

“Being of Service in AA Today”

Part 3 - Area 12 Workshop Series

Saturday, June 6, 2020

Today's Workshop Objective: *To review and discuss Area 12 and Intergroup Committees as a means of fulfilling our Primary Purpose.*

Screen share resources will be available during the workshop; handouts can be obtained by visiting <http://delawareaa.org/forgsrsandothers/4thdimension6620.html>

TODAY'S AGENDA

Welcome - Sally T., Area 12 Alternate Delegate

“Service in Action” - Bob L., Area 12 Chairperson

- Overview of Several Committees -

Speakers will share briefly about their committee; share goals and projects; and, where possible, give attendees one way they may be of service today

Archives – Geralyn M., Area 12 Archives Chair

Consistent with A.A.'s primary purpose of maintaining our sobriety and helping other alcoholics achieve recovery, the Archives of Alcoholics Anonymous will: Receive, classify and index all relevant material, such as administrative files and records, correspondence, and literary works and artifacts considered to have historical importance to Alcoholics Anonymous; hold and preserve such material; provide access to these materials, as determined by the archivist in consultation with the trustees' Archives Committee, to members of Alcoholics Anonymous and to others who may have a valid need to review such material, contingent upon a commitment to preserve the anonymity of our members; serve as a resource and laboratory to stimulate and nourish learning; provide information services to assist the operations of Alcoholics Anonymous, and ; promote knowledge and understanding of the origins, goals and program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

CPC – Paul S., Committee Chair, Southern Delaware Intergroup

Cooperating with nonalcoholic professionals is an effective way to carry the message to the sick alcoholic. Such people often meet the alcoholic in places where A.A. is not present. Through professionals, alcoholics may be reached who might otherwise never find the program, or they may be reached sooner with the help of informed non-A.A.s.

Corrections – Pamela P., Area 12 Corrections Committee Chair

Many A.A. members are unaware of the important work being carried out by corrections committees. To those involved, however, corrections work is an opportunity to carry the A.A. message to the confined alcoholic who wants to live sober, one day at a time. Through a corrections committee working with corrections personnel, alcoholics are reached who might never otherwise find the A.A. program. An active corrections committee is a vital link to prisons and jails, providing professionals and other workers in correctional facilities with information about A.A., literature, and guidelines for setting up A.A. groups on the inside.

Convention – Sally T., Area 12 Alternate Delegate and Convention Chair

In some areas, there is a permanent convention committee, set up within the area committee, so that valuable experience of convention planning can be carried over from one year to the next. Membership on such a committee is, of course, on a rotation basis, so that new members are added yearly, but a proportion of experienced convention planners is retained at any given time. Once assembled, the convention committee is usually organized along functional lines, with each chairperson responsible for a phase of the planning.

Public Information – Terry H., Area 12 Delegate

Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. We carry the message by getting in touch with and responding to the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics.

Treatment – Brendan M., Committee Chair, Northern Delaware Intergroup

To carry the A.A. message effectively, members have formed Treatment Committees. In addition to bringing the message of hope for recovery to alcoholics in a variety of treatment settings, A.A.s on Treatment Committees demonstrate to administrators and staff “how it works” and are instruments of attraction to the A.A. program. The active Treatment Committee provides information about A.A., as well as literature and guidelines for setting up A.A. meetings in treatment facilities and outpatient settings.

Questions & Answers

Closing Remarks