

District 05 Public Information Committee

P.I. Committee's Purpose:

"Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media." –A.A. *Guidelines on Public Information*

What we do:

- Hold bi-monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of odd-numbered months. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Alano Club in River Falls, WI. Address: 9896 770th Avenue (intersection of Hwy 29 and County Rd FF)
- Provide quarterly activity reports at District 05 monthly meetings. These gatherings of each group's General Service Representatives (GSR's), district officers, committee chairs, and any A.A. members interested in service to A.A. are held at 6:45 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Leisure Center in Menomonie, WI.
- Attend the Area 74 Delegate's Workshop each spring and take part in the PI Committee discussion.
- Support the webmaster of the District 05 website, www.aainwestwis.org
- Work alongside other District 05 standing committees, primarily Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee, Corrections Committee and Treatment Facilities Committee in support of A.A.'s primary purpose; and providing local A.A. members with opportunities to make service work a part of their program of recovery. Our current base of operations in River Falls positions us to serve as a coordinating agent for AA volunteer opportunities in the western side of the district in support of all the District 05 committees.

Our current projects:

Provide A.A. contact information and meeting lists to every hotel/motel in District 05.

- Provide A.A. pamphlets, contact information and meeting lists to every place of worship in District 05.
- Provide A.A. pamphlets, contact information, and both A.A. and Al-anon meeting lists to every middle-school and high-school guidance counselor in District 05.
- Established and maintain a supportive relationship with Pierce County Drug Court.
- Prepare and conduct informational A.A. workshops, such as the three Anonymity workshops to be held each year around the district, and three others presented in 2014-2015 in support of our schools project.
- Maintain and fund the Yellow Pages listings for Chippewa Valley Intergroup's 24-hour hotline phone.

New projects getting off the ground in 2015:

- Provide A.A. pamphlets, contact information and both A.A. and Al-Anon meeting lists to every senior housing facility in District 05.
- Provide A.A. pamphlets, contact information, both A.A. and Al-Anon meeting lists and hard copies of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* to every community's Senior Center.
- Support efforts of the other District committees with volunteers on this side of the District. For example, in cooperation with the Treatment Facilities Committee, we organized and trained volunteer presenters for Programs for Change, an out-patient treatment center in Hudson, WI. We are also looking to identify local professional groups for possible CPC Committee presentations.

Service Opportunities:

- Communicate with and distribute AA literature to Schools, Churches, Senior Living Facilities, Motels, etc.
- Share your experience, strength and hope by participating in and supporting District 05 workshops, such as the recent series focused on Anonymity.
- Help manage mailing list databases for each of our projects. Manage District 05 AA meeting list updates.
- Share your ideas and energy in support of AA's primary purpose at our bi-monthly committee meetings.