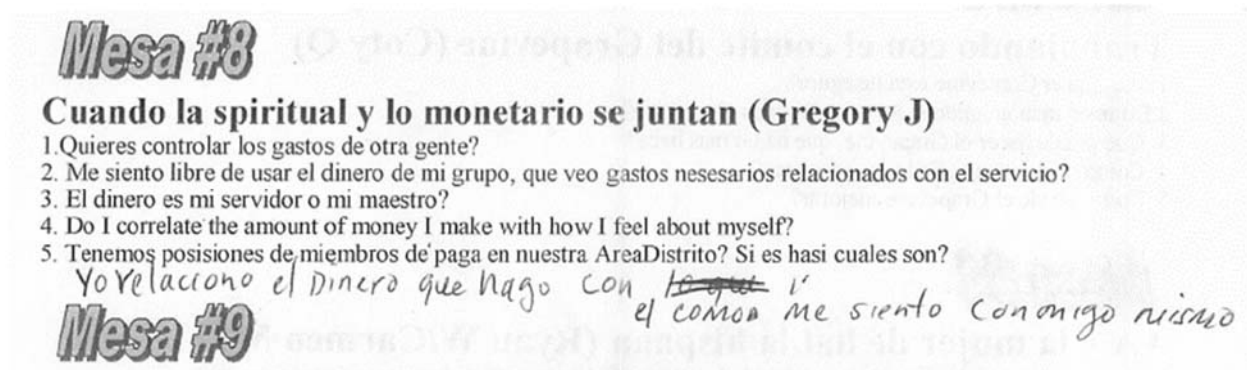
5. We are of service for un and For Free. A/P Treasurers – Do we pay for any A.A. member for their service in the Area? Yes – Our interpreters are professionals and are paid for their services. Also, our webmaster is a professional and is paid for services provided.

Session #3

#2. Treasurers decision or groups? Vic M.

- a. I groups decides treasurer decided → 40 people g
- b. Group members buy and sign receipt that give to treasurer at business meeting
- c. Some groups have pre-approved allowances for service positions.
- d. Service person buys normal supplies as needed. Large expenses are discussed.
- e. Outside of A.A. prudent reserve and agreement between couples for spending over 15% finance and Area Assembly
- f. Right to be wrong, Right of Appeal. Minority Opinion.
- g. Why AR AP – because of volume of work
- h. Lots of money it's my servant Little money it's my master
- i. Stay in budget its my servant

- j. Diligent about writing down every time I spend money.



Written addition: Yo relaciono el Dinero que nago con el como me siento conomigo neisrio.

Table 09 - How Important are Areas and Districts to AA? (Carlos I)

Session #1

Everyone attending holds a District or Area Service Position.

General Service offers an opportunity to connect with the people.

- If Areas/Districts disappeared?
 1. Groups need a means to bring their group conscience to the whole. Unity would suffer.
 2. GSO would have difficulty distributing information.
 3. District 11 is dark. This has led to a lack of contact between members and groups with GSO.
 4. Area needs to help Districts continue to exist and/or re-energize.
 5. Area and District is the heart of A.A. Service Structure without the Area Service structure would disappear.
 6. Area and Districts disappearing might lead GSO disappearing.

What are the Attractive aspects that will lead people to participate in District and Area?

1. Round tables. Also, vital GSR report reaches the group.
2. The people – Those with GSR have a passion for A.A.
3. Question from Groups – Where is Money used? Encourage groups to participate to help make decisions.
4. District sponsored workshops are important and helpful.
5. Workshop/Roundtable information taken to groups stimulates interest.

How do we convey attraction rather than promotion to gain Area/District support?

1. Encourage GSRs to bring visitors to meeting.
2. Remind members they are in a group of very sick people and they are one of them.
3. District thrives when past DCMCs stay connected – leads to competition for service positions.
4. District officers visit groups to share service experience and to come along to share their own experience.
5. Share final conference report.

When GSR gives report to group, groups must be reminded disrespecting GSR is disrespecting A.A.

7. General Service often seen as political persistent argument on the same subjects drives people away.

8. Share with group a little (three minutes) at a time. Maybe part of report each week.

9. Ask groups to come and see for themselves.

10. Encourage GSRs to attend District and Area meetings.

We need AA at NY level, because we need a uniformity or the message.

Session #2

?#1. social interaction vital

What about literature?

Groups lack resources to support broader ideas.

Attraction could be lost.

Traditions put into place with controversy

Consistency would be lost

Groups would stray from singleness of purpose

- Traditions provide consistency but group autonomy is always maintained.

