

# The Speakers

## **Biff K., Winter Park, FL**

Biff has been a member of Narcotics Anonymous since 1980, and has served our fellowship in many different capacities on the Area, Regional, and World levels. Besides local positions, GSR, ASR, etc. . . . , Biff has served as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Florida Region as well as Regional Service Representative. Biff was President of FRC Board of Directors for 4 years, and is currently the Florida Regional Service Office Board President. He was World Public Information Vice-Chair in 1985 and PI Chair from 1986-1989. During his tenure as WSC PI Chair the first multi-regional learning day was held. The idea of multi-regional learning days and workshops came from that event. In 1985, at the WSC, he was Chair of the ad-hoc committee which recommended the final revisions to the Little White Book.

## **Bill B., Chula Vista, CA**

Bill has been a staunch member of NA since 1967 when there were only 50-100 members. His story is in the Basic Text (The Fat Addict). He was personal friends with Jimmy K. Bill has held many service positions. He was the first person to start 12 Step recovery houses which funneled people to NA.

## **Bo S., Atlanta, GA**

Bo got clean in 1974 in Atlanta, Georgia. He initiated and helped write the Basic Text, including developing a workable process for NA group conscious writing. Bo was World Literature Chair in 1979 and 1980, World Service Conference Vice-Chair in 1982, and served on the Board of Trustees 1983-1988.

## **Bob J.**

My clean date is December 12, 1986. I have an NA sponsor, I sponsor men in NA, I attend three meetings per week, and I serve at my homegroup as clean up person. While living

in Missouri, the Show-Me Region, I served as ASC Chairperson, Area PI Chair, RSC PI Chair (and vice chair before that). I relocated to Wisconsin in 1990 and served there as RSR/A for the Wisconsin region beginning in 1991. I attended four WSC's as the RSR/A for that region. In 1996 I was selected to serve on the Transition Group which developed the plan for restructuring NA World Services to its current form. In 1998 I was elected to the World Board in its first cycle. In 2000 I was re-elected to a six year term, which will expire at WSC 2006.

## **Chuck G., Agoura Hills, CA**

Chuck has been a member of NA since 1970. He has held many and varied service positions through the years. Jimmy K. was Chuck's sponsor for 13 years. Chuck was involved with the World Service Office till the mid 1980s including serving as Secretary, Treasurer, and President. At one time he was on the Board of Trustees. Chuck served as World Service Conference Chair and Vice-Chair in the early 1980s.

## **Dorine P., Americus, GA**

Dorine has been clean since October 11, 1972, where she did so in Washington, DC. Like many other early recovering addicts, she started attending meetings in AA, before hearing about Narcotics Anonymous. Her first NA meeting was in a “dimly lit room” at the VA Hospital, where she picked up The Little White Pamphlet and liked what she read. She called the phone number for the Central Office to get more information about this ‘new program’ and reached Jimmy K., who promptly sent her a Meeting Starter Kit. Very soon after that, Dorine started the first NA meeting outside of the hospital at the Court House, and among those first ten people there was Anthony E., now Director of The WSO. Shortly thereafter, she started countless other new meetings, including one at All Saints Church and All Souls Church—meetings still running today. Dorine called Jimmy K. nearly every day (she held “a

government job and used *their* phone!”) She has sponsored many, many recovering addicts all over the country, and among them was NA member Tina T., who was responsible for starting Narcotics Anonymous Meetings in the Gay and Lesbian Community, in the greater DC area. Dorine still attends meetings regularly in Americus, and continues to serve as a sponsor today.

## **Fawn F., Chevy Chase, MD**

Fawn got clean in the San Fernando Valley in 1978. She got involved in NA service right away, serving as secretary for the San Fernando Valley Area and the Southern California Region. She claims her most rewarding experience was volunteering at the World Service Office when it was in Jimmy K's house. In 1979 she was elected to serve as the Secretary to the World Service Conference and again in 1980. She continued to volunteer at the World Service Office and became one of the volunteer secretaries at the office with Betty K., assisting whenever she could. In 1981 Fawn was elected as Secretary to the World Service Office Board of Directors Inc. Jimmy resigned from the Board of Trustees in 1981. Shortly thereafter, Fawn had no further interest whatsoever in serving for any of the committees seated at the Conference that year as she questioned the integrity of the Board of Trustees actions. She relocated to the East Coast in 1982. She settled in the Washington DC/Maryland area. Today she raises three wonderful children, and remains active in NA.

## **Gary T., Lake Worth, FL**

Gary has been a member of NA since 1979. He helped start the first NA meeting in Ohio, and many more in Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia. Gary was involved in the writing of the Basic Text. He was World H&I Vice-Chair in 1982 and chaired the workshop that developed our first H&I Handbook. Gary continues to be involved in service as he is the Florida Regional Convention Board President since 1998. He is the chair

of the committee that is writing the *History of NA in Florida* book.

