



## PUBLIC INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Workshops:

**District 24 (Kitsilano)** –  
Speaking at Schools workshop -  
Sunday, January 14th  
1525 W 7th Avenue, Vancouver  
11:30am - 1pm

### Want to get involved?

**District 18 (North Shore)**  
Meets 1st MONDAY of each  
month at 7pm  
(176 2nd St E, North Vancouver)

**District 24 (Kitsilano /  
Downtown Vancouver)**  
Meets 2nd MONDAY of each  
month at 6:45pm  
(1525 W 7th Ave, Vancouver)

**District 36 (Richmond)**  
Meets 2nd MONDAY of each  
month at 7:30pm  
(5400 River Road, Richmond)

**District 37 (White Rock)**  
Meets 1st THURSDAY of each  
month. 7:00pm  
(15302 Pacific Ave, White Rock)

**District 40 (Coquitlam, POCO,  
Port Moody)**  
Meets last SUNDAY of each  
month at 9:00am  
(1260 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam)

**District 42 (Surrey/N. Delta)**  
Meets 1st SATURDAY at 11am  
(7277 King George Blvd, Surrey)

**District 43 (Langley)**  
Meets 3rd MONDAY of every  
month at 7pm  
(20449 Douglas Cres, Langley  
Twp)

### Brief Update on Active Public Information Committees:

**District 18 (West Vancouver/ North Vancouver / Bowen Island):** One of the best things we did this year as a committee was, one month we were discussing how to inspire more involvement in both our committee and our community, and we decided to have a night celebrating service. We asked Don L, from Bellingham, WA to come speak and share his experience and he said yes! The evening ended up with about 50 people and the best part was our committee came away from it feeling rejuvenated and excited about participating in PI and CPC work. It really hit home as to the gravity of how important it is to “plant the seed” and how much service and being involved in PI has benefited each of our own sobriety

**District 24 (Kitsilano / Downtown Vancouver):** Spoke at 2 schools (9 sessions), and have 12 more scheduled for the New Year (Gr. 10's and 12's). We have a speaking at school's workshop scheduled for January 14th from 11:30-1:00 at the Vancouver Alano Club. Also spoken at a AI-Anon meeting and a senior center in 2017. We participated in helping out BC/Yukon at their family medicine case conference at the Bayshore Hotel, and booked a session at UBC dentistry for January 2018. Dropped off literature at 4 youth centers in our district and let them know we are interested in having our speakers come in to start a panel meeting

**District 36 (Richmond):** In an effort to raise awareness of PI activity and improve skills Rio D. Area 79 Panel 67 PI Chair conducted a PI workshop in Richmond. Inspired us all to recommit to this wonderful service. Shortly afterward we spoke at a school reaching approximately 200 students in eight classes. Speaking at another high school in January

**District 37 (White Rock):** We've now stocked all of our local libraries with big books and 12 & 12's. We have a master sheet of all professionals in our district and are starting by delivering Grapevines with AA business cards to each one, along with pamphlets if accepted. We have a PSA in 1 of our 2 local newspapers and are working on the 2nd

**District 39 (Abbotsford):** We have done 4 high school presentations at 2 schools in December and we were asked to come back in New Year to each of them again. Our PI meeting is every 3rd Monday at Alano Club in Abbotsford

**District 40 (Coquitlam, POCO, Port Moody):** We visited 7 High Schools and left information about the AA School Presentation Program and currently following up to see if we can book more schools. A small committee is in the works to find a location for a 'TEEN AA' Meeting where it would be easily accessible by skytrain and bus. There have been many requests to have one in the district and will work towards making that happen. Looking forward to 2018 and expanding our Public Information Program in the Tricities!

**District 42 (Surrey/N. Delta):** The District 42 Public Information committee is looking for members. If you have a desire to learn about the different ways that AA interacts with the public through schools, libraries, doctor's offices, care facilities, and the media then public information is for you. If you have knowledge about these things, then your presence is also needed. There is no sobriety requirement just a good attitude and consistent dedication to learning along with us. We meet on the first Saturday of every month at 11 am at the Easy Does It Club 7277 King George Boulevard

**Intergroup:** Hosted our 2nd ONLINE meeting late November, where we had 7 active public information committees come together and share their successes and struggles. Intergroup has facilitated a “How to create a public information committee” folder where all districts are currently sharing best practice tools and if ANY DISTRICT WHO DOES NOT HAVE A PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE can easily start one up with tools that public information committees have developed over the years

### Exciting news about public information in your backyard!

The program of Alcoholics Anonymous is about unity, and this is the backbone of what intergroup and all the active public information (PI) and cooperation with the professional community (CPC) committees have done over the last few months. Back in August, intergroup started a new concept - to reach out to all the active PI committees and come together to share and help one another out on a monthly basis. We've started an online monthly meeting where either the public information chair or liaison joins in on Google Hangouts, and we have a 30-minute online meeting.

As a united team of seven districts (D18 - North Shore, D24 - Kitsilano, D36 - Richmond, D37 - White Rock, D40- Coquitlam, and D42 - Surrey, as well as outside the intergroup level D39 - Abbotsford and D43 - Langley), we've agreed to share when we all meet and where, how to reach out to our committees in case any requests come in, and are working on building a master folder of best practices of public information. It's exciting times in public information and are looking forward to another exciting year in 2018! Yours in love and service, Mike N. (Intergroup PI chairperson)