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SERVICE OFFICE WORKSHOP

The World Service Office will be holding a workshop for the purpose of sharing information about offices, office corporations, operation of service offices and related issues. This workshop is planned for June 28 and 29, and will be held at the Days Inn Metro Airport Hotel, 8800 Wickham Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, phone number (313) 729-9000. If your local N.A. community or service committee is currently investigating the possibility of establishing a service office, this workshop should provide valuable information. The experience of some N.A. members who have been involved in the establishment and operation of a service office will be shared as well as other financial and legal information pertaining to service offices. The information should prove valuable for those segments of the Fellowship which anticipate establishing a service office within the near future.

We urge all service committees who are interested in service offices and other financial and legal aspects of our Fellowship to consider sending a representative to this workshop. Further information can be obtained by contacting the World Service Office, attention: Group Services. Please inform us of your interest or plans to attend by June 1.

GROUP SERVICES

Due to our phenomenal growth rate, the Fellowship has asked for more services from the World Service Office. The Group Services Department is expanding rapidly in order to meet the needs of the Fellowship. Currently we are exhibiting a growth rate of 100% (registered N.A. meetings) every 18 months. This doubling time will get shorter as time goes on, and is projected to level off in six or seven years. As of March, 1986 we have 6500 registered N.A. meetings in 35 countries around the world.

The Group Services Department is staffed by a full-time coordinator and three support staff people when needed. Currently we provide the following services to new groups, existing groups, service committees, and non-N.A. sources upon request:

1. Respond to inquiries from non-N.A. sources which do not fall into the public information or hospitals & institutions categories. We send information packages, order forms, letters, etc.
2. Send out starter packages to anyone interested in starting an N.A. meeting.
3. Compile and update a *World Directory* of registered N.A. meetings, including established service offices and N.A. helplines.
4. Group registrations are catalogued for entry into the *World Directory*. We send the *Newsline* to the contact person for each group.
5. Respond to problems voiced by N.A. members, groups, areas, and regions.
6. Compile and provide resource material to all segments of the Fellowship.

In fulfilling functions 5 and 6 listed above, Group Services does not attempt to police, regulate, interfere, or dictate in any way. Rather, we try to provide the experience of other groups and committees within our Fellowship which have dealt with common questions and problems which may arise. When appropriate, we refer questions and problems to the Board of Trustees, Literature Coordinator, Public Information Coordinator, H&I Coordinator, International Committee Coordinator, and in some cases, another region or area within the Fellowship which has valuable experience, strength and hope to offer.

In providing service to the Fellowship, Group Services has been called upon to:

1. Provide information on how other groups and committees have dealt with certain issues, including what worked and what didn't;
2. Help groups, areas, and regions with implementing our service structure in the operation of their service committees;
3. Provide information on "Learning Days," service conferences, workshops, etc.;
4. Provide reprints of past *Newsline* articles which have been written by the Board of Trustees;
5. Provide information on financial and legal matters involved in the operation of service offices;
6. Provide contact information for other groups and service committees within the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

The acceptance and awareness of recovery from the disease of addiction through Narcotics Anonymous continues to grow each year. More people than ever before are seeking help from N.A.

