

# THE INTER-COM

Area 79 Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional  
Community Quarterly Newsletter for January 2020

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## What is the Inter-Com?

Inter-Com is our newsletter, by us, for us. The newsletter is for the exclusive use of A.A. members who wish to exchange information about Public Information (P.I.) and Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) work within Area 79. The Inter-Com is a Quarterly publication — January, April, July and October.

It is a fantastic opportunity for districts, specifically P.I. and CPC Committees, to share experience, strength and hope — new ways to reach the public and cooperate with the professional community — how and what you're doing in your district.

## Thank You!

Panel 69 P.I. & CPC DCMs

P.I. Committee Districts: 8 28 43 51 62

CPC Committee Districts: 4 30 38 52 59

Thank You to Districts 5&7, 39 and  
14 for your submissions to this  
issue!

~We would love to hear from YOU~  
P.I./CPC Committee news, events  
and shared experience are  
welcomed and appreciated!

## New P.I. /CPC Chair in Nanaimo (Districts 5 & 7) ~Human Library Events~

Hello everyone,

Our brand-new committee has taken off like a rocket and we are planning to get together soon!

Our neighbouring District 6 passed on a request from a High School principal here in Nanaimo, with a request for contact. I explained that we have two separate committees: Public Information (P.I.) who could come and speak to the students about what A.A. is and how it works, or the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee could make a presentation to the school staff. They opted for an interview to find out more, but thought they would like a CPC presentation.

I took a brand-new committee member, who has lots of knowledge about the Traditions and A.A. as a whole, with me, and the principal of a High School in a neighbouring town joined us. There was so much passion in that meeting and the upshot of it all is that they want a CPC presentation for their staff and a P.I. presentation to their students. We've also been invited to take part in information fairs at both schools, including putting on a Human Library event.

Our committee had just been part of a Human Library event a few days previously. You can Google the Human Library.

The purpose of a Human Library is to dispel myth, misconception and stigma around social issues. So, I took a well-informed long-timer with me and we were the "books" on alcoholism and AA.

The Human Library could be a great tool for P.I./CPC Committees as people get to ask what they want to know rather than us telling them what we want them to know. It has me thinking outside the box. I'm also going to be having well-informed long-timers help out the committee without being part of it, although I hope the bug will bite and they'll want to join. I'll be asking them to come with me on CPC events until I can help some of the committee get ready. I'm also asking their help in taking professionals to meetings and answering their questions. I'm disabled and can't go out much to evening meetings or to meetings when there is ice or snow on the ground. It's also a fine way of bringing long-timers back into service.

The member who accompanied me to the Human Library event is very knowledgeable but hasn't been in service for 20 years. I know he enjoyed it.

Did I say I'm excited? I am so excited. So grateful to be sober and have a purpose.

Love in Service, Lyla M.



## District 39's 4th annual CPC Luncheon ~ 130 in attendance! ~

Dear friends,

In September, District 39 Abbotsford held our 4th annual CPC luncheon for the professionals, with over 130 in attendance!

The event was evenly split between members and professionals.

In attendance were professionals from medical, education, treatment, elected political officials, government sector employees, social services and religious organizations from all denominations.

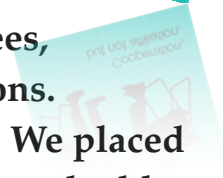
The event included a speaker from A.A. and one from Al-Anon. We placed an even number of professionals with our members and encouraged table interaction, including a hilarious skit. Our question and answer time was followed by a wonderful meal.

The success was in planning and the work our liaisons did in inviting various professionals in our communities.

Many in attendance signed up to receive our "About A.A." Newsletter and we were invited to do a presentation at our local hospital, at our University with the nursing students, as well as addiction and treatment centres.

Not only are we planning for our next CPC luncheon, we would like to arrange mini events like breakfasts for specific areas.

Ranjit N., CPC/PI Chair, District 39/ Abbotsford



### Meeting Guide



Brought to you by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., Meeting Guide is a free-of-charge meeting finder app for iOS and Android that provides meeting information from A.A. service entities in an easy-to-access format.



**Greetings from the Victoria CPC Committee!**  
~ District 14 ~

As we come into the New Year, we in Victoria also come into a new Steering Committee. New members occupy all but two positions on the Steering Committee. We are looking forward to working with a new Chair, Willie G., and a new P.I. Chair, Ken M.

We at CPC have high hopes to bring A.A. before more people this year. Our Speaker Training last fall was well received, and we have a small team of people who now have practiced speaking to Non-A.A. audiences, and more importantly, have practiced Question and Answer sessions. So we are ready, willing and able. Now we have to work to create opportunities to expose A.A. to audiences. We hope to emulate the success that Nanaimo has achieved in speaking to schools, also in Victoria, and to work with Service Clubs and other venues. A.A. history shows the importance of these opportunities to present the A.A. message.

We also hope, under the leadership of Corrine, to restart the annual Professional Luncheon, tied to the Victoria 2020 Rally under the direction of Willie G.

And 2020 may be the year that we establish A.A. as a presence in some of the major work camps that are scheduled for B.C. in the coming years. We hope to meet the need recognized by the Regional Council of Carpenters for B.C. and the Yukon. In this regard, we will be working with Kitimat Jack, Neil M. of Victoria and Craig E., the new BC/Yukon CPC Chair.

So, 2020 will be an exciting year.



**A LinkedIn page is now available!**

The presence of a LinkedIn page describing Alcoholics Anonymous is intended to be a tool to aid local CPC committee work in the U.S. and Canada to inform professionals about A.A. The trustees' committee on CPC noted the value of a static LinkedIn page as a touchpoint to getting professionals to the A.A. website.

<http://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc>

