

THE INTER-COM

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Whats happening in your District?

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Lots going on in district 6 in the last few months. On June the 2nd I attended a very successful and well attended workshop on "Speaking In Schools" and received good information on how to take our message of hope and recovery into the schools. The workshop was facilitated by Sean, GSR from our Friday night "echo" group, who brought lots of experience with him from working on the P.I. committee in North Vancouver a few years back. P.I. as you might know was formed in 1956 with purpose of providing accurate information to the public when requested. Debby H, our PI chair, has been asked by the high school in Qualicum Beach to give a presentation to the teaching staff (about 30 members) in October of this year. Following that event, members from the P.I. committee, about three at a time, will work with groups of 30 students at a time for several weeks after. Once the Committee has established itself at this school, it would move into the rest of the high schools in district 6.

On the CPC front, a steering committee was formed to find a venue and establish a date for a CPC luncheon. These tasks have now been done and the event will be held at the community hall in Parksville on October 3rd. The idea had its start last year when Julie L, last PI/CPC chair, attended a CPC luncheon in Abbotsford and returned with a wealth of information on how to move forward with the lunch idea. The CPC committee, at the conference level, was initiated in 1971 with its purpose of better distributing AA information to those in contact with alcoholics through their professions. I am most grateful to watch all our committee people in district 6 step forward and embrace this most needed work.

In love and service,
Craig E (DCM District 6)



What is The Inter-Com?

Inter-Com is our newsletter, by us for us. The newsletter is for the exclusive use of AA members who wish to exchange information about Public Information (P.I.) 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 P.I. and CPC Committee to share experience, strength and hope - new ways to reach the public and cooperate with the professional community - how and what you're doing in your district.

Anonymity Breaks - this comes from the Dec 2002 Edition of the Grapevine Magazine...

Who's in charge of anonymity?

Most members feel that it is not an anonymity break to say that you are a sober alcoholic in a public forum, but that when we publicly let others know that we are members of AA, we are not in keeping with the Eleventh Tradition. Sometimes a member will write to GSO to get feedback on how to inform the media of AA's principle of anonymity. One AA, for example, after hearing a member's full name and membership in the program revealed on a radio show, emailed GSO on how to go about educating the station regarding AA's Traditions of anonymity.

Rick W., the GSO staff member currently serving on the Public Information desk, informed her that in addition to being posted on the GSO web site, an anonymity letter is sent every year to over 9,500 media outlets, requesting their cooperation in maintaining our Tradition of anonymity. "While we seek the cooperation of the media" Rick told her, "we do not want to be seen to be telling them how they must do their reporting." He then reminded her that it is the responsibility of the individual AA member, not the media professional, to observe our Tradition of Anonymity.

How do you reach the public who don't speak, read and write English?

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Currently your Greater Vancouver Intergroup Office has translators available in 24 different languages. They also have an inventory of Big Books in 26 different languages.

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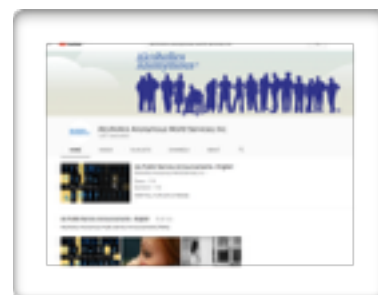
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News from GSO in the Summer Edition of BOX 459

■ A.A.W.S./G.S.O. YouTube Channel

A YouTube channel has just been launched for A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) and the A.A. General Service Office (G.S.O.). The new channel can be found at: www.youtube.com/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc. The purpose of the channel is to provide an additional platform from which A.A.W.S.-produced videos can be easily shared with a broader audience in order to enhance carrying the message to alcoholics, the general public and the professional community. Development of the channel was begun in early fall of 2017 as a response to an Advisory Action of the 2017 General Service Conference to create a YouTube channel, with comments disabled, that could be analyzed for effectiveness. Staff is currently developing a process for displaying content on the channel, consistent with A.A. principles and A.A.W.S. copyrights. The channel was started with three engaging, Conference-approved PSAs: “Doors,” “My World” and “I Have Hope” (available in English, French and Spanish). Expansion



Does your district
have a website?

Guidelines for Posting A.A. General Service Conference-Approved Public Service Announcements on A.A. Websites

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.), holds the copyright on Conference-approved Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s). A.A.W.S. grants permission to A.A. entities to post or embed these P.S.A.s on their websites without a prior written request to do so.

For this purpose, an A.A. website is defined as a website hosted by an A.A. group or service entity listed in G.S.O.'s records.

In addition, a website for an event that is *put on by A.A. members, for A.A. members, about A.A., and conforming to the Twelve Traditions of A.A.* may post these public service announcements.

The proper credit line should be included to ensure that copyrights are protected: *P.S.A. name, posted with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.*

Additionally, the following disclaimer must be posted in connection with the video:

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If A.A.W.S., Inc.-copyrighted P.S.A.s are posted or embedded on a site, an email should be sent to ippolicy@aa.org informing A.A.W.S. about the posting and confirming that these guidelines have been complied with.

A.A.W.S. reserves the right to have its P.S.A.s removed from any site, if we deem the content within which they are placed as contrary to the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, or otherwise inappropriate.

If you have questions about posting or embedding P.S.A.s that are copyrighted by A.A.W.S., please contact ippolicy@aa.org.

of the YouTube collection is in process, with the ultimate goal of hosting all A.A.W.S. video content. Stay tuned for additional video content and more information about the channel, including how to share the videos with professionals and other members. Any questions or feedback related to the A.A.W.S./G.S.O. YouTube Channel should be sent to: commservices@aa.org.





You can also download this poster from our Area 79 Website bcyukonaa.org
Just go to the P.I. Committee page and you will see the poster there available in English, French and Spanish.

*Have questions?
Ask Group, District or Area
P.I. and CPC
committees for some help.*



CPC in Abbotsford has managed with the help of Jeff W., CPC Co-ordinator from GSO, and our Area CPC and P.I. Chairs to forge a wonderful connection with the Veterans Transition Network after it came to our attention that more military personnel & Veterans die from suicide than any other cause, including combat. Veterans who have difficulties with the transition to civilian life are the most vulnerable: feeling isolated from the world saps the strength they need to combat alcoholism, depression, post-traumatic stress and substance abuse.

Alcoholics Anonymous is now listed on VTN's resources page with a direct link to aa.org This enables anyone anywhere access to contact information for Alcoholics Anonymous in their particular area.

We are pleased with this opportunity that we now have to reached out to our military, Veterans and their families.

In love of service, Jim R., CPC Chair-Abbotsford

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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