

Chair's Preview May 2018

The agenda was light at the April **Area Committee Meeting (ACM)**, but we did have a presentation of new business from our Interpretation & Translation Committee: "That CNCA amend Motion 1008-3 from 'provide professional simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at Assemblies...' to read 'provide professional quality simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at Assemblies...'" If this were to pass, we would have the option of using the non-professional members we employ at the ACM at our Area Assemblies. There has been much loving discussion of the pros and cons of this distinction over the years, and now it is time for more. Please gather group consciences in your districts and sub-districts and share them with us in the coming months.

We have some exciting extra activities at our May ACM. There will be a *Comentarios* workshop at 9 am to educate members on what is involved in translating and producing the Spanish version of our Area newsletter. We need more districts and individuals to participate in this vital service and this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about it! The one-hour workshop is open to all and I hope it will be well attended.

At 11 am, there will be a joint communication meeting for members of Bridging the Gap (BTG), Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC), and the Hospitals & Institutions Committee (H&I). Members from our sister Area, CNIA 07, will be joining us. The purpose is to foster unity and continue to work together effectively to carry the message. All are welcome. I attended my first one a number of years ago despite not being involved in any of those branches of service at the time and found it very informative and inspiring.

Another note about our May ACM is that the parking lot at the Petaluma Community Center will be under construction with a significantly reduced number of spaces available. Please consider carpooling if you don't already, and keep in mind that there is ample parking at the shopping center across the street if the lot fills up.

Don't forget to invite members outside of General Service to attend the Delegate's report in your district! One of my dearest friends who is a sponsor to many always attends. And her enthusiasm, along with that of our home group GSR, helps our Delegate "make the connection between what happens at the Conference and how it helps the drunk on the corner."

Jennifer B., Area Chair