

## DCM Report 02/01/2024

Good evening, friends. I hope everyone had a good month and it was a pleasure seeing some of you at We Are Not Saints and the NIA 20 Winter Committee Meeting and throughout.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> I chaired the Legacy of Service: A.A. Service Manual and Concepts Study. Four people were in attendance, and we had a good time talking about unity and some A.A. history. We decided to change the date going forward from the third Thursday of the month to the second, in order to not conflict with the panel speaker meeting in our District. Also, the meeting information will be changing slightly due to some technical stuff. The information is now: Meeting ID: 819 5925 8625  
Passcode:639187.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> I attended the NIA20 Winter Committee Meeting. From our Delegate this year's final PAI's for the General Service conference should be available the week of February 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> and he and Lisa will get those out as quickly as possible. We had a service Orientation Workshop with some great presentations. There was a large number of Districts that stood to host various events. D40 will be hosting the Spring Committee Meeting, D22 will be Hosting the Fall Committee Meeting, and D12 will be hosting the Winter Assembly. Dawn also asked if our District would host the Spring assembly at the Spring Conference and I accepted. This should only consist of getting drinks and coffee supplies, but I am happy to be of service and if a few members want to help I would appreciate it. Also, NIA20 Service Manuals will be available at the Spring Assembly on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Throughout the month I had communications with some of our G.S.R.s in our District and was asked to share some experience. As a G.S.R. you are tasked with being the link between your Home Group and A.A. as a whole. How does one do that? Attending the District Meeting and reporting back to your group? Well, yes, but there is so much more! I found attendance at Service Workshops, Area Committee Meetings, and Area Assemblies as well as studying the A.A. Service Manual & 12 Concepts for World Service (Shameless Self Plug: Attend the Study we have every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month!) a vital part of my experience as a G.S.R. Another important thing was to have a Service Sponsor. A Service Sponsor is an alcoholic who, having made progress in recovery as well as participated in service, shares this experience with another alcoholic starting their own journey in service. Service sponsors are usually knowledgeable in A.A. history and principles and have a background in the service structure (from the A.A. website, more found on P25 of P-15, "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship"). Another very useful resource we have is the GSR-Kit available at <https://www.aa.org/contents-general-service-representative-gsr-kit-list>. There is a lot of information to take in, but my simplified advice would be: Get involved, be present, ask questions!

In Loving Service,

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