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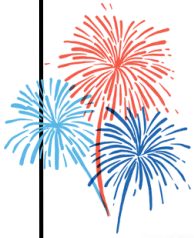
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FORO / FORO DE A.M.S.C. / FORO DEL A.M.S.C.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.



Upcoming Events 2023

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| July 2 | 3-4pm: | <u>Concepts Workshop - Dist. 09</u> |
| July 4 | 5-6pm: | <u>DCMC School</u> |
| July 9 | 9-3pm: | <u>FORO 2023</u> |
| July 13 | 7:30-9pm: | <u>Discussion: First 4 Editions of the Big Book - GSO Archivist</u> |
| July 16 | 3-4pm: | <u>Concepts Workshop - Dist. 09</u> |
| July 20 | 6-8pm: | <u>Area09 Workshop: How to Reach Anyone Anywhere</u> |
| July 27 | 7-7:45pm: | <u>Treatment Committee Meeting</u> |

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July Hosting District
Districts 25 & 8/11

AA Service Manual



MSCA Area Map



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SERVICE, SERVICE & MORE SERVICE

FORO 2023 SUNDAY, JULY 9TH

AREA 09
HOST DISTRICTS:
25, 8 & 11

SPEAKERS, ROUND
TABLES AND A
LOT OF INFORMATION



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**FORO
XXXII**

**DRESS TO IMPRESS
MEXICAN FOOD**

FROM 8AM TO 2PM

ZOOM ID: 873 6607 8505 Passcode: Area09p72 INFO: ALEX W. (954) 654-3149

15576 MAIN ST HESPERIA CA 92345

DID YOU KNOW??

The very first "FORO" (Foro de A.M.S.C.) was hosted by District 23 (with help from Districts 20, 21 & 22) on Dec. 13, 1992 at the Riverside Community Center in Riverside, CA.

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FORO del A.M.S.C.

The growth of the Spanish-speaking population and membership in Alcoholics Anonymous in the Mid-Southern California Area has brought opportunities for all members to become active in General Service work. The Foro del A.M.S.C. has been established to afford another means for all A.A. members to participate in the mainstream of Alcoholics Anonymous service. The purpose of the Foro del A.M.S.C. is to focus on General Service topics. It is held yearly in the summer and is attended by members from all communities, Groups and Districts throughout the Area.



REPORT ON THE FIRST FORO DE AMSC

JANUARY 10, 1993.

DEAR FELLOW A.A. MEMBERS:

THIS BRIEF REPORT ON THE FIRST FORO DE AMSC WHICH TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 13, 1992 AT RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA; HOST DISTRICT #23, THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

1. That this foro was a product of foro sub-committees from the four Spanish Speaking Districts. (#20, #21, #22 and #23)
2. The list of costs: \$757.75 FOR POSTERS OF THIS EVENT
\$308.70 FOR DELICIOUS FOOD!
\$ 50.00 RENT
\$ 46.68 UTENSILS AND OTHER NEEDS.
\$ 61.74 SODAS
\$ 30.00 COPIES AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE
\$ 20.00 BREAD
TOTAL: \$1,273.98
3. That this total amount of money was accumulated thanks to the four spanish districts, group contributions, sub-committee work and organizing committee work. Voluntary contributions tickets were also sold.
4. This foro started at 9:00 A.M. with two speakers (Juan Martinez, Area #05 Chairperson and Manuel Y. AMSC Alt. Delegate) also present was Sarah K. AMSC Chairperson and Melody W. AMSC Secretary along with various English Speaking A.A. members. Besides the spanish A.A. members there were approximately 75 persons present.
5. This foro was very informative and a lot of fun.



FORO de MSCA - 2nd Annual - July 11, 1993

(As posted in MSCA09's Newsletter - August 1993 issue)

"2nd Annual Foro de MSCA

Approximately 100 people gathered in the city of Paramount to take part in the 2nd Annual Foro de MSCA. The attendance was up from last year, and I would like to thank District 22, the Foro Committee and all the Spanish-speaking districts for a job well done. There were nine Spanish-speaking workshops, and two English-speaking workshops. Many of the English-speaking participants experienced the translation process for the first time. The Spanish-speaking workshops were: Cooperation with the Professional Committee; Information Committee; Hospitals and Institutions Committee; Convention Committee; Intergroup Committee; The General Service Representative; G.S.O. and Intergroup Offices; The DCM and the Board; Bulletins and Newsletters. The English-speaking workshops were: General Service Trustees; Area Delegate. Space limits this report, but remembering that our Area elections are coming up in October, I must relate to you what Area Delegate, Jim C., said when asked "What is needed to become a Delegate?", Jim replied "Most important is the willingness to stand for the office."

