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## **Creating a Safe and Welcoming Atmosphere in NA**

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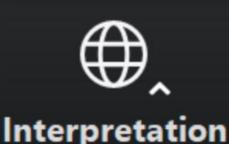
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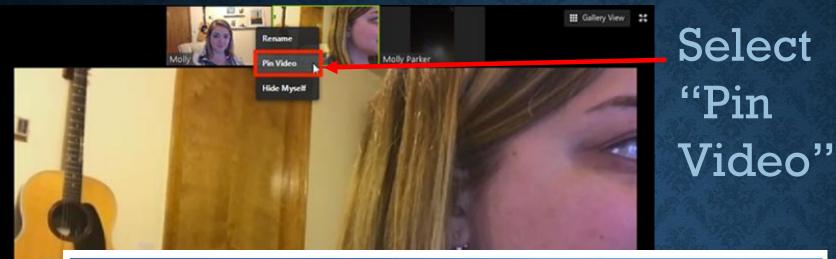
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"When outside issues seem to affect the atmosphere of recovery or the quality of our meetings, we are often more successful when we look for ways to strengthen the atmosphere from within, rather than trying to control things outside of NA. Service meetings and workshops can be vital places for discussion, brainstorming, sharing experience, and offering support to groups struggling with issues that affect our ability to carry the message. Just as in our personal recovery, we don't have to do it alone. We don't have many new problems in service; many of our struggles have been addressed in some form or another before, somewhere in NA. Most of our problems have more than one potential solution, as well. When we ask for experience, strength, and hope, and listen with an open mind, we discover solutions we hadn't imagined."

Guiding Principles: The Spirit of Our Traditions: Tradition Ten, In Service

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### Creating a Safe and Welcoming **Atmosphere in NA** Eight panelists in todays meeting Meeting will be streamed live on YouTube – link at www.na.org/webinar **Questions after the sharing please!** Raise your virtual hand to ask a question – click on "Reactions" or tap the 3 dots or "More" on your phone Email wb@na.org if there isn't time for your question Materials from meeting will be posted on www.na.org/virtual

### Today's panelists

Steve C – New Jersey: Keeping a safe haven Hammed T – Kuwait: Women in recovery Kayla D – Canada – Clean on the screen Gaby and Luigi – LAZF FD: Workshops in El Salvador Sam K – UK: Predatory behavior discussions Laura S – Texas: the Never Alone Deaf Group Greg H – Alabama: the Rainbow Rocket Recovery Group Tobin – California: Predatory behavior workshops

### Women in Kuwait

	Members	<b>Groups/Meetings</b>
2012	1	0
2013	2	1
2014	4	1
2015	12	2
2021	50	4



It all started in the Fellowship Development work group that was previously called Growth and Development of the Latin American Zonal Forum. In a meeting that we had 3 and a half years ago (almost 4 years ago), we were asked to start working with the regions that do not have representation or are not seated in the zonal forum. At that time there were 5 members being of service in this work group and these regions were logistically divided. I was assigned to work with the region of El Salvador, a region with which the forum has worked with on different occasions.





It had not been possible to contact them or to determine what service structure they had, due to lack of information and lack of goodwill. That is how this story began in 2018 when we began to work with them through facilitating monthly workshops which could help them to begin to form a service structure. That way they could find a way to reactivate their participation in the Latin American Zonal Forum.

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Although we already knew that on previous occasions the Latin American Zonal Forum had tried to approach the region with very few or no results, the work group took on the task of starting this effort again. We approached both sides of the membership of the region that have been divided for quite some time. We began to work with them, and invited them to participate in the 2019 World Unity Day celebration so they could share their experience with us, but the problems remained.

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In spite of this, we continued working with them and they began to share their experience, which was focused on the problems they have encountered which did not allow the region to grow. When the Latin American NA convention was held in Costa Rica in 2019, we had the opportunity to interact with some of the members but we were not able to achieve positive results, so we formally dedicated ourselves to facilitate virtual workshops. These workshops began to raise awareness, and they began to bear fruit as the members began to change their way of thinking. INOAMERICANO

Thanks to the virtual workshops we facilitated on the traditions, steps and concepts, the opportunity was created to begin an open minded approach to develop their service structure. After facilitating the virtual workshops we received an invitation to carry out a series of face-to-face workshops in June of 2021 in the cities of San Salvador and Sonsonate.

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Through facilitating other face-to-face workshops and by formalizing the work that we have been doing since 2018, we gave them once again the opportunity to have literature on their shelves and to have a service structure. They now have two areas and they are forming a third area. We are now seeing the results of all this work.

