

NEFA - ASC 9/22/2010

RCM Report

From Regional Meeting – Off Month

Hello everyone,

Suzi & I went to the off-month regional meeting here in Balto. at the Service Center on 9/11/10. An off-month means we meet only to share information, get feedback, discuss topics, etc. No motions, decisions, or regular reports are made. Typically NEFA doesn't donate to the region at this time; although the region would accept if we gave. Every other month is the regular regional meeting, the next regional is Oct 9th here again at the Service Center. At regular regional meetings, all subcommittee's (H&I, PI, etc) meet at 10:00 am, break for lunch at noon, & regular regional meeting is at 1:00 pm. It was brought to my attention that NEFA's subcommittees have not been represented for the past year & we encourage them to go if you can make it.

CHAIR: Christina (newly elected):

- No report given except that our secretary had car trouble & was stuck in NC. There were no minutes mailed & no idea when they were going to be mailed.
- Regional inventory: later in the meeting, Christina mentioned there is an annual inventory on the regional level, which is merely 'what is working & what isn't working within the region'. We discussed whether to tie it into a regular regional meeting or do a regional assembly. Nothing was decided yet.

RD: Walt (newly elected):

- Worldwide workshop on Service System: Walt handed out several packets of info to prepare for this workshop. It was a lot of information, all of which is on the web, so rather than copy them 50 times, I am enclosing a brief review of it here. The intent of the workshop is to gather info from others to revamp our current service structure. Anyone is welcome to come & give their input. You must register on line (it's free) & show up on Oct 29, 30, & 31st at the Balto Convention Center. I will be going but may not go all 3 days.
- Walt plans to attend all 10 Areas in the region to be of service & has already come to our Area last month.

WEB MASTER: Louie

- Nov. Regional Convention: had a meeting & the on-line registration is now available. Please register ahead of time at www.fsrena.org. This convention needs support.
- Website: www.fsrna.org is doing well. As many as 70 people are on line at one time. Shelly is taking care of events, which have slowed down since summer.
- Louie is always open for ideas & shares that the cost for the convention web page is about \$150 a year & the costs for other web pages is about \$60 a year.

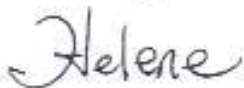
New Service Structure: See flyer packet I copied & see na.org for further info

- I asked how other Areas were getting their people involved. Some said they were discussing it during their Area meeting. Others said we could set up assemblies to teach what is going on. Still others said no need for further meetings, simply go to the workshop in Oct. One member said that we are almost right at the new structure & we really should just fix what isn't working instead of creating a whole new way. It was suggested that we start to adopt some of these ideas now & see what we like & what works. This RCM pointed out his Area could alternate group meetings to the Area: one meeting for the subcommittees (referred to as the "business meeting" in the new service structure) & then another meeting for the groups themselves for their issues. It was pointed out that we will end up utilizing what works for each group & leave what won't work. What one group finds necessary on one side of town (or country or world), another may not.
- The outcome to the whole discussion: NOW is the time to get involved with this...not when the CAR report comes out & we don't know what is going on.

At the end of the meeting: a member pointed out that the report from last time needs to be corrected: there is no limit of people who may attend the convention, the limit is the number of people the Fire Marshall states the facility can hold in any one room or rooms.

Side note: While I am willing to serve the Area, I was recently asked by a group member in our Area if I would take his group's donation directly to the region. I asked some of the senior regional members about this & have concluded that it is not my place to forward a group's money to the region, nor do I want to be responsible for that. I carry the Area's check to the region, but have asked this member that if they want to donate directly to the region, could they please send it to the PO Box or take it themselves. If the Area feels differently, I am open for suggestions.

Take good care,



Helene
410-917-0628 cell



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE SYSTEM PROJECT

For years we have struggled with the same challenges throughout the service structure: apathy, disunity, communication problems, difficulties with our public image, and struggles to deliver basic services. The service system project was created, and unanimously adopted at the World Service Conference, to solve some of these ongoing problems.