?#2 A+D service leads to showing accountability

A+D committees/services helps w/ outreach

12th Step work/efforts would suffer

?#3. Disconnect to group/district/area levels

Misunderstanding of activities

Reading outside own committee works

GSR Communication vital

*Explain function of District with groups with enthusiasm but keep it short and simple

Gather accurate info and communicate with uninvolved groups.

Idea – always have a report!

*Plus Keep pressing for involvement

Tom Sawyer tactics work

Clear and spiritual message important – tone!

#3?

- Promote inside fellowship, just not outside

- Gene – Offer nuggets to interest people

A.A Presentation

Session #3 – Service Structure

Introduction. Reads questions and his experience.

Vitality of service structure and having a service commitment at the Area – It's Spiritual Work.

OC, SB, RC East I-15, Blythe, Coast almost near SD. 6 areas

Intro value of District

Area 09 60th Anniversary

Times when service districts are dense and their

Convey attraction meeting people from all over. Get comfortable Opens up your work of recovery

Dark district

When workshops attract non-district -area members Excellent attendance. Outreach efforts flyers, Lifeline added announcement.

Increasing expectation of service commitment. Especially time two years.

Idea of meetings function without structure
Theme. Not always what your hear other talk about.
Consistency – Doing sobriety differently
Something to look forward to in your sobriety

Some find minimal GSR participation. Low or no motivation to become GSR.

Ideas of Home: Consistency. It's the service structure allows this consistency.
Area and district: AA's helping meetings to know where they are – Identification Because they understand structure of service.
Contribution – structure make donation, literature updating.
Defined – the Area.

Mid-Southern California Area 09 SERVATHON Roundtable Questions “Service from Group to Regional Levels”

Table #1

On fire for PRAASA 2019 (Jeff G)

1. Being part of PRAASA - a. Are you planning to go to PRAASA 2019? b. Have you ever attended PRAASA before? c. If so, what is your most memorable moment?
2. Who generally attends PRAASA? What is the Pacific Region?
3. How is it determined where PRAASA will be held each year?
4. Have you ever heard one of our past Pacific Regional Trustee give a Trustee’s report?!
5. What would you like to see as a roundtable topic for PRAASA in the future?

Table #2

Is AA Accessible to All Who Need It? (Ron E)

1. Is your home group or meeting handicap accessible?
2. Does your home group consider accessibility needs for current members, visiting members, or people new to AA at your business meeting?
3. What kinds of accessibilities has your home group discussed?
4. Do you think secular or young people have accessibility trouble with our literature?
5. What could your group do if a deaf person showed up for help?

Table #3

Grapevine in Committee Work (Coty Q)

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Table #4

AA and Spanish-Speaking Women (Ryan W/Carmen M)

1. How do we achieve autonomy, unity, and singleness of purpose in these women’s meetings?
2. How to you respond to negative comments in a positive way?
3. Do you think hosting an Area steps workshop for Spanish-speaking women is a good idea?
4. What can we share in women’s meetings that will help us safely attend mixed meetings?
5. How can we effectively reach out to women alcoholics who need Spanish-speaking meetings?

Table #5

Are You Safe in Alcoholics Anonymous? (Nancy H)

1. What do you consider to be an unsafe condition or behavior in an AA meeting?
2. Does your group have any guidelines or procedures to help keep the meetings safe?
3. Does your group read anything about safety before your meeting?
4. When is it appropriate to contact police, paramedics, or other emergency personnel?
5. Is your group familiar with the AA Literature concerning safety in AA?

Table #6

Why Not Gossip at AA Functions? (Hiro S)

1. Is gossip a safety issue? Has personal gossip made it impossible for (potential) members to get/stay sober in your group or other groups (Tradition 3 and 5)?
2. When does what I say to another member of AA become gossip?
3. Have I broken someone's anonymity, by dropping their name when they are not present?
4. Can my gossip be construed as slander or defamation of character?
5. Would this topic be useful as part of a group, district, area, or conference inventory?

Table #7

YPAA As a New Area 09 Committee (Molly S)

1. How can we avoid young people from becoming insulated?
2. What would the Groups and other committees like to see from the YPAA standing committee?
3. How can this committee effectively interact with the other committees?
4. What kind of contribution can the YPAA committee bring to the area?
5. Can others who didn't get sober young still benefit from this committee?

Table #8

Where Money and Spirituality Mix (Gregory J)

1. Do I try to control other people's spending?
2. Do I feel entitled to use my groups money as I see fit for "service related" expenses?
3. Is money my servant or my master?
4. Do I correlate the amount of money I make with how I feel about myself?
5. Are there any paid staff positions in our Area/District? If so, what are they?

