

## **AREA HIGHLIGHTS 2011 (PRAASA) – MSCA 09 Linda C.**

Area 09 is comprised of 1,861-recorded groups with an estimated 59,000 members and encompasses all or part of four counties stretching from the Pacific Ocean to the Arizona/Nevada border and roughly between San Diego/Imperial Counties and Los Angeles City limits. We are divided into 18 geographical Districts and 6 Spanish-language Districts. We have three Assemblies a year and six Area Service Committee Meetings, two prior to each assembly, all of which are simultaneously translated into Spanish by contracted, professional simultaneous interpreters. We participate in an annual Four-Area DCM workshop with Areas 05, 08, and 93 and hosted a La Viña story writing workshop, our first Pacific Regional Forum, as well as an annual PI/CPC Workshop. We currently have 15 Standing Committees, most of which have English and Spanish speaking co-chairs. Our Communications Committee includes the newsletter, the website, the written translations, and the overview of communications equipment. All our communications are translated into Spanish including all material on our website, newsletter and flyers. In 2010 our website (AREA09.ORG) was redesigned and updated. The largest portion of our budget goes to support our extensive area Archives, which are housed in a 1,380 square foot facility, which also serves as a meeting place for smaller committee gatherings and archival presentations.