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What is The Inter-Com?

Inter-Com is our newsletter, by us for us. The newsletter is for the exclusive use of A.A. members who wish to exchange information about Public Information (PI) and Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) work within Area 79. The Inter-Com is a Quarterly publication - Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall.

It is a fantastic opportunity for Districts, specifically PI and CPC Committees to share experience, strength and hope - new ways to reach the public and cooperate with the professional community -

District 59 Williams Lake PI/CPC

Greetings from Williams Lake:

Our September PI/CPC luncheon was very well attended by health care workers, doctors, mental health workers police department and others from the professional community in Williams Lake. We had local AA members attend to speak directly to the professionals and to answer any questions they had about our program and fellowship. The presentation was done by our Area 79 Public Information Chair Rio D and was first class. Since the luncheon we have had a lot of very positive feedback from the professional community. Information continues to be provided and relationships with the Professional Community continue to develop.

Both the Professional Community and the participating members gained knowledge and experience from this event.

Jimmy F

SOUTH OKANAGAN HEALTHY LIVING FAIR, REPORT AND EXPERIENCE

Recently we had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the South Okanagan Healthy Living Fair at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre on March 10th 2018. This trade show expo of more than 60 health related exhibitors, from all aspects of healthy living, along with guest speakers, demonstrations and a healthy living assessment. It was an all-day event, with free admission and parking, and was visited by over 2,500 members of the public. Starting last October, Penticton Intergroup, with the help of District 68 and District 73, equally funded a registration as an exhibitor to the Fair District 68 providing a portable booth with a wonderful new banner, all contributed a wide variety of AA literature. Tremendous three way co-operation and participation, staffed the booth with volunteers from all three interests. This well-organized effort was a great instrument to first and foremost carry the AA message to a wide sample of the Public.

Any District needing assistance to participate in their local Health Fair requesting District 68's Booth please contact Michael W at easyryder@aol.com.

Thank-You to all who participated. They showed a great willingness to be of service. It was a great challenge to deal with a broad range of public concerns, necessitating humility, honesty and personal experiences shared from the heart.

Yours in Service
Michael W

Below are comments from three volunteers that were willing to share their experience that staffed the booth.

My name is George and I am an Alcoholic
Once again I had the opportunity (privilege) to give what little knowledge I have back to the AA program that saved my life and made living with me a lot more tolerable.
The booth and display was easy to set up and attractive but not overstated.
I worked my shift with a female member (and friend) which is what I would recommend.
We had our AA banner and approximately 30 different pamphlets on display.
During my 2 1/2 hours we had 12-15 people wanting information on meeting times and locations as well as a couple of people that needed help for their "dad", "sister" or "friend", although I did talk one gentleman who had quit a few times on his own...and was sober, at the time we spoke.
All interested parties were pleasant and cordial, and appreciated us being there.
In my humble opinion this is a worthwhile activity for AA outreach.
What is the price if we save just one life???Priceless!!!!
Yours in service
George B.

My name is Linda and I am an Alcoholic:-
On the 10th of March this year it was my genuine pleasure to once again participate in the AA public information booth at the 2018 Okanagan Similkameen Healthy Living Fair. The booth itself is set up to be a safe and inviting space which is well stocked with our literature and pamphlets.
During our shift we were approached by many individuals who ranged from fellow AA members to others just stopping by to chat about their specific interest in the program. It is my belief that the value of having an A.A. public information booth each year respects the guidelines of Tradition 5 of "carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers" in a well-attended venue such as the Healthy Living Fair in Penticton.
Yours in Service
Linda V.

My name is Dean C and I am an alcoholic.
On Saturday March 10/18, I volunteered to help out with the AA booth. This was my second time at working the booth. This is my way of giving back and getting the message out. It is honour to work the booth and be able to help someone out who is in need of AA. Even though this time I was not able to help anyone the experience was most gratifying.
Yours in love and service
Dean C

**Please welcome our new CPC
Chair in Victoria**

Welcome Andy:

Andy C. has accepted chairmanship of the Victoria CPC. He presented a business plan to the Intergroup Steering Committee which was accepted as well as his nomination for chairmanship.

Andy is off to a great start in Victoria. He has recruited three lawyers to help on the CPC. He's in the process of organizing the first meeting of the members of the Committee. Because of travel and other arrangements the first meeting won't be until December.

So far the Committee has established connections with lawyers and will be working to establish connections with other professional groups.

It is great to have a CPC Committee in the greater Victoria area.

CPC Luncheon, District 6

Hi Everyone,

We're pleased to report that we held a luncheon for the professionals October 3, 2018 at the Parksville Community Center. Invited were a variety of professionals in the areas of Education, the Clergy, Emergency Responders (Police Fire Ambulance), Judicial (Judges, Lawyers, Parole, Probation Officers), Medicine (Doctors, Nurses, and NPs), Human Resources and Union as well as other professionals (Counsellors, Corporations, Organizations and Social Workers). Also, we had twenty AAs attending and with the same number of professionals, we sat at circular tables where a lot of interaction took place.

Working within our Traditions, we went through four steps: Consultation, Planning, Action, and Reflection. Firstly, we CONSULTED with Dist 39 to find out when they were planning their luncheon. Two of us ended up ferrying over to Abbotsford and joined in helping out with their luncheon and just to see firsthand what was entailed. On coming home, next we did our PLANNING with a small steering committee just to get things rolling. Then we met with our whole committee to offer up the many tasks at hand, and finally yesterday-ACTION... the catered lunch was held from 12:00 to 1:30pm. And now, REFLECTION on what went well and what we might do differently next time. Our committee will meet next week for a wrap-up and someone will be taking minutes.

We're so looking forward to seeing everyone in Vernon and we'll have more details for anyone interested in putting on one of these most worthy events.

In Love of Service

Craig E

DCM Dist 6,

Special Event Announcement

District 39, Abbotsford is pleased to announce that our CPC/PI committee is putting together the third annual luncheon for professionals. We are expecting over 100 attendees with professionals from a broad spectrum of businesses along with members of Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon.

The luncheon includes A.A. and Alanon speakers, a hilarious and entertaining skit "Who or what died" and of course, a delicious lunch.

A.A. and Alanon members are asked to contribute \$20 towards the cost of the event and will be expected to initiate interaction and mingle with the invited professional guests.

The luncheon will be held on December 14th from 11:45 to 1:45 at the Abbotsford Arts Centre, 3229 Crescent Way next to Abbotsford Secondary School

We invite and encourage participation from interested members from our BC Yukon area 79.

Please contact us by email at cpc@abbotsfordaa.org

How To Make Submissions to the Inter-Com

We would love to hear from PI and CPC Committees with what is working, what is not working—looking for shared experience. Sharing experience, strength and hope within our Area.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Email your story, submission, and/or question to: publicinformation@bcyukonaa.org or cpc@bcyukonaa.org
2. Please identify yourself by first name and last initial only, in keeping with our tradition of anonymity.
3. Please identify your contribution to the Inter-Com with District number and a brief review of where your district is within BC/Yukon and please specify if your committee is PI, CPC, or PI/CPC.

Remember that this current edition as well as all archived editions are now on the Public Side of our Area 79 Website under the NEWS tab for your reading pleasure

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