We—world services together with interested members of the fellowship—are trying to design alternatives to our current service system—ways to more effectively serve the groups & better reach the addict who still suffers. So far, we have created *A Vision for NA Service*, which was adopted at WSC 2010. With that shared vision in mind, we are talking about possible structural changes to our service system. This is a conversation we need to have worldwide throughout Narcotics Anonymous.

Some things we are doing to help generate discussion:

- ❖ We will be holding five US workshops—information on the back of this flier or at www.na.org/servicesystem
- ❖ We have formed a discussion board open to all members for discussion of the project: www.na.org/servicesystem
- ❖ We have devoted a webpage to the project where we are posting all proposals, project updates, and workshop tools in one central location. On the service system page you will find:
 - ◆ A Vision for NA Service
 - ◆ Project updates and background
 - ◆ A link to the discussion board
 - ◆ The proposals for structural change
 - ◆ PowerPoints
 - ◆ Session profiles
 - ◆ Other workshop tools
- ❖ We have posted a form for input on the proposals. We welcome your thoughts at any time, but input specifically about these first draft proposals is due by 31 December 2010. Access the form at www.na.org/servicesystem.

For Service System Project information and materials, workshop details, and workshop registration, visit

www.na.org/servicesystem

To help us plan effectively and control costs, please act quickly to contact your hotel to reserve rooms. Mention NAWS Workshop.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION:
www.na.org/servicesystem,
email elaine@na.org, or call 818.773.9999 x116

Service System Project info & materials:
www.na.org/servicesystem





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Special Events Presents
Annual
Thanksgiving Dinner



Event: Thanksgiving Dinner
When: Saturday Nov. 13, 2010
Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Speaker meeting starts at 6:00pm)
Location: St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Address: 100 Peach Blossom Road
Easton, MD 21601

Menu: Ham, Turkey, Mashed potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberries, Green Beans, Macaroni & cheese, Sweet potatoes, Devilled eggs & Traditional Desserts.

How Can you help?

- Come early and help set up.
- Contact Paula T. early to see what you or your group can cook or bring. This year we are a small committee, so it's up to the members at large, to make it happen. Be a part of!!
- Help clean up after.

How do you get there?

From Pts West: Take Rt. 50 East to Easton, make right onto Rt. 322 Easton Bypass towards Oxford. Go to 5th Traffic light make left onto Peach Blossom Rd. Church on right next to YMCA.

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Your NA Way is going away. subscription

The NA Way Magazine is an important communication vehicle for our fellowship. It's a unique forum for sharing about NA recovery, unity, and service, and information about NA World Services. Many readers have chosen the electronic version of the magazine, which now includes enhanced content, but each year we still distribute more than 160,000 paper copies of The NA Way. At great expense, thousands are returned as undeliverable. We are challenged with continuing to provide this valuable resource and containing the cost of distributing it.

We took this discussion to the World Service Conference, where two recommendations were made to eliminate delivery of unwanted printed copies of the magazine and minimize rising distribution costs:

- Individuals with Internet access are urged to e-subscribe, which provides enhanced content that is not included in the paper version. This option eliminates the cost of printing and sending the magazine to you. If you don't have Internet access, or require a paper copy, you must resubscribe for the paper version.

- The magazine will no longer be sent automatically to NA groups, trusted servants, and service committees. Service bodies will be able to request multiple-copy subscriptions on behalf of their committees, trusted servants, and groups. Service bodies can visit www.na.org/subscribe for more information on multi-copy subscriptions.

These changes will take place in late 2010, but now is the time to e-subscribe at www.na.org/subscribe. If you don't e-subscribe or resubscribe, October is the last issue you will receive. The January 2011 issue will be delivered only electronically and to readers who have resubscribed.

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is the
last issue

We will continue to add value to your electronic NA Way Magazine by including enhancements like additional stories, follow-up articles, photo features, New Views on related information, etc.

The NA Way will continue to be a free periodical, but we encourage our readers and trusted servants to work with us in this process. Please let others know about the upcoming changes.