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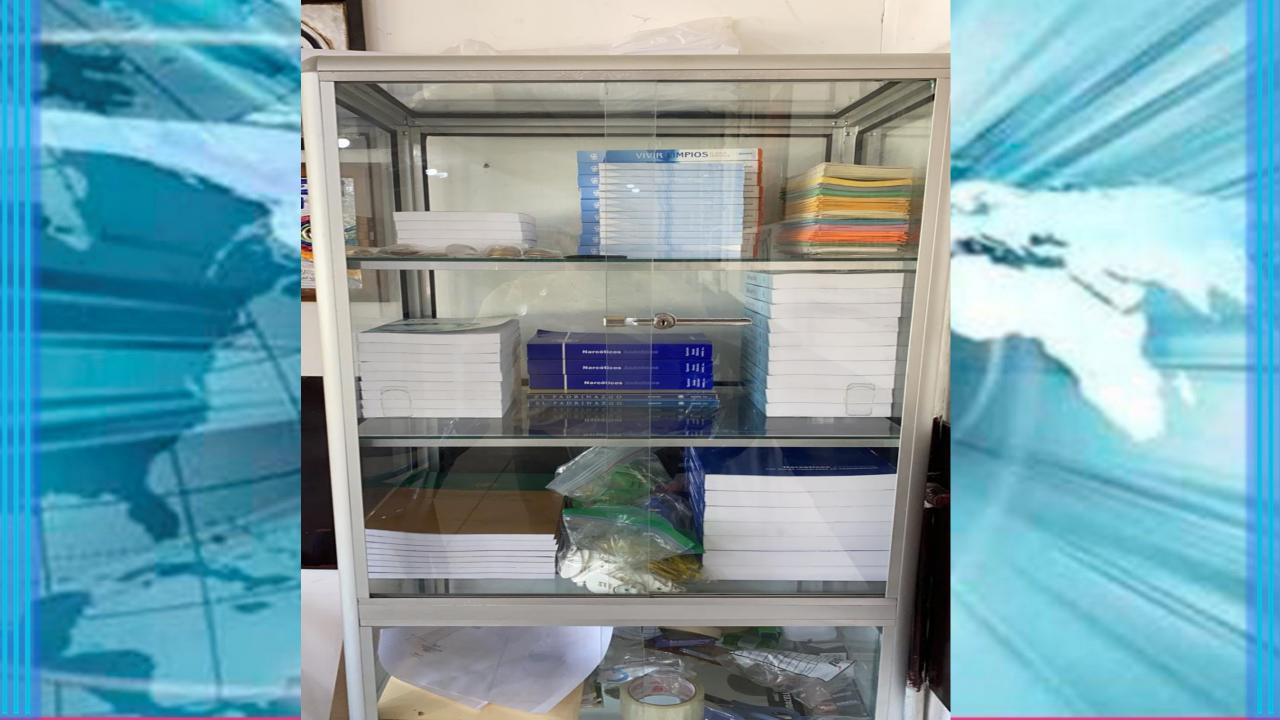


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We want to thank all the members of the groups in El Salvador, the Latin American Zonal Forum, the World Service Office and all the members of the work group who have been supporting this effort from the beginning. Today we can see members in El Salvador that are reading the literature and that are learning from experience and are not only focusing on the problems but are also focusing on generating solutions.

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**Never Alone Deaf Group NADG** 

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Mon-Friday AM Just for Today Morning Meditation 9pst, 10mst, 11cst, 12est

**Tuesday PM** Sisters in Recovery, Women's Meeting 5pst, 6 mst, 7cst, 8 est

2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Wednesday of month PM Service Position-Learning Days 2<sup>nd</sup> week Tradition Learning days study 4<sup>th</sup> week 4pst, 5mst, 6cst, 7est

> Thursday PM NADG Book Study, 5pst, 6mst, 7cst, 8est

Frid<u>ay PM</u> NADG Deaf Addict Winners, 3pst, 4 mst, 5 cst, 6 est

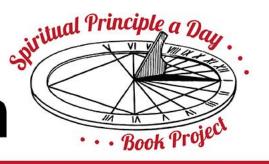
Saturday AM NADG Topic Discussion, 9 pst, 10 mst, 11cst, 12est \*Speaker on Last Saturday of month

#### Sunday PM

Open Discussion 6pst, 7mst, 8cst, 9est \*Last Sunday of month PM Business Meeting 1pst, 2mst, 3cst, 4est



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