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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

Public Information (P.I.): Area 9 has an active and productive Public Information Committee and District 5's P.I. Chair is an active member. Area 9 has announced the 2nd Annual Public Information Workshop will be held on Sunday, September 16 from 8:30 to 2:30 at the VFW Hall, 805 E. Sycamore Street, Anaheim, CA. There will be several speakers who will share their experiences and insights as members of the community who cooperate with AA. The workshop will address the issues, "What AA is and what AA is not" and "How AA can help." The P.I. Committee is "responsible for creating greater understanding of - and preventing misunderstandings of - the AA program through the public media, electronic media, P.I. meetings, and speaking to community groups" (from the A.A. Service Manual pg S58 combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W., published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Inc.). See www.msca09aa.org or aa.org for more information.

ASK A SERVICE SPONSOR

I'm afraid of the responsibility if I take a General Service commitment. How does that kind of service help my recovery? There's a reason AA talks about taking commitments instead of taking responsibilities. When I take a General Service or meeting commitment I'm putting into action my willingness to serve my fellow alcoholics. The commitment I make is that I will take certain actions for a certain length of time on a day-at-a-time basis. If I commit to being the secretary of a meeting I'm agreeing to show up, unlock the door, bring the format, and take other actions the group has assigned to a meeting secretary. The results of those actions are the responsibility of a Higher Power. I can't guarantee that I will always be available, or that

I will always do it perfectly. I only agree that I will do my part, and then I do it. I make the effort and God handles the results. How does this help my recovery? Any time I put the program into action in my life I find I benefit from it. I learn more and more about what is my part, what is not, and about practicing these principles in all my affairs.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Have you found your niche in AA service? In the coming months the District and Area commitments will be ending. If you have been thinking about serving on an Area 9 committee or taking a new commitment now is the time to attend the District and Area meetings to find out more about how the business of AA gets done and what gets done. You can also find out more about AA's standing committees on the aa.org website or in the AA Service Manual. If you are currently a GSR or District officer, be aware you must have attended a minimum number of Area meetings in order to vote at the Area election. See "*What's It All About?*" published by the MSCA 09 Literature Committee.

Coming Events

District Meetings monthly, each Second Thursday 7:00 pm (GSR Orientation 6:30 pm) Church Building, 19211 Dodge Ave., Tustin, CA.

August 12, ASC - ASC will vote on which proposals to put onto the Assembly Agenda. District 14, 305 E. Devonshire Ave, Hemet, CA 92643 (James Simpson Memorial Center).

September 9, Assembly - GSRs vote on the proposals placed on the agenda. District 12, Leisure World Clubhouse Two, Gate 12, 24112 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Woods, CA 92653

October 6, Heritage Day - See msca09aa.org for more information.

October 14, Assembly - GSRs vote on Area Officers. District 8, Corona High 1150 W. Tenth St., Corona, CA 92882

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