

July 11, 2021 Zoom 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Began 9:02 a.m. The event had 61 members participate.

9:00am *Opening Words* (Jose A.) Alt. Delegate
Theme and Logo Presenter – Dario De L.

Special Speaker Spanish – Juventino, District 23

Special Speaker English – Jocelyn A., District 6

Table #1-Topic: “The Forum”

- a) What is a Forum?
 - The FORO (Forum) is an opportunity for General Service topics to be discussed in roundtables that address topics of interest from Spanish-speaking groups. English-speaking member of general service get to attend and be involved with meetings that address topics from around our Area and understand how simultaneous translation works from perspective of Spanish-to-English.
- b) What is the purpose of the Forum at the area?
 - The FORO has characteristics similar to the Pre-Conference and Servathon, or round tables at PRAASA or the Pacific regional forums. The FORO is an opportunity for GSRs to learn about general Service, ask questions and hear from member experience, and meet other A.A. members involved with General Service in a meeting that is conducted primarily in Spanish
- c) Do we need the area forums?
 - FORO allows GSRS and groups to have their voice heard in General Service. Beyond language translation the topics of interest to Spanish-speaking groups should be given the same opportunity to be shared and discussed. The FORO is an opportunity to lessen language as a barrier to participation in General Service.

Table #2-Topic: Technology & Zoom

- a) How does A.A. work in the Digital Era?
 - Works well for people who are digitally capable. Hybrids have been a problem, slow going. People need their phone to see people in Zoom.
 - Doesn't work for people not capable, excludes people, also those who are against it don't participate
 - Kinks need to be worked out, there will always be problems especially with hybrids
 - It's working as discussed (Zoom) hopefully things will improve in time.
 - A.A. – we do whatever is needed to survive and A.A. seemed to assimilate pretty quickly.
 - Actors in N.Y brought Broadway to the streets, now they have a new “doorway” to their profession. I hope A.A. can build a better doorway with this experience.
 - Virtual won't replace in-person but it makes it easier to do meetings (like business meetings for Districts)
 - If we make virtual attractive, people will respond, stay connected.

- b) Have you ever used social media or Zoom?
 - Yes - all
- c) Does social media and/or Zoom help with our recovery?
 - Yes, people take birthdays (1 year) but harder for a two-year-old. We've met people we never would have without Zoom. Use it to check out what's going on all over the world and we're able to attend.
 - This is our W.W. If they survived – we've survived. Although A.A> looks different now, many never look the same again
 - Commitments – people aren't stepping up
 - But, if we're not helping the people who are incapable of doing digital meetings, then what happens then?
 - The 2nd virtual General Service Conference seemed to make more decisions than the first.

Table #3-Topic: La Viña

- a) What is the primary purpose of La Viña?
- b) Is La Viña Self-Supporting?
- c) How does the magazine help with Step 12?

Table #4-Topic: The A.A. Grapevine

- a) What is the primary purpose of The Grapevine?
- b) Is The Grapevine Self-Supporting?
- c) How does it help with Twelve Step?

Table #5-Topic: A.A. and the Older Alcoholic

- a) Do we support Older Alcoholics in A.A.?
 - question kind of alludes to what we're doing now to help older alcoholics. that we've created the cooperation with the elder community committee, the CEC committee, you've been conducting regular committee meetings. We've conducted surveys to get information on how to do our outreach, and we've been conducting outreach, We've just created a flyer our elders need your help in English and Spanish.
 - We've updated the CEC guidelines are just approved at the last meeting.
 - We've also fine tune the accessibilities checklist. This is done through the General Service Office and also with building code and ADA standards.
 - We've sent a outreach letter and some literature to senior recreation centers and nursing homes.
 - And we have a volunteer program to help seniors especially with technology, get them hooked up to zoom on their phone or their desktops. If they need rides. On the website. We have a contact email if you need help.
- b) How do we carry the message to the Older Alcoholic?
- c) How does your group help older Alcoholics?? (combined responses)
 - questions B and C are kind of similar they're kind of interchangeable he is how do we carry the message to the older alcoholic and see is how does your group help older alcoholics?
 - That kind of alludes to things and services that we can do and should do to help older alcoholics.

