

How do I get involved in Service in

GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 9

BROWARD COUNTY

FLORIDA

A.A. Groups

Group GSRs

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We would love to have you join us
Walking the path in General Service.

**Please contact our District 9 Chairperson,
at chairperson@district9aa.org**

Responsibility Declaration

*"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA
always to be there. And for that, I am
responsible."*

*“Our Twelfth Step — carrying the message
— is the basic service that the A.A.
Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim
and the main reason for our existence.*

*Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of
principles; it is a society of alcoholics in
action. We must carry the message, else
we ourselves can wither and those who
haven't been given the truth may die.”*

-- A.A.'s Legacy of Service by Bill W

Getting Involved

The A.A. Service Manual reminds us that most A.A. members are primarily interested in their groups, in their own sobriety, and in helping other alcoholics one on one, and that this is as it should be. But the work of General Service - at the international level, at the area level and at the district level - has precisely the same objective: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

While the Twelve Traditions make clear the principle that A.A., as such, should never be organized, they also recognize the need for some kind of structure for carrying the message in ways that are impossible for the local groups. Participation in General Service not only can add a rich dimension to our sober lives; it also provides us with the opportunity to preserve and shape the future of A.A.

Inside you will learn about some of the ways that A.A. members can get involved in General Service in District 9, which encompasses all of Broward County.

Expanding horizons to carry the A.A. message

ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

The District 9 Accessibilities Committee will help carry the A.A. message to alcoholics for whom it is difficult to attend meetings regularly such as those with chronic illnesses or with physical limitations in sight, hearing or mobility, the homebound or persons with limited reading skills. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/accessibilities or contact the Chairperson at accessibilities@district9aa.org.** All are invited to join.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

The District 9 Archives Committee collects and preserves records and historical material related to District 9. The Archives Committee assists home groups with group history forms and maintains a District 9 archives display to bring to the District and home group events. Archives hosts two events each year an Old Timers and an Early Timers meeting. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/archive-committee or contact the Chairperson at archives@district9aa.org.** All are invited to join.

CARRY THE MESSAGE DAY COMMITTEE/UNITY BREAKFAST

The purpose of Carry the Message Day/Unity Breakfast is to provide more information to members about the Legacy of Service. District 9 General Service, Broward County Intergroup, and Broward County Institutions Committee by working together to provide an annual event which demonstrates what activities and services are available. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/carrythemessageday or contact the Chairperson at carrythemessageday@district9aa.org.** All are encouraged to attend.

CURRENT PRACTICES COMMITTEE

The District 9 Current Practices Committee reviews the Archived District 9 minutes and updates the Book of Motions and the Book of Current Practices quarterly. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/currentpractices or contact the Chairperson at currentpractice@district9aa.org.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee performs quarterly reviews of the current District 9 budget and YTD expenditures thus ensuring budgets are not exceeded and that budgeted amounts will be used. They accept requests from Committees for monies requested over budgeted amount and capital purchases. Two questions (from Concept XI, AA Service Manual) are to be put to the request: 1) Is it necessary and desirable now and 2) Can we afford it, all considered? **You can learn more at district9aa.org/finance or contact the Chairperson at finance@district9aa.org.**

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE

The District 9 Grapevine Committee informs the Fellowship of our “meeting in print” with information about literature and resources available through aagrapevine.org. The Committee maintains a District 9 Grapevine display to bring to District and home group events. **You can learn more at district9aa.org//grapevine or contact the Chairperson at grapevine@district9aa.org.** All are invited to join.

GRATITUDE DINNER COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Gratitude Dinner is to bring AA members together to show their gratitude by sending the financial proceeds of the dinner to General Services in New York to help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous worldwide. The committee encourages involvement in service at the District level and demonstration of our gratitude to a Higher Power and to Alcoholics Anonymous for our sobriety. All are encouraged to attend the Committee meeting and get involved. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/gratitudedinner or contact the Chairperson at gratitudedinner@district9aa.org.**

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

The District 9 Literature Committee informs members and groups of A.A. Conference approved literature, audiovisual and other materials. The Committee provides information on G.S.O.’s A.A. website www.aa.org; maintains a display literature for group, area and district functions, considers proposed additions and changes to Conference approved materials; and encourages A.A. members to read and purchase A.A. literature. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/literature or contact the Chairperson at literature@district9aa.org.** All are invited to join.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The District 9 Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) Committee communicates with professionals in the health care, law enforcement, treatment, corrections, human resources, counseling, sociology, ministry, education, communications and judicial systems. The committee cooperates, without affiliation, with those seeking to help those who may have a problem with alcohol. The Committee provides support and resources to A.A. members seeking to educate professionals with whom they come in contact and provides speakers at schools and civic groups. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/PICPC or contact the Chairperson at picpc@district9aa.org.** All are invited to join.

