July 2017 Chair's Preview

While it finally cooled off outside, inside we were on fire with our love for AA at the June Area Committee Meeting (ACM). We unanimously approved District 03's bid to take on the *Comentarios* commitment, and we passed two housekeeping motions for budget line items: One to fund the travel of the inventory facilitator for our Fall Assembly in November, and another to help fund an exhibitor booth at the California Psychiatric Association Conference in October.

We also approved a housekeeping motion from the Interpretation & Translation Committee (I&T) to purchase 20 more FM radios to have on hand for people to borrow at assemblies and other CNCA events. Then, I&T presented an item of new business to provide simultaneous Spanish/English interpretation at more of the committee meetings and sharing sessions here at the ACM. See inside for more details, as the text of the motion is lengthy, but the intent is fairly simple.

The motion to disburse \$10,000 to the General Service Board was discussed as old business for the first time and we heard a number of personal opinions from members on both sides of the issue. While a majority seemed ready to vote, a minority was not, and we want almost everyone to be ready when we vote on a matter that could affect our unity. Please talk about this more in your districts and bring those group consciences to the next ACM. We will have an exciting agenda again in July! And our newly formed Technology Ad Hoc committee will start meeting and reporting back on their progress.

Grateful to be part of a society of alcoholics in action, Jennifer B., Area Chair

CALIFORNIA NORTHERN COASTAL AREA 06 OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE PRESENTS:

THE 2017 SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Saturday August 5, 2017 Petaluma Community Center 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma

Registration: 8:30–9:30 a.m. Orientation: 9:30–9:45 a.m. Business Meeting: 9:45–Noon Lunch: 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Interpretation available at all workshops

Workshop Session I: 1:00-2:15 pm

- 1. Fifth Edition of the Big Book... When?
- 2. Traditions and Concepts in All Our Affairs
- 3. A Common Solution for a Diverse Fellowship: Including All Who Suffer from Alcoholism

Workshop Session II: 2:30-3:45 pm

- 1. Joy of Living: Finding Humor in AA Service
- 2. Utilizing Technology in Recovery, Unity, and Service
- 3. Group Autonomy and "Matters Affecting Other Groups or AA as a Whole"

Report back: 4:00-4:30 pm What's On Your Mind?: 4:30-5:00 pm

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