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April DCM Report

This month I would like to talk about the GSR position on the obligations it entails. The General Service Representative is the link between the Home Group and the District as well as the Area. The position is about being a vital link between these entities. It enables the group's conscience to be heard at the district and area levels.

All GSRs should register with the District and Area so that they receive important information from these entities. The meetings held at 4th and Bullet in Jeannette on the first Friday of the month are designed to share information with one and other. The position is a rotating position every two years. In the spirit of rotation once one holds the position for two years they should rotate out.

As trusted servants, we are responsible for making decisions on how the donations are spent and also for the voice of AA in our district. It is our responsibility to carry the message to our home groups and the individual who reaches out for help. Attendance at the district meeting and the quarterly meetings of the area are vital to the position.

The GSR position is the first step in moving service work outside of the home group. It enables newcomers to see that there is AA outside of the home group. It teaches them the idea of the inverted triangle. Home groups, GSR's, districts, areas, delegates, and the GSO.

Your Trusted Servant,

Chuck H.

ALT DCM Report April, 2023

Hello. I would like to thank the district for the opportunity to attend PCAW. It was a very informative and enjoyable experience. Our district lead the way with a total of 7 GSR's and interested parties attending the Sunday morning meeting which had a total of 90 attendees.

A highlight for me was the way the minority opinion operates. There was a vote on an agenda item that was almost unanimous except for 2 votes. After listening to the 2 minority opinions a revote was taken and the majority vote went the opposite direction. A marvelous example of how the minority opinion works!

The committee I was part of dealt with 3 agenda items. The first was how the "Big Meeting" at the International convention is closed. Currently the chair has three options, the Lord's Prayer, a moment of silence, or the responsibility statement. Our committee recommended a chair's choice of non-religious AA approved material.

The second agenda item was whether AA should have an Instagram account. After discussing the group thought it to be another way to carry our message as long as it was a locked account so any changes or updates could only be done by the person or committee that set up the account.

The third agenda dealt with changing a footnote in the service manual concerning AA groups. Some groups are registered, and some are listed. There was a lengthy discussion about the difference between the two and it was the general consensus that simply changing the footnote in the service manual did not resolve the issue. The committee recommended further clarification.

There was a very informative talk given by a representative of the GSO as well as his lead on Saturday evening. I also attended the DCM and GSR meetings. Some of the points from these meetings were, if you belong to more than one home group that you only can vote in one, that there's no mandatory retirement age for AA service, home group members of a well attended meeting should help home groups of smaller attended meetings by showing up for their meetings, and many others.

Thanks for letting me serve!

Paul P

PI / CPC Report - April 2023, submitted by: Jon A.

(Committee members: Jon A., Pam A., Bob H., YOUR NAME HERE!!)

ACTIVITIES:

We have finalized the plans to do an invite-only CPC presentation for the professionals (doctors, lawyers, borough counsel members, local police departments and some select business owners), located in and around the Scottdale area. This invitation only CPC presentation is being held at the Scottdale fireman club on April 25, 2023 at 7pm. Along with AA, Al-anon and Harbor of Hope will be presenting also. If any AA members would like to attend, please let me know so we can add you to the list.

Jon A. visited the office of Meghan Weaver, a Physician's Assistant(PA) from EXCELA Health located in Harrison City and dropped off some 4x6 cards and holders for placement around the office. Thank you Mellissa Mc for the referral.

Continuing distribute the 4x6 post card items in public locations (Post offices & grocery stores bulletin boards & libraries) and have started utilizing willing AA members to help us distribute some.

Placement of yard signs is going well. We currently have 4 signs placed in permanent locations around the Scottdale/Mt. Pleasant area. If you are interested in adopting a yard sign yourself or if your home group would like to adopt one, please let me know.

Pam visited 3 more magistrates (Bradenville, Ligonier & Latrobe) and had various 4x6 cards and holders placed around the offices. That is a total of 6 visited with 3 more to go. While in the area Pam made a stop at the Ligonier Valley Library and discovered no Big Book or 12 & 12 was on file. She provided them with 1 each, a hardback Big Book and a hardback 12 & 12.

Bob H. has started investigating the process to possibly have Alcoholics Anonymous PSA's played on local AM and FM radio stations.

If any AA members would like a Public Information presentation done in their community or if there are and Professionals you know that may need any AA information or literature, please let me know.

WE NEED HELP !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If PI/CPC service work interests you. PLEASE join us in our efforts to inform third party "friends" of the life-saving message AA has to offer those that are suffering with an alcohol problem.

TO-DO & COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Setup day/time and frequency for committee meetings.

Finish visiting the magistrates and libraries in the District.

Discuss if there is a need for a CEC (Cooperation with the Elderly Community) volunteer?

Discuss if the "Book boxes" (the adult ones) in our towns should have AA literature placed in them?

Research how to add the 4x6 post card information to local diner paper placemats.

Plan to attend summertime community events throughout our District.

UPCOMING PURCHASES:

Various 4x6 post cards & holders. Cloth display table runner. Updated/Current pamphlets. PI and CPC workbooks