Table #9

How Important are Areas and Districts to AA? (Carlos I)

1. If Areas and Districts disappeared, could AA still function? What would change?
2. What are the attractive aspects of Area and District service to encourage participation?
3. How do you convey attraction rather than promotion to garner Area and District service?
4. Do we really need AA at the New York level? Wouldn't the groups still function?
5. How does Area/District service differ from Intergroup, H&I, etc, that are outside AA's structure?

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Mesa #1

Caliente para PRAASA 2019 (Jeff G)

1. Ser parte de PRAASA – a-estas planiando ira PRAASA 2019? b.Has estado en PRAASA antes?c. si hasi es cuales fueron los momentos mas memorables?
2. Quien generalmete atiende PRAASA? Que es la region del pacifico?
- 3.Como se determina en donde PRAASA se selebrara cada año?
4. Has escuchado alguna vez un reporte de un custodio de la region del pacifico?!
5. Que topicos te gustaria vez en las mesas de trabajo en PRAASA en el futuro?

Mesa #2

Esata AA asesible a todo el que lo nesesita? (Ron E)

1. Esta tu grupo asesible para los incapasitados?
- 2.Esta tu grupo considerando asesibilidades nesesarias para los miembros,visitas ogente nueva en AA en tus juntas?
- 3.Que clase de assesivbilidades tu grupo discute?
- 4.Tu cres que segundos o gente joven tiene problemas a asesibilidad a la litteratura?
5. Que puede hace tu grupo si llega por alluda una persona sordomuda?

Mesa#3

Trabajando con el comite del Grapevine (Coty Q)

1. Por que el Grapevine esta insegura?
- 2.Estamos manteniendo si no contribuimos Grapevine?
3. Que puede hacer el Grapevine, que nadie mas hace?
4. Como otras comunodades pueden usar?
5. Como puede el Grapevine mejorar?

Mesa #4

AA y la mujer de habla hispana (Ryan W/Carmen M)

1. Como podemos adquirir autonomia,unidad y personal el proposito en las juntas de las mujeres?
2. Como responder a los comentarios negatibos en una forma positiva?
3. Tu cres que es buena idea de tener mesas de trabajo de la mujer de habla hispana en el Area?
4. Que podemoss compartir en la junta de mujeres que nos alyude a a ir a las juntas regulartes?
5. Como podremos alcanza efectibamenre a la mujer alcoholica que nesesita juntas en español?

Mesa #5

Estas seguro en Alcoholicos Anonimos? (Nancy H)

1. Que consideras condiciones inseguras o conducta en las juntas de AA?
2. Tu grupo tiene guias y prosedimientos para mantener una junta segura?
3. Tu grupo lee algo antes para que tu junta sea segura?
4. Cuando es apropiado contactar a la policia, paramedicos o otras emergencias personales?
5. Esta tu grupo familiarizado con Litteratura de AA acerca de seguridad en AA?

Mesa #6

Por que el chismorreio no funciona (Hiro S)

1. Es el chismorreio punto de seguridad? El chismorreio personal hace imposible para que un possible miembro se quede en tu grupo o otros grupos (Tradicion 3 y 5)?
2. Cuando digo lo digo a otro miembro de AA se hace chismorreio?
3. Le e quebrado a alguien su anonimato, por decir su nombre cuando el no esta presente?
4. Puede mi chismorreio contribui a difamacion de character?
5. Seria esta topico favorable como parte de grupo, Distrito, area o inventario de la conferencia?

Mesa #7

YPAA un nuevo Comite Area 09 (Molly S)

1. Como podemos evitar que gente joven se aparte?
2. Que es que los grupos y otros comites quisiera ver de comite de YPAA?
3. Como este comite puede trabajar con otros comités
4. Que clase de cotribucion YPAA trae a la Area?
5. Pueden otros que no encotraros sobriedad jovenes beneficiarse con esta comite?

Mesa #8

Cuando la spiritual y lo monetario se juntan (Gregory J)

1. Quieres controlar los gastos de otra gente?
2. Me siento libre de usar el dinero de mi grupo, que veo gastos nesarios relacionados con el servicio?
3. El dinero es mi servidor o mi maestro?
4. Do I correlate the amount of money I make with how I feel about myself?
5. Tenemos posiciones de miembros de paga en nuestra AreaDistrito? Si es hasi cuales son?

Mesa #9

Que importantes son la Area y Distritos en AA? (Carlos I)

1. Si area y distritos desaparecen, puede AA seguir funcionando? Que cambiaria?
2. Cuales son los aspectos atractivos del servicio de area y distrito que motivan a su partisipacion?
3. Como puedes dar atraccion que promocion en los servicios de area y distritos?
4. En realidad nesitamos AA a nivel de New York?
5. Como es el servicio de area/distrito diferente a la intergrupual, H&I, etc; que estan afuera de la estructura de AA?