

INTRODUCTION

Hello fellow N.A. members. Area Service felt a need to let our fellowship in on what actually happens on the second Sunday of every month at the Norristown Y.M.C.A., this is why we are publishing this newsletter. I would briefly like to go over the attendance of the last 5 meetings at Area Services and then I would like to discuss some N.A. news.

Delaware Step	5 out of 5
Doylestown N.A.	5 out of 5
Sobriety First	5 out of 5
Y.M.C.A. Tuesday at Noon	5 out of 5
Lansdale Group	4 out of 5
Wilmington Group	4 out of 5
Friday at Eight	3 out of 5
Serenity Special, Eugenia	3 out of 3, then folded
Norristown Group	4 out of 5
Collegeville Group	2 out of 5
N.A. Hope	2 out of 5
Oxford Circle	2 out of 5
Primary Purpose	0 out of 5
West Chester	Folded, just re-started

The importance of having a good attendance from Representatives and Alternates at A.S.C. can make the difference between a productive or non-productive meeting. When a Representative or Alternate misses a meeting their input is lacking. I feel if a Representative or Alternate commits himself to A.S.C., he or she should follow through with the commitment. The commitment for A.S.C. is a long one, but the returns can be very rewarding.

PRISONS AND INSTITUTIONS

Presently we are going into several Institutions and Prisons which are:

Broad Meadows Prison for Men - Friday Night 8:30  
 Eagleville Hospital - Wednesday Night 9:00  
 Bucks County Prison for Men - Every other Saturday Night  
 7:00  
 Today Inc. - Thursday Night 8:30

Almost a year ago N.A. started a meeting at Broad Meadows Prison for Men and Women. Since then we have spread into Bucks County Prison for Men, Eagleville and Today Inc., but with much regret we had to close the Broad Meadows commitment for Women due to lack of support. We all need our groups at Area Services to help support these meetings from month to month.

LITERATURE

Literature has been a big topic at A.S. during the past year. At the end of 1978 there was a paper strike in California which affected our area since we purchase our pamphlets and books from the World Service Office in California. Literature was almost non-existent at meetings. After several months of waiting for the strike to end in California, our A.S. decided it would be best if we took the N.A. books and pamphlets and had them recopied. This decision was not meant to step on anybody's toes. Area Services felt that it was important to have literature on our tables when a new comer or an old comer came to a meeting.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Public speaking is another way of spreading the message. We are always open for invitations to speak at schools, church groups, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, etc. If you hear of or know of any place looking for a public speaker call Rance at 666-5151 or any other N.A. delegate of Intergroup. Recently we had the opportunity to speak on a local radio station. This was handled well by two members of the fellowship.

TREASURY

Our treasury is not the Chase Manhattan Bank but it serves the purpose. Your group donations help make things like our 24 hour Hot Line, Rent for A.S. meetings and social events happen. We also use the donations to help N.A. as a whole wherever its needed.

If anyone feels they would like to take on the responsibility of being on the list to receive Hot Line calls, please contact one of the following officers from A.S.:

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Ray T.	Literature	302-475-7641
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CONCLUSION

There are plans being made now to hold a mini conference for the Northern and Southern A.S. Committees sometime next year. Hopefully this will be a successful event consisting of business, pleasure and fellowship.

The Area Service meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month is an open meeting. EVERYONE IS WELCOME, and your support will be appreciated. Remember, this is not a one man program, it is a fellowship of men and women working together for one primary purpose. "SOBRIETY"

Southern Area Service Committee of Pennsylvania

John Sab, Chairman

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