

Report Back from Inventory

Several of you were concerned about the use of the words energetic and talented. Feeling that those who have been coming may not have energy and talent. Perhaps the following words would have been more appropriate; motivated, committed, curious, eager, willing or unafraid. I apologize if I offended anyone.

Area is a training center for leaders in general service. We need to demonstrate by our commitment and conviction the importance of renewing our service structure.

We also felt that everyone needed the opportunity to be a part of the process. It is important to each of us to feel that our time isn't being wasted.

Many felt that Area needs to develop a way of showing the fellowship what we do and why it is important to the future of A. A. in Central New York. There are many in the fellowship who have no idea what goes on at the Area Assembly. They have the feeling that it is political and all we discuss is money. We have all heard the sad stories from A.A. members about what goes on at Area.

Some of the suggestions given to inform the fellowship about Area were: work with a local intergroup and do a day-of-sharing and explain the differences and similarities, do a workshop of panels made up of different local groups explaining why we meet and what we do, work with GSR and their groups, attend their business meetings with a GSR. We need to discourage the rumor that all we do at Area is argue.

To encourage and motivate individuals to get involved in area and to stay involved can only be done by those who have been there. Those who have learned from personal experience the benefits in the involvement with others. The spiritual growth and the sense of community when we are working together for the common good of our fellowship. We need to pay attention to who has stopped coming. We should call them and tell them we miss them. Ask them the reason or reasons they didn't feel there time was being well spent at Area.

We need to know the qualifications for the service positions and look for individuals who would be able to fill that spot. We need to be of the lookout for people who can replace us when we rotate. A system need to be put into place that will follow the new GSR to insure they are informed about what is going on and if they

have any questions they have a person they can ask. A system similar to the buddy system we use at the Conference. Those who have been around for a while need to watch and listen to what people are saying and encourage them. The senior members need to flat out tell the younger members they are doing great and encourage them to keep going. Build relationships with these people at Area and outside Area. Talk about service and tell them to expand their sobriety, they need to expand their horizons in A.A. Be a role model and demonstrate the fun side of service.

We all have an idea of what goes on at the Conference. However; do we understand how it effects us as A.A. members? Every GSR needs to understand how important it is that they bring the conscience of their group to Area. That conscience is expressed at Area and is heard by the delegate. Each DCM needs to understand their job in regards to the Conference. What happens to our ideas we develop at Area? We are all trusted servants, but we are also responsible as individual A.A. members what is happening at the General Service Conference and how it effects my Home Group.

Our delegate first and foremost has the job of informing our Area what happened at the Conference. The GSR

and the DCM play an important part in making that possible. Some of the ways suggested to make that happen were; have the delegate attend each district meeting and share the information, have a day-of-sharing in each district and ask the delegate to give a report, put together an abridge version of what took place at the conference so a GSR could present it to their group. In regards to how the delegate could share the information at Area Assembly, some suggestions were, have the delegate attend each committee and report to them what took place that will affect their committee,

