

Here is what the committee is working on this month:

Create an account and post a print PSA for Patch, the online neighborhood news platform

Find and reach out to other public access channels in Suffolk and post video PSAs

Share English and Spanish pamphlets with AA member to bring to local legal aid

Explore the idea of sending postcards to clergy in Suffolk, asking if they would like AA pamphlets, meeting lists or to be accompanied to an open AA meeting

We invite GSRs to share some info about the Grapevine podcast and ways to participate. There's a segment called Ask the Old-timer and there's a phone number to call and record your question and then it will be aired and answered on the podcast. Does anybody have any AA jokes? The number can also be used to record a joke that's related to recovery.

Email at podcast@aagrapevine.org(link sends email) with comments, suggestions, jokes, and such. To record an Ask the Old-timer question or a recovery related joke, call 212-870-3418.

I attended the North America CPC and PI Conference held virtually February 12th and 13th and this is what I learned:

Fred M Past Registrar Area 49

Did a demonstration on how to do a personalized email campaign with automated follow up. He made a good argument for using technology tools to maximize the usefulness of AA members doing service and extending the reach of AA.

Judge Flores Past Class A Trustee

He encouraged doing more PI/ CPC work with judges and lawyers. The fact that AA is a program based on spiritual principles and not a faith based program is important for them to

understand, in order to be able to offer AA. He also discussed that there's still a belief that AA is a secret society and that's another myth that needs to be dispelled.

He emphasized that one of the greatest things an AA member can do to foster CPC/ PI work is to send a note to the judge who helped you. He said that's one of best ways to reinforce that directing people to AA is effective.

Dr. Al Mooney Class A Trustee

Discussed how to help doctors get scholarly info about AA's effectiveness and the need for them to see long term evidence of how AA works. He named one resource called the Cochrane Library that he uses when working with other professionals.

<https://www.cochrane.org/news/new-cochrane-review-finds-alcoholics-anonymous-and-12-step-facilitation-programs-help-people>

Dr. Mooney has done a lot of work in hospital and clinic settings to help alcoholics. He has found lots of ways to get around bureaucracy so that AA members could do twelve step calls. He talked about the discrepancy that he finds between the growth of AA in recent years and a statistic he named that an alcohol related death occurs every ten seconds. He encourages AAs to tell their doctor, nurse practitioner and dentist that they are available for anyone who has the desire to stop drinking. He shared a study that he conducted with alcoholics in ICU and the evidence showed that AAs have far better outcomes than professionals when helping a suffering alcoholic.