- zoom is here to stay. So the volunteer programs very important to help older alcoholics that have technology issues like mine.
- We're hopeful that the hybrid meeting capabilities will will be beneficial or looking to pursue those for meetings.
- One of the recommendations that the committee discussion came up with was a joint meeting with the helping the elders spills over to other committees.
- So we're thinking maybe a joint meeting in the future, maybe even a breakout at a future ASC or area assembly meeting where we could get some of these groups together.
- that would include the cooperation with the elder committee, the accessibilities Committee, the remote committee, hospital and institution committee in the cooperation with the professional
- One thing I forgot to mention we were doing we've been coordinating with a nationwide all accessibility committee.
- sell the second Monday of each month tomorrow at 4pm and I put the contact info on the chat.
- So really good meeting the chairman's back in Boston they have members from East Coast the South and Midwest California Washington's they talk about what they're doing. So it's been beneficial sharing information
- And one of the things that the committee's been working on is we have an accessibility checklist. We've been asked to go to our meetings, our home meetings with the checklist and see how accessible it is. to the entrance the inside the building.
- now then get together coordinate with the central office about updating their directories for which meetings are accessible to seniors.
- in our next meeting is at the area Service Committee August 8 See you there. Thank you for letting me be a service

Table #6 – Topic: The Twelve Warranties

- a) What are the 12 Warranties?
 - they do we practice the warranties at the group level and as a whole and see how can the warranties be applied to the a program? as I'd like to say the first two or point of order was that there are actually six warranties. the six warranties are in the service manual in Article 12 of the conference charter.
 - And in concept 12 of the service manual page 61 said and I deleted it. I'm out of order. Generally speaking a warranty is a promise to repair or replace something in a specified amount of time
 - the group discussed in general the concepts of the three questions
 - which is basically how the six warranties may or may not be practiced at the group level and as a whole
 - some of us discuss some of us mentioned that not knowing much about the warranties
- b) Do we practice the Twelve Warranties at the group level and in A.A. as a whole?
 - Those of us who thought we didn't know much about the warranties
 - But during our discussion it became clear that groups we attend and our districts the area and as a whole do practice warranties,
 - sufficient operating funds and prudent reserve
 - Having no leaders of unqualified authority over any others,
 - that all important that that all important decisions are reached by discussion and vote.
 - not acting in a way that incites public controversy.

- We also discuss how these concepts can be applied in our personal lives. I mean,
- c) How can the warranties be applied to the A.A. program?
- We also discuss how these concepts can be applied in our personal lives. I mean,
- Question be, what are the duties and responsibilities of the DCM? bcmc?
- and finally questions see how can we keep the DCM de CMC engaged, interested and committed?
- And overwhelmingly we were come up with we need to keep learning.
- Then of course you see so you know, Percy, we need to find the one thing that ignites our passion so we can transfer that to others
- And we need above all else to remember to share from the heart speak from the heart, because the language of the heart is what Alcoholics Anonymous is about
- is a new mat on where la conferencia de servicio de niral interval number nine.