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**Ocean Gateway Area
Convention
Of
Narcotics Anonymous
XIII**

**October 22-24, 2010
Ocean City, MD**

**"...Unconditional Love"
Chapter 4, Basic Text, 6th Edition, Page 52**

~Registration Information~

N.E.F.A. Presents a Halloween Dance



When: October 23, 2010 9:00pm-1:00am

Where: St. Luke's Church on Dundalk Avenue

\$5.00 at the door

Directions: Merge onto **I-95 S**

Take exit **64** on the **left** to merge onto **I-695 E** toward **Essex**

Take exit **39** for **Merritt Blvd** toward **Dundalk**

Keep **left** at the fork to continue toward **Merritt Blvd** and merge onto **Merritt Blvd**

Turn **right** at **Holabird Ave**

Destination will be on the left at **Dundalk Avenue**

For more information, contact Marty (410-365-3006), Matt (443-621-8868), Paula (410-500-6462), Alex (443-844-8409), Alli (443-467-7875), Tom (443-827-5931), or Keith (410-982-1485)



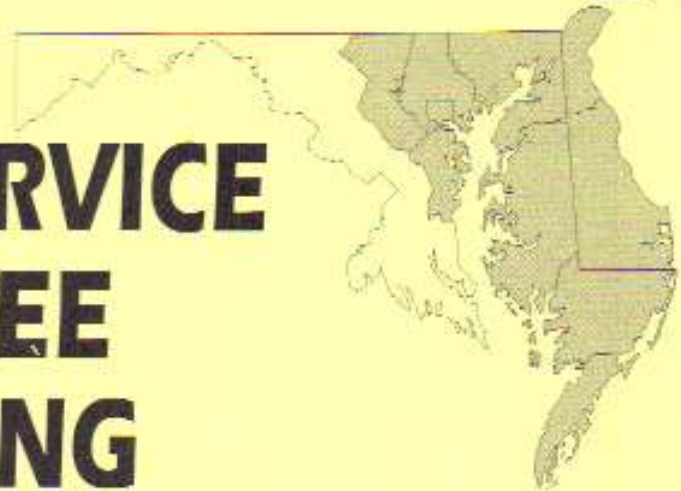


BALTIMORE AREA SPECIAL EVENTS

is hosting the



FREE STATE REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at the

FREE STATE REGIONAL SERVICE CENTER

217 N. Warwick Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21223

– AGENDA –

10:00 am - 11:00 am	GSR Workshop
11:00 am - 12 noon	Sub-Committee Meetings
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm	Free Lunch
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Regional Service Meeting

For further information contact:

Gwen D. 410-361-0513

Charles U. 410-483-1312

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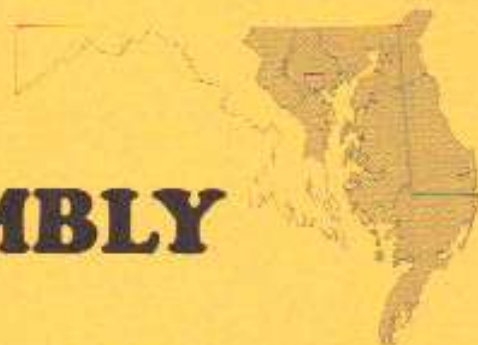
*The Baltimore Area Special Events and
Free State Regional Literature Committees*



are hosting a

FREE STATE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

TOPIC IS:



Literature Review & Input Workshop
for the Draft Preface and Chapters 6 & 7 of the new
“**Living Clean: The Journey Continues**” Book

Saturday, October 16, 2010

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Free State Regional Service Center

217 N. Warwick Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21223

All members are urged to attend!
NA needs your ideas and suggestions!

Use the [NA.org/World Service Conference](http://NA.org/WorldServiceConference) link

Projects

- *Living Clean Project*

and start reviewing the material (should be available by Oct. 1st)



FREE LUNCH PROVIDED



Contact: Gwen D. 410-361-0513 or Peggy S. 410-258-3920