## **Gene H., Medford, OR**

Gene H. started in NA on March 21, 1962 when there were only two meetings and about a dozen members. The two meetings were at Rhodes and Moorepark in Studio City; and the other at Bill and Zona's in Burbank. He was sponsored by Paul Stuart and his personal friend Jimmy Kinnon. Jimmy turned over all literature and the answering service to Gene and his wife Tilly, as well as the chairmanship of the Friday night Mother Group at Rhodes and Moorepark, in late 1962. Tilly was bombarded with calls from the desperate spouses of addicts at all hours of the night, which she handled quite well, along with raising their six children. Gene was transferred to Southern Oregon in late 1974, bringing NA to that area. He chaired the 2nd Pacific Northwest NA Conference in 1979. He also served on the Regional Service Committee and visited James Drinkwater to encourage NA in Canada. Gene's story, *The Vicious Circle*, first appeared in the original White Pamphlet published in 1962. It is now on page 219 of the Basic Text.

## **Grover N., Lost City, OK**

Grover got clean in 1986. He served as Alabama/Northwest Florida Regional History Committee chair and co-chair 1989-91. He co-founded na-history.org, is active at nawol.org, and is co-author of *Tradition Wars Pathway To Peace*.

## **Jack W., Tacoma, WA**

Jack has been continuously clean since 1971. He has held many Group, Area, and Regional positions over the years including GSR, Treasurer, Secretary, Area Chair and Vice-Chair, and Regional Convention Committee positions. Jack has been involved in H&I, PI, and various literature review committees.

## **Jim M., Columbiana, OH**

Jim got clean in NA in 1979. He was active on the World Literature Committee from 1980 to 1984 and helped with the Basic Text. Jim was the first editor of the NA Way

magazine, contributed to early H&I literature, and Information Pamphlets. Jim helped Regional Service Committees start in Ohio, Tri-State, and Michigan. He was on the World Policy Committee in 1982. Jim continues to be active in his NA home-group.

## **Maryjane A., Oceanside, CA**

Maryjane started attending NA in 1963. She was among the first women attending NA in the early 1960s when our fellowship began anew. She participated in writing the Little White Pamphlet. Maryjane started the Glendale meeting with Netta in 1963. She held various service positions in early NA including H&I, participated in Twelfth Step calls, Helpline, and Group Secretary. Maryjane was involved in starting up the first drug treatment centers in California using the NA 12 Steps.

## **Mel H., Whittier, CA**

Mel got clean in prison in CA in 1968. Later on Mel carried an H&I meeting back to that same institution. Around 1969 Mel helped start five NA meetings, these were the sixth through tenth NA meetings in the Los Angeles area. He served as GSO Chairman around 1969 or 1970. Mel conceived of and organized the First World Convention in 1971. He was on the Board of Trustees 1975-79.

## **Sally E., Toronto, CA**

Sally has been clean since September 1, 1969. Some of her service positions throughout the years include: World Service Board of Trustees 1997; re-elected in 1984 for a total of nine years; Vice-Chair one year; Chair for two years; World Service Office Board of Directors two years; World Literature Committee four years: Basic Text, Tradition Section; NA Way, Editorial Board three years; and collaborated for two years on a Step & Tradition book that has yet to be published.

## **Steve M., New Windsor, MD**

Steve has been clean since 1982 after having first gotten clean in prison in 1980. In 1982 Steve began his involvement in H&I. He helped start the first meetings in

Annapolis, Maryland as well as starting the Bay Area in 1983. Steve has held positions on the Group and Area levels. He has been Regional Chair, Vice-Chair, H&I Chair, and served on several other Regional committees. Steve was active on the World level for five years as RSR and RCM. He was on the World H&I Committee. Steve was on the World Literature Committee when *The Narcotics Anonymous Step Working Guide* was written.

## **Sylvia, San Francisco, CA**

Sylvia got clean in May of 1962. As far as anyone knows Sylvia has more clean time than any other woman in NA. When Sylvia started attending NA there were only three meetings. Sylvia started NA in Berkeley, California around 1966 and helped NA spread throughout the San Francisco Bay area.

## **Terry B., Pittsburgh, PA**

Terry has been a member of our fellowship since 1982. He was on a "Select Committee on the Service Structure" that produced the Twelve Concepts and several service manuals. Terry was somewhat involved in the writing of “It Works: How and Why.” He incorporated the Pittsburgh Service Office and wrote most of the by-laws.

## **Terry R., Heber, UT**

Terry got clean in 1979. He started NA in New York City during 1981. Terry was involved in World H&I for four years; he has been active in H&I having served in many positions. During Terry's early recovery Jimmy K. was his friend and sponsor. Currently Terry is a Regional Delegate in Utah.

## **Tony W.**

I got clean in 1982—February 9! I served in all group and area positions! I served the Carolina Region as PI Chair and AD. I was a WSCPI pool member, WSCPI Vice Chair, WSCPI Chair, Served on the Board of Trustees for one year! The last year they were in existence. I have served on the WB for the last five years.

*\*All bios were written or approved by the speaker.*