Table #7-Topic: DCMs/DCMCs

- a) What does it take to be a good DCM/DCMC?
 - Listening, taking time to address agenda topics but also listening to GSRs, groups want to talk about?
 - Learning how not to have an opinion in district meetings. Learn to hold sharing of opinions and allowing the GSRs and groups to share their thoughts.
 - Replacing a DCMC by learning from service sponsors and members in service. Taking over and learning how to do the position. Surprised by the opportunity. “God doesn’t call the qualified, he qualifies the called.”
- b) What are the Duties and Responsibilities of the DCM/DCMC?
 - Sign-in sheets with questions. Doing with love and enthusiasm. Do your best to train GSRs and DCMs. Zoom has decreased their enthusiasm for service and ways to keep engaged. Traditions and concepts training using many voices to engage members.
 - There are times in the panel and time of year where there is a lull in activity. Calm and steady.
 - Robert’s Rules for learning how to work through presenting a motion at a meeting. Support by attending other District meetings.
 - Learning rule for conducting business meeting. A closeness to attend other District meetings via Zoom to provide support.
 - Comradery has been instrumental over the past panels – District 6, 12, 18. Zoom allowed for more contact, even outside of meetings.
 - The difference between the DCM and DCMC. In a bigger district the DCMC will officiate the District meeting. Smaller subdistricts will have DCMs who can reach out to a smaller number of meetings.
 - Encourage participation on Zoom to attend District meetings.
 - Are there DCMCs in the Spanish districts? Spanish linguistic districts do not have subdistricts,
 - Can a district with large distances set up a DCMCs in District 23 (Riverside) for Hemet and eastern meetings? Rules for redistricting/subdistricting for current districts.
- c) How can we keep the DCM/DCMC engaged, interested, and committed?
 - How to keep people engaged? At holidays were a holiday hat contest, holiday sweater contest.
 - DCMCs love general service and they share with others, sharing that enthusiasm. Thinking of meeting we seem to get better an understand what to do comes as the panel comes to an end.

- Example – a mock committee meeting to put people in a group to develop a budget, plan an event, do committee work.
- In general service work “You grow as you go.” Always learning to grow and be the example.
- The value of workshops and roundtables to encourage participation. Discussion can lead to a broader understanding of a topic and also the possibility of having information or experience change an opinion.
- Pamphlet study, Concepts and traditions Workshops, and presentations on topics of interest.
- The previous DCMCs can help, with past experiences in good times and challenges. Service sponsorship can help, learning from people who have come before – “..follow the North Star.”
- Knowing that situations will pass and you will get through what is going on.
- Recognizing that Districts are different in their own ways, looking for ways to help their voices be heard. Using their strengths.
- The characteristics of the Spanish Groups to meet with groups in the District. The ability to have a motion brought from groups work through the Area and presented to the GSC that was adopted.

Table #8-Topic: Duties of the GSR

- a) What does it take to be a good GSR?
- b) What are the GSR’s Duties and Responsibilities?
- c) How can we keep the DCM/DCMC engaged, interested and committed?

Table #9-Topic: The Conference

- a) What is a Gen. Service Conference?
 - I'm currently an alcoholic, refreshing. Thank you. table number nine. We had three questions. What is the general service conference? Why do we need a conference and what matters are discussed at the conference? We have four people in attendance
 - my dad on Mauricio. Mauricio. Yo The first question was what is the general service conference and I want to read this quote this was slow and okay in language of the heart
 - And so that's one of the main reasons why it's important. This one and I'll just say also that our we have four people as I had mentioned, two of us had been to the conference so it was really a nice opportunity for us to answer additional questions but it was quite informative. Thank you for allowing me to be a service
 - oh man said no Metro vs Manuel de ser base you table number 10 escutcheon.
- b) Why do we need a conference?
 - the studio's trustees, the hunter service analysts, General Service board for the auditorium and a around the world that is set up in winter is the third question is closer. are we keeping illustrators in the knowledge?
- c) What matters are discussed at the Conference?
 - How do we encourage a members to participate Paying General Service what is in English? Like they say in English? Nobody was in other words, don't drink and don't die in Pisa in a group, and it starts at the meeting at the HomeGroup. The employment center through services speak about service and service commitments. That input will start from the same room chochmah what's currently going on in a lot of circa they look ma services take system, talk about other service opportunities. Ecommerce experience you may share the experience. Well, listen, Manuel is a new CEO. And the service manual says he has certain limits but he says if we stop doing this, we may also die. The store will get tingling is that's all we have. Thank you so much.

Table #10-Topic: The Service Manual

- a) a) What is the Service Manual used for?
- b) b) Where is the A.A. Charter found?
- c) c) How can we encourage A.A. members to participate in Service and General Service?

A.A. Birthdays & Announcements

Sarah S. – 17 years; Francine W. – 42 years; Jana – 16 years; Barbaradee – 19 years

Close with the Responsibility Statement

Adjourned 1:58 p.m.