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Do Conference Members Comprise a Remote Community?

(Below is a talk that Ed L. gave during the 2021 GSC to all the delegates, trustees, and other conference members. It was also printed in the Spring 2021 issue of A.A.'s "The Remote Communities - Communicator" on Pages 7 & 8.)



By Ed L., MSCA09 Newsletter Chair / Past MSCA09 Panel 70 Delegate

"Having served as a G.S.R. in 2006-07 in my second year sober and now as a Panel 70 delegate in 2021, I've kept coming back and more has been revealed about the nature of General Servants. As a new G.S.R. actively participating in the Area, delegates and trustees seemed remote and inaccessible, and I never knew Non-trustee directors existed. Virtual meetings have definitely made our General Servants more accessible, and I've seen trustees at District Zoom meetings with as few as 15 people. Hopefully, this accessibility will persist after the COVID apocalypse!

I've often thought that our statement, "I am responsible when anyone, anywhere..." might better reflect A.A.'s culture and function if it read "I am available when anyone, anywhere..." Does our focus and self-identification as the "responsible ones" in A.A. make us less available (i.e., remote) to the still suffering alcoholic? Does our love for one another and compassionate support on the lowermost, and arguably most stressful rungs of the General Service ladder, lead to the perception of privilege and exclusion to new G.S.R.s who are on the upper rungs of the service ladder just beginning their descent?

As a G.S.R., I noted I was prohibited from delegates-only and past delegates-only luncheons at Regional Service Assemblies and Regional Forums. At Service Assembly round tables for delegates and alternate delegates, G.S.R.s and District members interested in those positions have been asked to leave for lack of those titles. Even when the assembled masses attended General Sharing Sessions and evening banquets, the "lower echelons" of service, our delegates and trustees, occupied tables at the front of the auditorium where seats and tables were effectively reserved.

Does having Conference members sitting at the front of the room, as often as not on elevated daises, promote attraction to the alcoholic too shaky to drink from a coffee cup? If your answer is, "Such a new person would never be at a Service Assembly," are you shocked by that answer? Is suiting up and showing up, where pearls are suggested for women and ties are required for the men, sending A.A.'s inherently compassionate message to the person who is still self-conscious about their poverty-induced inability to suit up? In those early years, I could not imagine any Conference members as gutter drunks, though I've both slept in and drank from gutters.

If you haven't read the book or seen the movie, "The Hunger Games" offers a cautionary metaphor of how Conference members could be perceived, but for compassion and availability to A.A. members just entering General Service and most importantly to the still-suffering alcoholic. In the metaphor, there is a minority class of polished people who oversee a majority class of impoverished people who are struggling just to stay alive. Among the upper echelon, Woody Harrelson plays the drunk who serves as the liaison, the hand of hope extended to several of the still-suffering masses who are forced to compete and even kill one another. He is my hero, serving in a niche that as a Conference member I hope I've occupied.

It would seem to me that in most A.A. meetings, General Service is considered an "outside issue," the "politics of A.A.," occupied by the "right type of person," where the word "delegate" has no meaning. Let us be sure that we are never perceived as a Remote Community, somehow elevated above the ranks of the still-rank alcoholic. I'm convinced that Compassion is the way to dispel perceived privilege and has transmitted to me the best A.A. has to offer. So, Responsible? Yes. Available? Hell yes!"

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The schedule for the 2023 Committee Sharing Sessions is now available (below). Among the presenters are current and past trustees, delegates, alternate delegates, and other General Servants. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

**MSCA AREA 09
SERVICE WORKSHOP
& COMMITTEE SHARING SESSION
THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
6 - 7:00PM & 7 - 8:00 PM PST**

MAY **What the conference is actually like.**
4 SOCAL Area Delegates Area 5,9,93.

JUNE **The How, why and joy of a Class A trustee & Why we keep them around.**
Michelle G Class A, Nancy M Class A,

JULY **How to reach anyone anywhere**
Bron F- Area 15 Secretary

AUGUST **AA Around the world**
Hear from Current Class B Trustees at large US and Canada

SEPTEMBER **Service Sponsorship**
Jimmy D - Class B Past Trustee

OCT **Servant, Leader or Both ? -**
Debbie D AA Member

NOV **PARTICIPATION - How we get groups involved and keep them engaged**
Craig and Matt K - Past Delegates

When:

6:00 - 7:00 P.M MSCA09 Sharing Session
7:00 - 8:00 P.M Area 09 Service workshop

Where:

Meeting ID: 87366078505
Passcode Area09p72

MSCA09.ORG

CONTACT: MSCA09/ALTDELEGATE@GMAIL.COM

**All Meetings are
recorded and can be
found on the
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WEBSITE.**

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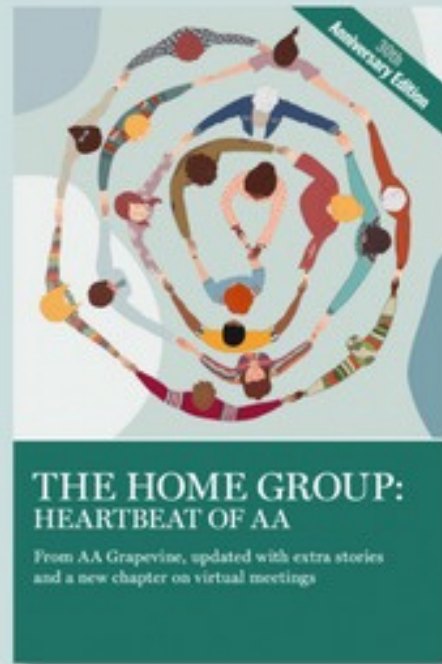
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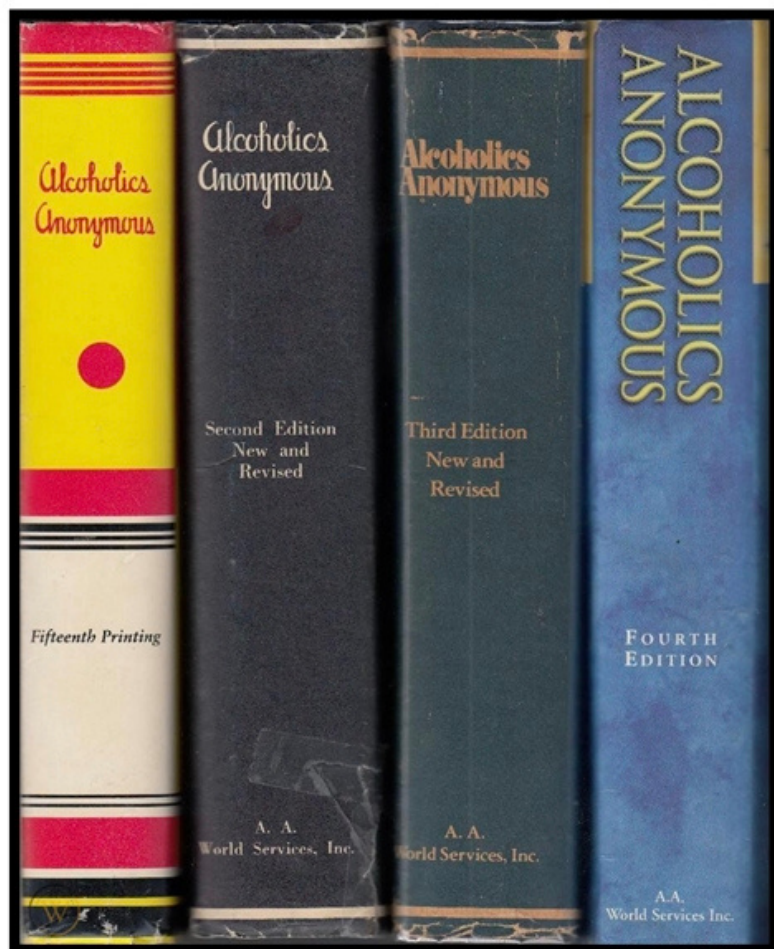
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The First Four Editions of the Big Book

with
**Michelle
Mirza, GSO
Archivist**

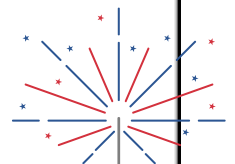
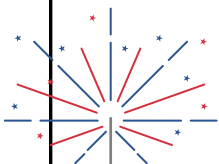
**Thursday
July 13, 2023
7:30-9pm**
Room opens at 7pm

**On Zoom
ID: 998 938 7641
PW: 714921**



with Spanish translation

SENY Archives Committee

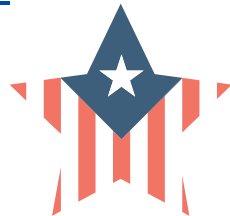


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SAVE THE DATES

- 2023: Oct. 8 **MSCA09 Panel 74 (2024/25) Elections**
- 2024: Mar. 1-3 **PRAASA, San Francisco, CA**
- 2024: Jul. 12-14 **Pacific Regional Form, Las Vegas, NV**
- 2025: Jul. 3-6 **2025 International Convention, Vancouver, BC, Canada**

