



Nar-Anon Midwest Region



August Outreach Challenge 2014

From the outreach committee

Greetings NFG,

What a great summer this year. I hope attendance is holding up but with this great weather they tend to be too busy and miss meetings but with school starting back up the attendance will improve. We still need to get the word out for the newcomers.

It's time for another challenge. Some of us find ourselves having to deal with the court system. Some of us go to court with our Addicts. In doing so we see the need for brochures to be there for others just learning about their addicts problem. A lot of communities are starting up drug courts. This system seems to help and they are more than welcoming for our literature so they can also give some help to the parents and loved ones. So lets get the word out.

Courts & Drug Courts

This month we are addressing courthouses and especially the drug courts.

You will need to find your cities courthouse. When you go in, there is an information area. At some of them this is where you're going to be giving your literature. In some instances you may need to ask for the court clerk's office, and you will have to go to see the court clerk. This is the place and person you need to leave your literature with. Make sure you ask about drug courts, to see if they have them. That is where we reach the ones that need us the most.

In my county clerks office as well as the information desk they have a whole wall of brochure cases to place the brochures and literature in. So of course I put some in each place. But also made sure I talked with the court clerk. She was very happy to receive the information. And since drug court is new in my community she felt the judge would like some in case he wanted to give some to the parents or loved ones.

We recommend you place 12 of each of all 4 of the outreach brochures, as well as local meeting lists. We like to promote all groups in the area when we do outreach. Some days may be better than others for the people seeking help and people like options.

We recommend that two or three members go out when doing outreach. It gives a better view of our program, as well as gives a connection between members. Not only does it make it easier for those doing it, it shows there is a support system for those that are needing the help and it means a lot to those that are going to be recommending it to people. Besides it also give members a chance to have some one on one time.

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to do outreach. Our groups turn over every few months. That means we need new members coming in all the time. If you do these outreach challenges and are posted on the WSO and Regional websites you should have newcomers every meeting. If you're not having newcomers you need to get out and do more outreach.

Keeping an email list, it also helps remind and bring back some old timers that are the veins and arteries that keep us on the right path. It is from their experience that we learn. We all need something to draw on.

- ◆ Don't forget to check and restock places you have already been.
- ◆ Time to repost on Craig's list, and local cable providers.
- ◆ Remember to keep a list of places your group has placed literature.

Keep tradition 11 in mind when doing outreach.

September is National Recovery Month !

Visit our website and keep up on all the information. <http://www.naranonmidwest.org>
The 5th Assembly is coming up October 18th - special outreach workshop.