

CNCA06 – AA General Service - March 25, 2017
DCM Sharing Session Minutes

Report:

57 enthusiastic DCMs, GSRs and visitors attended. Erica S. facilitated. Thank you, Nicholas, for translating.

Wayne B. presented on Service Sponsors

- A Service Sponsor is different from a Sponsor, who helps a newcomer adjust to a life without alcohol.
- A Service Sponsor is someone who:
 - 1) has done some service that you might want to do
 - 2) helps you with your service
 - 3) helps you learn about, deepen your knowledge of, and apply the Traditions, Concepts, Legacies, Rights and Warranties to your service work
 - 4) Doesn't necessarily have to have more sobriety than you, be of the same sex as you or have a specific sponsorship "line"
- A member can find a Service Sponsor through serendipity/Higher Power and observing what you like about the person. Places one may find a Service Sponsor: District meetings, Area Assemblies, PRAASA. Wayne found himself seated to his current Service Sponsor in a car...
- To become a Service Sponsor make yourself available – there is no certification process...!
- Pass it on. When you are a Service Sponsor, pass down your experience, strength and hope to your Service Sponsee.
- Service saved his life

From the Sharing Session:

- Many fell in love with AA through General Service and in relationship with their Service Sponsor
- A long-lasting relationship with a Service Sponsor is a spiritual gift - what we know about ourselves on our service journey changes as we grow
- Many districts announce the importance of a Service Sponsor at District Meetings and all Service Sponsors are asked to please stand or raise their hand to show their availability
- Some Service Sponsees work with their Service Sponsors to study the Service Manual, focusing on the Concepts, Traditions, Warranties and Legacies.
- One member works with a Service Sponsor and a group of women to study the Service Manual, with the focus on 1) What does it tell us 2) How does it affect us 3) What is the question it answers?
- One member wants to stay more connected through our Sharing Session committee. We will adjust our rosters to note whether members are available for Service Sponsorship and to make accessibility easy.
- One District has a Service Sponsorship Coordinator
- Many members have two – or more – sponsors so as to allow themselves a rounded view of important service issues
- Some members didn't have a Service Sponsor but rather used District and Area resources to help guide them
- Lastly, probably best that your Significant Other who may hold a District or Area office NOT serve as your Service Sponsor

Our April Topic Presentation – The Care & Tending of the GSR

Respectfully submitted, - Jacqueline P.

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