

# CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Area Committee Meeting, February 15, 2009

The Corrections Chair has started using the title "2009 Corrections Chair" when corresponding with professionals outside of A.A. This will help them understand our spirit of rotation. I've already approached fellow service workers about making themselves available for the Corrections Chair position in September.

Follow up thank you letters went out to the State of Vermont Corrections Volunteer Coordinators who attended our January 14<sup>th</sup> Presentation in Waterbury. Presentation Kits were sent to those who video conferenced. Other full kits and letters went out to those who could not attend. We asked if presentations can be scheduled within their facilities, and a follow up telephone call will be made.

I attended a meeting of correction professionals and A.A. member volunteers at the Northwest Correctional Facility in St. Albans. The female A.A.s in the facility will now have a second meeting, brought in by women members of A.A. Dawn F. is the outside sponsor for this new group which meets Thursday night at 6:30. Please contact her at 802-372-4990, as new A.A. volunteers are needed.

At the March Full Area Assembly, we'll have the new Prerelease and Correspondence corrections cards for A.A. volunteers on the outside, then mailing them to the Volunteer Coordinators in the correction facilities to hand out to the A.A.s behind the walls.

I am looking forward to NERASSA next weekend, especially the Correction Roundtables, & hope to come back with new ideas to help carry the message. I'll be making a presentation: "Where do spirituality and rotation mix."

These other topics are covered in our February newsletter "Behind the Walls in Vermont:" There is a new orientation procedure and universal clearance in the Vermont correctional facilities. Inmate to Inmate books are available from the corrections committee. Progress on the corrections page on the website is being made. We are still looking for a host for the Northern Vermont Spring Workshop.

Please continue to volunteer in the Prerelease Contact Program and the Correspondence Service. Does your home group have a Jailbox and/or Jailcan?

In Love and Service,

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