

## District 2 DCM - GSR Report, December 2, 2019

### News from District 2

Newly elected officers will take the reins of leadership on January 1, 2020. Elected to the two year term of office is Jeremy L., DCM, of the North San Diego Young Peoples in A.A. (NSDYPA) group, John C., Alt. DCM, of the Alano Club - Big Book Sunday 9AM Group; and continuing in their terms of office is Molly M., Treasurer, of the Young Peoples Willing to Grow Group and Rodrigo A., Registrar, of the Monday Night Men's Group.

A special thank you to Maureen C., outgoing Alt. DCM, immediate past Treasurer and GSR of the Friendship Center Groups for the many years of dedicated service and contributions to the members of District 2. Your rest is well deserved!!

The outgoing DCM, Bill S., extends his appreciation and gratitude to the groups of District 2 for the opportunity to have served, and to the many members including and especially his service Sponsors, for the support and participation throughout his term. "It was an experience not to be missed."



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### News from Area 8

With the holidays upon us that brings about a recognition of gratitude and celebration, there is no gift that keeps giving quite like Alcoholics Anonymous. Our area general service servants as well as our group members have been busy in deed providing alkathons, unity gatherings and other events. To mention just a couple, the annual ROOTS (Remember our Oldtimers Stories) event held in Carlsbad this year, hosted by the Area Archives Committee and emceed by Mike S., Area Archivist, was no less captivating as it was entertaining. The four speakers who were Joe C., San Diego, Steve C., Chula Vista, Carolyn S., La Mesa and Joan S., San Diego; all of whom have 30 + years of sobriety shared their stories bursting with experience, strength and hope in a most appealing and inspiring fashion. This too, "was an experience not to have been missed."

Also, was the 26th Reunion of the General Service Committee of District 15, held at the Oficina Central Hispana in San Diego, translated in both English and Spanish. There were a dozen speaker presentations (too many to name) by members residing from the Southern border to as far North as Los Angeles, including our Area Delegate, Roxane R. This too was an amazing event that (for this author) offered deep insight into the Spanish culture of Alcoholics Anonymous. Much was learned, hearsay of differences dispelled, and similarities and the love for A.A. abundant. Most noticeably was the conversation about participation, availing the hand of A.A. and the patience required for those not yet touched by the truth of our maladies and solution, and the respect for A.A. and those who serve. It was a Thanksgiving!! And do I dare say, "an experience not to have been missed."

### News from the General Service Office (GSO)

"Nothing matters more to A.A.'s future welfare than the manner in which we use the colossus of modern communication. Used unselfishly and well, it can produce results surpassing our present imagination." – Bill W.

That mentioned, the second of three editions of a Box 4-5-9 series on the technology that is changing the way Alcoholics Anonymous communicates to suffering alcoholics and interacts with its members has just been published.

[aa.org/newsletters/en\\_us/en\\_box459\\_fall19.pdf](http://aa.org/newsletters/en_us/en_box459_fall19.pdf)

Found within, is the mention of two popular and ever growing online technology entities, the National A.A. Technology Workshop (NAATW) [naatw.org](http://naatw.org); a forum for learning that frames the right questions, and expresses the group's responses and current experiences, and the Technology in Alcoholics Anonymous (TIAA) [tiaa-forum.org](http://tiaa-forum.org); that offers the opportunity for group collaboration and new ideas to spark. Each with a very large and international presence and with involvement from Intergroup, General Service and at the Home Group level.

These technology groups are addressing the growing realization that Alcoholics Anonymous has an imminent need to move forward and grow into the technological age, at the same time are quick to point out the uncertainty on how to accomplish this (needless to say) within the confines of A.A. Tradition and guiding Spiritual Principles. The answers are taking form and advancing nicely, but differences of experiences from the newcomer to the old-timer seemingly remain challenging.

It has been said that technology in Alcoholics Anonymous was an oxymoron just three years ago, and that is no longer the case, we are rapidly moving into the 21st century.