

**Area 53 Assembly
June 6, 2021**

Chairperson's Report

I want to start out with a thank you to Marcia for stepping in with some added responsibilities while I tend to important family matters. One of the many gifts of sobriety is being able to be present for and with them during difficult times. I am attending the NE Regional Forum this weekend and have registered for the Ohio State Convention in August. I've also attended Area 48 Virtual Assembly to observe. Marcia attended Area 34's hybrid Assembly to observe.

Since our last Assembly, I've attended some of the Area Chair Sharing Sessions hosted by Area 48 in NY, as well as various Area 53 Standing Committee meetings.

Our Area 53 Rap Sessions on Monday nights have been going well and we've had some really great presentations and discussions. Topics and presentations were made on the Bridging the Gap Program, The Concepts at the District and Group levels, a live interview by the Archive Committee's Oral History Project that focused on service in the home group, and an in-depth report from our Delegate on the Conference with Q&A. This month will feature the Correspondence & Pre-release program for CFC, a deep dive into the Grapevine's website, setting up and running inclusive hybrid meetings, and Tradition 4 and how AA Groups function. Join us on Mondays at 7:30 on Zoom. The login information is available on the Area website calendar.

At the July Area Committee meeting, we will be discussing the timeline and logistics for transitioning back to in-person Assemblies. At this time, the September Assembly will still be a Zoom only meeting.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to look into Virtual Only Group Registrations and will be making a recommendation for a Guideline change at the Area Committee meeting in July.

In Service,
Ann B.
Area 53 Chair, Panel 71