

Grapevine Subcommittee Panel 71 March 2021 Quarterly Report

Grapevine Subcommittee (GVSC) Members:

Vicki L, DCM D27, Chair
Karen O, DCM D47
Vacant, D50

Laura R, DCM D63, Secretary
Ascension , DCM D68
Sue M, A59 Secretary, Advisor

Also Participating:

Evelyn D, Interpreter

Rosendo R, ADCM D68

Grapevine Subcommittee Meetings via Zoom 12/18/20, 1/16/21 and 2/13/21 via Zoom.

Summary of Subcommittee Activities:

- Introductions of Members.
- Laura R volunteered to be Secretary.
- Suggestion made that GVSC members become familiar with the Grapevine/La Vina Guides, Grapevine/La Vina websites as well as the Carry the Message Project/Proyecto "lleve el mensaje")
- Division of Area 59 Districts.
- Decision to include an Interpreter expense into budget.
- Delegate Recommendations reviewed and assigned.
- Delegate Recommendations 1 through 14 to be worked on first year of panel.
- Creating new shade displays in both English and Spanish for in-person events.
- Creating virtual presentations for virtual events.
- Created and submitted a budget for fiscal year 2020 to 2021.
- Created master list of 80 Carry The Message (CTM) subscriptions to be donated.
 - Decided on ways to donate all 80 CTM subscriptions by July 2021.
- Creating a database of GV/LV Reps in A59 as well devising a communication plan to encourage Districts to have GV/LV Reps.
- Working on ways for GVSC to better serve D68.
- Created a Shared Google Drive for members to share and upload assigned Delegate's Recommendations material as well as Meeting Minutes.
- Preparing presentation for Share-A-Day.

Love and Service

Vicki L, DCM D27, Grapevine Subcommittee Chair.

Update to Report 3/11/21:

The GVSC is asking each District to provide contact information (District, name, address, phone number and email address) of a recipient of their choosing to receive a CTM certificate. The recipient can be either a person, rehab or detox center, recovery house, senior center, school, etc. Please email Grapevine@area59aa.org.

The GVSC is trying to locate two of the three Share-A-Day raffle winners that have not come forward to claim their raffle prize. If you know an older woman Peggy not sure what District she is from as well as Abby a GSR from D26 please have them email the GVSC so that we can get the CTM certificates to them.

On 3/6/21 I attended a virtual Grapevine/La Vina Writing Workshop hosted by Area 16 which was informative. The workshop provided insight on submitting stories as well as other types of writings to Grapevine and La Vina. The main speaker was Jon W, GV Senior Editor. An audio recording of the workshop is available from aa.georgia.org by emailing grapevine@aa-georgia.org for a password to access the recording.

Area 48 host a virtual monthly Grapevine Reading and Discussion the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 pm. Anyone interested in attending please contact me for the zoom ID and passcode.

In Grapevine news there are two new books coming out in late April titled Free on the Inside: Stories of AA Recovery in Prison and Women in AA (Spanish Language) which is a collection of stories taken from the pages of Grapevine and La Vina.

The Grapevine March 2021 issue has a Featured Section "Making Amends." AA members share stories about their experiences making their Ninth Step Amends. Also included are powerful stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis.

The La Vina March/April 2021 issue has a Special Section - Although the message is simple, the experiences of how each AA begins the journey are varied and invaluable. Our selection of stories for the March / April issue share experience, strength and hope for the one to come.