

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Area Committee Meeting, November 16, 2008

District 5 hosted the Fall Southern Vermont Corrections Committee Workshop on Saturday, October 25th, in White River Junction. There were 20 attendees, including A.A. members, correction volunteers, district correction chairs, GSRs, DCMs, area committee chairs, and area officers. On October 20th we sent the workshop flyer, agenda, and an invitation to the Volunteer Coordinators at the eight correction facilities that serve Vermont. Chris Barton, who represents Northern State in Newport and Northeast Regional in St. Johnsbury, and Margery Reurink, who represents Southern State in Springfield, attended. Dick Powell, Head of Addiction Services, also attended.

We will be presenting the draft of our new Prerelease Contact and Corrections Correspondence card to the Vermont Correctional Facilities Volunteer Coordinators at their December 4th meeting. We will ask for their cooperation in distributing them, along with the Prerelease Contact forms and the Corrections Correspondence Service pamphlets to A.A.s behind the walls. We also intend to schedule A.A. Correction Presentations in all eight state facilities at this meeting. The DCM and District Correction Chair will be asked to accompany the Corrections Chair and participate.

On November 23rd, the Corrections Chair will make a presentation at the District 7 Twelve Step Workshop in East Dorset. Our presentation will be "The Correction Connection." Ask Bill C, DCM, for more info. Thank you for the invitation.

The November "Behind The Walls In Vermont" newsletter has been reviewed by members of our committee, to assure it is in conformity with our Traditions. We will ask our Webmaster to post it on our website, www.aavt.org. A revised Corrections Report, Our Vermont Prerelease Contact form, also revised, will be on our website. There will be directions to find the Corrections Correspondence Service pamphlet F-26 on the G.S.O. website, www.aa.org. We've contacted our webmaster and asked for his assistance .

A full report of this info is in the November '08 newsletter "Behind The Walls In Vermont."

Two copies of GSO's "Sharing From Behind The Walls" & ten copies of the November issue of our newsletter are here for each district. We also ask the DCMs to take & distribute the Prerelease Contact Program and Correspondence Service forms to groups in their districts.

We will review these initiatives, other business, and schedule the Spring Northern Vermont Corrections Committee Workshop at our Corrections Committee meeting before the Full Area Assembly in December.

In Love and Service,

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