

Chair's Preview

It is feeling like summer and time for the Fun Assembly – we are all gathering together in the beautiful redwoods of Eureka, CA for our Summer Assembly on August 12th. We are in the second quarter of our panel, and have learned how to ask for our group's opinion on different topics and have practiced relaying what our groups think to the Area. We will now practice forming and expressing our own thoughts during the Summer Assembly Workshops, asking provocative questions to each other in online and in-person settings, in English and Spanish. We are flexing our brain's muscles with thoughts of *Why Are We Here? How Do We Keep Each Other Safe? How Do We Ask For Help? How Do We Invite People In?* These questions will prompt our members to speak to the issues in our Area involving unity, humility, purpose, discrimination, courageous conversation, safety solutions, sponsorship, communication, respect, accessibility, apathy, and hybrid with its costs and benefits. We are building ourselves into great leaders who can listen, be the unbiased voice of others, and also formulate our own thoughtful ideas on how to keep AA relevant for future generations.

In July's Area Committee Meeting our attendees agreed to **change the date of the November 2023 ACM to the third Saturday of the month, so we will now meet on November 18th this year** instead of November 25th. Please note the change in your calendars.

We passed a housekeeping motion to pay travel expenses for an outside facilitator to attend this year's Fall Assembly, so we now look forward to welcoming Monty C, Delegate for Area 08 San Diego and Imperial County, to lead us in our Area Inventory on November 4th.

The Ad Hoc Newsletter Committee presented two housekeeping motions, which passed, to facilitate the change of our Area Newsletter moving from a primarily paper format to an easily distributable digital format. The paper format of the August Comments/Comentarios will contain a 'postcard' outlining the procedure to opt-in to future paper versions of our Area Newsletter. The default method to receive the newsletter from now on will be digitally, and our editing team will use Mailchimp to create and distribute the newsletter beginning next month.

Our Area passed a motion for our I&T Committee to purchase 120 new digital radios to assist with language gaps at our Area Assemblies and ACM's.

Please look at the Area Motions page of this newsletter and be sure to take a district, committee, or group conscience on our five current motions. Let's keep the communication between our members and Area active and thoughtful.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Chitra S.

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