

11:00 am - Sharing Session held virtually; opened with the Serenity Prayer by Coree H. Chair. Our meeting is open to everyone to learn and participate on the topics. Area officer job descriptions (Recording Secretary and Registrar) were read and questions answered. **Announcements.** DCM Sharing Session recording secretary requested participants provide their email to be included on the email list.

Presentation – CNIA Response to COVID-19 by Claudio B. → Claudio shared about changes and challenges in the Area as a result of the pandemic, including, but not limited to: how to keep GSRs engaged, use of Zoom for area and group meetings, utilizing workshops to learn how to use Zoom, maintaining unity, how to handle opening up meetings in accordance with County health regulations, forming transition ad hoc committees, the importance of the Twelve Traditions in handling issues facing groups, bridging the gap of less participation in online meetings in the Spanish-speaking community, continuing to practice the 7th tradition, and the benefit of continued use of virtual meetings for members who have difficulties with accessibility to in person meetings. Claudio shared about the different format of assemblies for CNIA, where GSRs go to the mic and share on whatever agenda topics they'd like to, resulting in variation in time allotted to share. Claudio shared how the Pacific Regional Forum was cancelled and that they adapted by incorporating aspects of the PRF into their assembly. The meeting was opened for Q&A and open discussion:

- A member shared that Bridging the Gap and H&I have been able to bring virtual meetings into facilities, although not all facilities are open to this; she stressed the importance of communication to continue carrying the message
- A member shared with respect to anonymity in virtual platforms, that she would rather be sober than anonymous
- A member shared her concern about the impact on unity in the fellowship due to the divisiveness of differing member preferences for and against virtual meetings
- A member shared her experience with attending a “hybrid” meeting, including her impression that it seemed “personality-oriented.” She shared how she refers to the pamphlet The A.A. Group to guide her
- A member shared that the National A.A. Technology Workshop would now be held virtually on September 12th, suggesting that members consider attending
- A member commented on the danger of A.A. groups subjecting themselves to public controversy by “going rogue” and opening meetings against county public health guidelines
- A member shared her interpretation of personal anonymity; she believes each person gets to determine what the appropriate level of anonymity is for themselves in virtual meetings
- A member shared how her group has divided into two meetings, one virtually and one in person, in accordance with public health guidelines. She shared that the format has changed to literature-based due to difficulties bringing in speakers.

Topic suggestions/speakers for next month: 1) COVID cases rising and how districts respond, 2) how does the group welcome/reach newcomers to A.A. virtually, 3) experience holding hybrid meetings, 4) how to improve our future, 5) the spirit of rotation. Chair suggested bringing in a speaker from out of the Area and the group agreed. A poll was used and the group voted in favor of a presentation on hybrid meetings. Second choice was welcoming newcomers, which will be the topic for August. **Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM with the Responsibility Statement**

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah B., DCM Sharing Session Recording Secretary