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MSCA 09 - District 5 Newsletter

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

H & I (Hospitals & Institutions): So Cal H&I was already going strong when the Area and Districts were created in Orange County. As a result, one of the functions of this committee is to coordinate General Service's activities with So Cal H&I. Our H&I Committee Chair, Jennifer, has worked hard to provide us with updates on H&I's activities and the need for literature. H&I continues to ask for Grapevines to recycle so they can focus their financial expenditures on providing Big Books to those "inside". This committee also coordinates with So Cal H&I to help "Bridge the Gap" and help with the transition to AA meetings outside. If you can't commit to an H&I panel but want to support H&I, you may want to consider helping the Area and District's H&I Committee.

ASK A SERVICE SPONSOR

Isn't General Service political? Why do we need it? That's what I thought until I investigated. There may be some who "play politics" in General Service, all I can do is make sure that I place principles before the personalities and that I don't let my ego get in the way. To quote from the AA Service Manual (page S-19), *"We need it to ensure that changes within AA come only as a response to the needs and wants of all AA, and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of AA never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."* Don't let contempt prior to investigation keep you from serving.

To find out more go to www.msca09aa.org or read the A.A. Service Manual.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

District Committee Member (DCM): Are you experienced? Are you grateful that AA was there when you were desperate? If you have done General Service in the past, it may be your turn to do it again. District 5 needs District Committee Members to support and guide GSRs and visit groups that do not have GSRs. DCMs work toward full representation of all groups in their subdistrict and help keep meeting information current in the MSCA 09 Area Roster, District 5 roster, and the Western Directory. DCMs are also a resource for groups that are experiencing problems. This is your chance to encourage and help GSRs develop leadership, knowledge and love of service, and to explain the importance of group representation in AA to those groups that do not have a GSR. What is your part in keeping AA here for the newcomer?

Coming Events

District Meetings monthly, each Second Thursday 7:00 pm (GSR Orientation 6:30 pm) Church Building, 19211 Dodge Ave., Tustin, CA. District 5 Steering Committee Meeting is on the Monday preceding the monthly District Meeting at 6 p.m., Denny's on the corner of 17th & Grand, S.A.

April 15, Pre-Conference Workshop (GSRs represent their groups' conscience) District 15, Ebell Club, 313 Laguna Rd, Fullerton, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

West Orange Subdistrict Meeting, the last Sunday of each month at 705 W La Veta, Suite 208 (Batavia Woods Medical Offices) from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

May 20, Assembly, Hosted by District 6 (Huntington Beach area) GSRs will vote. See msca09aa.org for directions and agenda

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