

## **District 19 Practice “Sharing Session”**

**Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Conducting/moderating: Adrian O.

Secretary: Aliantha V.

Session Scribe: Kendall B.

*(for full attendance list, please refer to Dist. 19, December Minutes)*

6:35p – Sharing Session begins

6:36p Suggested Topic: “How can we facilitate and perpetuate the under-served communities within the AA fellowship specific to District 19”

- Topic is unanimously agreed upon
- Suggestion: Please define "under-served community" e.g., Bilingual, Spanish speaking, other communities designated as remote/homebound, ASL, African American, Latino, LatinX, Transgender...first define and identify "underserved communities" within the district

-Natalie, ...cites example of African American males taking part in a meeting that was predominantly white male....one-on-one sponsorship cited as an effective example of reaching out... also members can expose themselves to meetings that they might not normally attend

Rick- (Has a sore throat, apologizes. He is forgiven...) cites that workshops paramount for new GSR's to explain and delineate the collective service roles... members should be encouraged to attend other meetings of different "communities"

-Beth, ...Zoom has helped ASL community to have access to a wider variety of meetings... "hearing" people could do more to attend ASL specific meetings...hopefully the District can maximize the momentum of outreach to the ASL community "post-COVID... large ASL community that would benefit from ongoing Zoom/Virtual meetings "post-COVID"

Susan, ...encourage and perpetuate the principle of "inclusivity" at the individual group level

Gordie, ...District 19 in a unique position to be a "champion" of the cause of inclusivity of underserved communities, echoes sentiment of members attending other meetings

Lizzy, ...Yields her time. She is recognized and, as always, appreciated

Rose, ...echoes sentiment of continuing the momentum of outreach ... closer attention given to inclusive gender-neutral language in our meetings, special attention given to home-bound people and Spanish-speaking members...

6:49 – Session concluded, in the interest of time. Notes to be reviewed for future Sharing Session pursuant to the planning and execution of a District-sponsored Workshop with emphasis given topically to celebrating diversity and increasing inclusivity.

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