



7th TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS

**WHAT YOUR GROUP & MEETING 7th TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS
TO DISTRICT 51 SERVICE WORK ACCOMPLISH**

COMMITMENT RESPONSIBILITY ACCOUNTABILITY

*Because we must be fully self-supporting in our Service Work,
We rely solely on Your 7th Tradition contributions; which help us with:*

The District 51 Answering Service Committee

One of our most basic responsibilities – is to be there with the hand of A.A. for when someone reaches out for help.

Over the past few years, a few of our committed District 51 Members, along with dozens of Twelve Step Volunteers, have worked very, very hard to revamp our Answering Service to improve the response time, & effectiveness of our Twelve Step work.

It also serves an important role as a point-of-entry for those new to the area; or those looking for a meeting; or alcoholics, families, the general public, professionals & students, & others seeking information about the spiritual solution Alcoholics Anonymous offers for alcoholism.

GSR / District 51 Meeting Directory Updates Committee

This committee strives in the never-ending task to maintain up-to-date GSR and Group Contact information; to keep our GSR's/Contacts informed of suggested guidelines, service activities, workshops, A.A. events, updates, and issues in their role as the fundamental link between the Groups & Meetings in District 51 & the Collective Conscience of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Our Meeting Directory is an essential tool for any alcoholic, especially for the newcomer. With Group/Meeting times, dates, & locations changing constantly – along with New Meetings forming - the Directory is updated quarterly and distributed hard copy throughout the District as well as made available on our Website.

The District 51 Website Committee

<http://www.aadistrict51.org/>

These days, an almost equally vital important point-of-entry & information tool has become the Internet. Many are introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous for the first time through this portal.

Over the past few years, a few others of our committed District 51 Members have worked very, hard to revamp & upgrade our Website to more effectively serve.

Our Website lists the basics about Alcoholics Anonymous, District 51 Service Opportunities, Activities, & Accountability Reports; links to the General Service Office, Area 20, Grapevine, & other important sites; and loads more! The Webmaster & Alternate work continuously loading this information & answering & referring many email inquiries monthly swiftly with due care & consideration.

2 of our Service Committees are fully self-supporting:

- UNITY Newsletter, primarily through its' annual Banquet Fundraiser.
- Correctional Facilities Committee, through the Pink Can.

Special Needs Committee

This committee focuses on the needs of A.A. members who may need special help in order to participate in A.A. meetings & fellowship that is so essential to their recovery, such as, transportation to meetings because of a physical or mental disability. They also take meetings, fellowship, & literature into individual homes, retirement centers, and nursing homes; and strive to make available specialized audio/visual materials, and referrals for interpreters.

In attempting to accommodate each individual need - these needs are a growing part of our Service Work, and there is much to do in identifying & meeting the requests of, these so often lost in the cracks.

Literature/Grapevine Committee

Our Literature Committee ensures our Service Committees have the A.A. Conference-approved literature, audio/visual materials, & special items they need to Carry The Message, along with fulfilling Group/Meeting bulk orders.

They also encourage & assist Grapevine subscriptions & readership throughout our District.

Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information Committee

This committee brings the A.A. message to professional groups and individuals who have contact with alcoholics - furthering mutual understanding and cooperation between A.A. and these professionals. CPC also increases the awareness of both our members and the outside groups and organizations on ways of cooperating with others without affiliating.

Public Information is responsible for creating greater understanding of - and prevailing misunderstandings of the A.A. program, through public and electric media, public information meetings, and speaking to community groups.

PI carries the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to schools, colleges, police agencies, public recovery events, various other public agencies, and any other interested organizations utilizing all the available media in accordance with The Twelve Traditions.

Treatment Facilities Committee

This committee coordinates the work of individual A.A. members and groups who carry the message to alcoholics in treatment facilities, and works to clarify what A.A. can, and cannot do, within the A.A. traditions, to help alcoholics in treatment.

Within this committee is Bridging the Gap (BTG), which sets up means of bridging the gap from treatment to A.A. and is responsible for assisting in the coordination of A.A. temporary contact activities for persons in treatment facilities and halfway houses.

Archives Committee

Our History! The combined Experience, Strength, & Hope of those who've gone before us. Our greatest asset! Several of our dedicated Members have been working tirelessly to find and/or recover Our History.

This committee builds & maintains a repository of items of the history of A.A. in District 51 - including assembling district meeting & service committee minutes; group histories, records, programs, flyers, newspaper articles and written and taped narratives.

**WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP,
I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. ALWAYS TO BE THERE. AND FOR THAT,
I AM RESPONSIBLE.**

Serving

Braceville, Braidwood, Carbon Hill, Channahon, Coal City, Crest Hill, Crete, Cullom, Custer Park, Diamond, Dwight, East Brooklyn, Elwood, Frankfort, Gardner, Godley, Homer Glen, Joliet, Kinsman, Lemont, Lockport, Manhattan, one meeting in Manteno, Minooka, Mokena, Monee, Morris, New Lenox, Peotone, Plainfield, Pontiac, Preston Heights, Rockdale, Romeoville, Seneca, Shorewood, Verona, Wilmington, & surrounding communities.