

# The Inter-Com—October 2016

Public Information (PI)

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

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## What is The Inter-Com?

The Inter-Com is our newsletter, by us and 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 - January, April, July and October.

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 - how you're doing in your district.

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*This issue we are excited to receive four submissions. Please take a moment and read each. Thank you Districts 37, 39, 43 and 68! Great shared experience for all of us to grow and learn from.*

*Thank you Brooke, Jim, Ralph and Michael for your contributions!*

*Not sure what you could submit? Please contact us for more information.*

*In Gratitude,*

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## We need volunteers!! CPC OPPORTUNITY!!

**Come be a part of the CPC event of the year  
– the Family Medicine Forum!**

**What is it?** It's a four day conference bringing physicians and students from across Canada together to learn about the latest research and get information

**What are we doing?** Our General Service Office (in NYC) has provided literature and registered a table for us to attend and provide AA information to attendees

**When and Where? November 9-12 at the Vancouver Convention Center**

**What can I do to help?** Sign up for a morning or afternoon shift to help crew the table, providing information to the attendees!

**Who do I contact to sign up or for more information?** Jeff C, BC/Yukon CPC Chair, at [cpc@bcyukonaa.org](mailto:cpc@bcyukonaa.org). Please indicate what date (or dates) works, and whether you would be available for the morning or afternoon.

We received an invite to have the PI Booth at the Health Fair for April 2, 2016 in Osoyoos, which was brought up at the March District Meeting in Grand Forks. All groups were very much in favour of the PI Booth's presence at the up coming health fair.

What was really of interest was the unity that was generated in the way the folks from the East and West Districts pulled together the help from our Event's Chair, This was all done with on such short notice after receiving the news that the District PI Chair was unavailable due to sickness.

The Event's Chair was captivated by the hand of AA in action at the booth.

As hands were extended out and reciprocated by inquiring individuals. Many shared their personal experiences and struggles with alcohol.

The booth's presence continued to generate more interest at other events that followed in the coming months. One of which was the Osoyoos Round up, the Grand Forks Round up and the Greenwood Gratitude Day. The last stop of the season will be Dec 3, 2016 at the District's Christmas Party in Osoyoos.

Yours in love and service,  
The PI Panel , District 68

We at District 39 Public Information in Abbotsford have had a very good year. We have done over 20 school presentations and one recently to a seniors group. We worked on and improved the presentation format for both the schools and senior centres and are sending both of the presentation outlines to our Area PI chair for distribution to any district who would like a copy.

We have worked with GSO Public information to run PSAs on the University of the Fraser Valley radio station. They have requested we do an online interview program which we plan to do with the help and guidance of our Area PI chair.

With the upcoming rotation we are working towards a smooth transition for the new chair. Handing over the reins of a exciting committee for them to work and to build on.

Our district PI committee started from scratch two years ago setting up a distribution literature network, running PSAs on radio and print, putting together a luncheon and informational presentations in our community just by following the simply directions in our Public Information Workbook.

In love of service,  
Jim R. PI Chair Abbotsford

As the October voting/election assembly approaches and the prospect of rotating out or preferably on to another service position within my home district I find myself nostalgic. At this time 2 years ago the PI/CPC committee in district 37, White Rock/South Surrey was made up of the chairperson and myself; Our meetings would take place before our monthly district meeting and while there were many ideas were floated, few if any came to fruition and when they did it was me left to do the work. As with so many areas of AA 90% the work is done by 10% of the people. AA service as in the rest of our program is based on attraction rather than promotion and truth be told I had no interest in what the chairperson had but I wanted our committee to grow and flourish. In white rock you can throw a stick and you are likely to hit an alcoholic with 26 groups our meetings often number 50-60 people. I let my name stand for the position of PI/CPC chair with the hope of revitalizing the committee.

Looking back its hard to believe that two years have come and gone; our committee has grown from myself to six active members who have been

instrumental in hosting workshops ranging from the importance of AA service to speaking at non-AA events. We held a CPC luncheon last year with 10 professionals in attendance and by the time you are reading this we will have held another, hopefully with better attendance.

From stepping into a position that I had no idea how to do, now contemplating the upcoming rotation I find myself wanting to hold onto this position that I may have just started to figure out while at the same time wanting my hands free for whatever God has in store for me next.

My goal of getting the ball rolling and being able to pass on a living breathing committee to whomever next steps into this position has been accomplished, the meeting has moved to a more convenient time and location and is self supporting through its own contributions. In other words it is alive.

In love and service.

Brook N.

Outgoing PI/CPC Chair, District 37

Hi my name is Ralph and I'm an alcoholic. I took the chair position for PI/CPC in March 2015 and what a pleasure it has been.

We have sub chairs for clergy, first responders, healthcare professionals, speaking at schools, and public at large.

Speaking at schools has always been a key to our districts PI committee and we hope to expand the number of schools we can attend now that we have a large pool of speakers available.

The Clergy committee has been very active and we have hopes of reaching out to the theology students at Trinity Western University.

The First Responders committee has made several contacts and is pursuing the Victim Services training

The Healthcare committee has made contact with the social workers and placed books on all four floors of Langley Memorial Hospital.

The Public Information committee has made contact with several Care Homes.

In the near future we will be involved with Gratitude Day on February 4th and we are looking for opportunities to give a public luncheon.

It has been a pleasure working with these committees on their new ventures. So far this year we have distributed over \$450 of literature and have lots of irons in the fire to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Ralph B.

Chair of PI/CPC committee - District 43

# HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTER-COM

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](mailto:publicinformation@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

Your suggestions/comments/input are not only needed but are also greatly appreciated.

Please have your submissions for January 2017 Inter-Com in by December 15, 2016

## PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

Like all of AA the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Responding to an expressed need, the Conference recommended formation of a separate Conference Committee in 1971. Now known as

### COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC),

Its purpose is to better distribute A.A. information to those in contact with alcoholics through their professions. In some locales, C.P.C. and P.I. committees are separate; elsewhere they function as one committee cover two services.

It is clearly understood that both of these committees work within our primary purpose and are not in competition

In 2013, the 63rd General Service Conference affirmed that “the Internet, social media, and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the short form of Tradition Eleven, which reads ‘... at the level of press, radio and films.’”

AA Guidelines—Internet

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