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A Region 6 PI/PO Newsletter for Intergroups and Service Bodies

Announcements

Spring 2020

Visit the PI/PO Table at the Region 6 Convention "Focus on Recovery" Burlington, MA., October 23-25, 2020

Join us for an online interactive PI/PO workshop on
Sunday, May 3, 2020 3:30-5:30 P.M.

For more information on how to attend, see page 2 of this newsletter.

Did you know your Intergroup can host a "Carry the Message" Workshop?

Members of the R6 PI/PO committee invite you to an interactive workshop with ways to carry the message of recovery. They will also share past successful "Blitz" projects.

For more information or to book a workshop: Call or email Claire M-(516) 509-9926
gabesblade@aol.com

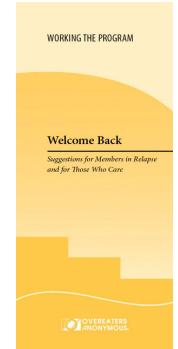


Attendee remarks On September 15, Claire M. came from the Region 6 PI/PO Committee to share with the Suffolk County Intergroup suggestions and ideas to "Carry the Message" to the Compulsive Overeater who is still suffering. The meeting was very informative.

Sue S, Suffolk County Intergroup Chair

PI/PO News from World Service

Stop a relapse or reach out to a "missing face" with OA's newest pamphlet, "Welcome Back: Suggestions for Members in Relapse and for Those Who Care." Combined from two OA pamphlets (Welcome Back and Members in Relapse), this new, Conference-approved twelve-page pamphlet is more comprehensive and includes "Suggestions for Members in Relapse," and for Those Who Care," "What Helped—In Their Own Voices," space for phone numbers, and more. Look for Welcome Back: Suggestions for Members in Relapse and for Those Who Care (#185), with the bright yellow cover, in the OA bookstore.



Region 6 PI /PO Committee held an Interactive Workshop for Intergroups across the Region on Zoom, November 17, 2019 2-4 p.m.

It was a forum on PI/PO projects that have worked in the past and a great discussion of those still being implemented. There were 16 individuals present, representing several Intergroups, and more joined later in the workshop. On the agenda were the following items for discussion:

1. Presented the "Gifting the Overeaters Anonymous Books to Area Libraries" Projects.
2. WSO "Newcomer" and "Welcome Back: Suggestions for Members in Relapse and for Those Who Care" Booklets.
3. The New Professional Handout "When Should I Refer Someone to Overeaters Anonymous?"
4. Applying for Blitz Funds "when" and "how"
5. Explain how to apply and set up a Facebook account for OA
6. Platform for a Public Service Announcement-
7. Other PI/PO projects, A Health Fair Success Story

If you are interested in hearing more about these subjects, stop at the PI/PO Committee Table at Region 6 Convention or join us at the next Interactive Workshop as listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Workshops

SHARE YOUR IDEAS, TAKE SOME BACK WITH YOU

OA Region 6 PI/PO Committee invites you to
Join us for an online interactive OA
Public Information / Professional Outreach Workshop on
Sunday, May 3, 2020 3:30-5:30 P.M. Eastern Time (US and Canada)
on zoom.us Meeting ID-348 922 730

Click <https://zoom.us/j/348922730> to start or join a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ablK7WggTO>

A Very Successful Health Fair

Cape Cod Intergroup (CCI) applied for and was granted a booth at the annual Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders (CCSAD), a Professional Healthcare Exhibit. They were one of 119 booths representing local 12-Step groups, as well as national and international companies. CCSAD hosted 1,200 participants from 7 countries and 42 states. CCI applied to WSO for funding to pay for professional packets, a banner displaying "Many Symptoms, One Solution", and a tablecloth with the OA logo.

The booth, explaining how OA can enhance professional care of their patients, was manned by 20 local OA members at 2 hour intervals. Each wore a button describing their personal recovery, e.g. "Ask me how I lost 200 pounds!"

During the course of the weekend, CCI distributed 151 professional packets, local meeting information, and pens with OA's web address imprinted on it. It was a very successful PO event, and they will do this again next year.

For more about this Professional Outreach project contact Cape Cod Intergroup at capecodoa@gmail.com

What is a "Blitz"?

Every Spring and Fall Assembly, Region 6 sets aside funds for groups and service bodies, who might otherwise financially be unable to carry the message of OA to the public arena or professional community. The funds are then awarded upon the recommendation of the PI/PO committee and the approval of the Region 6 Board.

1. To find the application form go to oaregion6.org. On the menu bar click on About, and scroll down to PI/PO. Click on PI/PO and choose "Blitz" application. The PDF is a fillable form.
2. By submitting the PI/PO Blitz application form to the R6 Coordinator 60 days prior to the next R6 Assembly, you start the process in motion.

(Example if Fall Assembly is October 3rd the application must be received by the R6 Coordinator no later than August 3rd.)