SUPPORT YOUR SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Support Your Services Committee holds at least 4 (four) functions per year with one to be a picnic held as close to June 10 each year and to be known as “The Annual Founders Day Picnic.” All events should include an AA meeting. Typical events held are Dances (2 per year), a Picnic (Founders Day), and a Spaghetti Dinner. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/supportyourservices or contact the Chairperson at supportyourservices@district9aa.org.** All are encouraged to join and get involved.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the District 9 Website Committee is to facilitate updates and improvements to District 9 website pages in accordance with 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, District 9 and Area 15’s Current Practices. All content updates are reviewed for applicability and anonymity. Any major change or addition of the website’s content must be approved by the District 9 body as directed by the District 9 Chairperson. The Committee updates all Event Information and Event Flyers. **You can learn more at district9aa.org/website contact the Chairperson at webchair@district9aa.org.**

Other Opportunities

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

GSRs serve as the group’s vital link with the General Service Conference, through which groups share their experience and voice A.A.’s collective conscience. Sometimes called “the guardians of the Traditions,” G.S.R.s become familiar with A.A.’s Third Legacy — our spiritual responsibility to give service freely. They are elected by groups usually for two year terms to represent the group at District Meetings and Area Assemblies. They keep their group members informed about general service activities in their local areas and receive and share with their groups all mail from the General Service Office, including the newsletter Box 4-5-9, which is G.S.O.’s primary tool for communicating with the Fellowship. GSRs also may assist their groups in solving a variety of problems, especially those related to the Traditions. GSRs who have completed their two year term are entitled to stand for Alternate District Committee Member. **You can learn more at www.district9aa.org/gsrs/.**

ALTERNATE GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Alternate GSRs are elected by groups to assist the GSR in carrying out his or her responsibilities in the event that the GSR may be unable to attend a district or area meetings. The alternate GSR is elected to serve a two-year term, Alternate GSRs should be encouraged to share the responsibilities of the GSR at the group, district and area levels. **You can learn more at www.district9aa.org/gsrs/.**

DISTRICT OFFICER

The district body elects officers - a Chairperson, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Registrar in October of even number years to serve two year terms starting in January of the following year.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM)

DCMs are elected by the General Service Representatives to serve two-year terms. They provide a two-way line of communication between the District and the Area Committee, including the Area Delegate. They also mentor and assist GSRs by sharing information with them so that they can be of maximum services to their groups.

ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Alternate DCMs (ACMs or ADCMs) are elected by the General Service Representatives to assist the DCM in carrying out his or her responsibilities. Optimally, the alternate DCM is elected to serve a two year term along with the DCM and entitled to stand for DCM after two years.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Each Standing Committee Chairperson in District 9: Accessibilities, Archives, Current Practices (appointed by the Chairperson), Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Websi te is elected by the body to a 2 year term. The chairperson generally is someone who has been active in the committee and is capable of leading the committee’s activities. All members of the fellowship are encouraged to become a member of a Standing Committee and to take an active role in the activities of that committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Each Special Committee Chairperson in District 9 such as the Gratitude Dinner Chairperson and the Area Assembly Chairperson (appointed by the District Chairperson) is elected by the body for a one year term.

SERVICE ACTIVITY REPRESENTATIVE

Each Service Activity Position in District 9 is elected by the body to a one year term with the eligibility to stand for a second year. The positions include Intergroup Liaison - attends the monthly Intergroup meeting and reports those activities back at the District monthly meetings, Institution Liaison - attend the monthly Broward County Institutions Committee meeting and reports those activities back at the District monthly meetings, Support Your Services, Carry the Message Day, and Room and Ride Coordinator - helps facilitate rides to the Area 15 Assembly and also organizes roommates for a men’s and women’s GSR room at the Assembly. The Room and Ride Coordinator also works with the District 9 Treasurer and the District 9 Chairperson (as needed) to secure the hotel reservations for the men’s and women’s GSR hotel rooms at the Area 15 Assembly,

GSR WORKSHOP COORDINATOR

Appointed by the District 9 Chairperson, the Coordinator facilitates monthly GSR workshops in assisting GSRs and Alternate GSRs by familiarizing them with the General Service Conference Structure as it relates to District and Area, using the AA Service Manual and other Conference approved literature.

ACM/DCM WORKSHOP COORDINATOR

Appointed by the District 9 Chairperson, the Coordinator assists the District Registrar with the assignment of Groups to ACM’s and DCM’s as changes require. ACM/DCM Workshops are held for new ACM’s as required to train and assist ACMs/DCMs in their duties and responsibilities to their assigned Subdistrict Groups.

This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.

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