



Learning Day/Service Forum

Questions to ask yourself..

- Where would I be if I never had the opportunity to hear the NA message?
- What would NA look like without service?
- Am I involved in service? If not, why?
- What information would I like to know more about regarding service?

In November 2018, the New Jersey Regional Service Conference (NJRS) voted to host a “Learning Day/Service Forum” with the intent “To help educate and provide resources to our local area”. A Select Committee was formed and has been meeting regularly to plan and host an event that will cover service roles, service tools, and a review of the service structure. So far, the ideas generated may include NA World Service and Zonal representatives, a panel discussion as well as small breakout sessions to encourage more conversation and discussion. During the event there will be time to network and fellowship where we can encourage one another to get involved and take a Group, Area or Region open commitment.

While gathering information around the topic of Service, we found on the na.org site that the top 2018-2020 Issue Discussion Topic (IDT) is “Attracting Members to Service”. Getting members involved in service is a fellowship-wide issue. One of the major points within A Vision for NA service states “Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service”. The committee meets via Zoom, a teleconference service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. We use teleconferencing to allow members from various locations within the state to participate without having to drive long distances.

Our program reminds us that we can only keep what we have by giving it away thus, sharing and caring the NA Way.

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please send an email to NJRSCserviceforum@gmail.com and we will send you the link for the meeting.

Final Thoughts on Bus Poster Project Edit

The bus poster project with the media marketing company for NJ Transit, ran from February 18th until June 9. We paid a discounted rate for 19 exterior bus posters on the sides and back of buses and received the space for 1,176 interior bus posters at no cost. The total cost for the project was \$10,000 for the contract and an additional \$150 for the final artwork. The actual market value of the project has been stated as over \$100,000.

The plan for determining the effectiveness and success of the project was to judge the benefit of the project by any changes in the volume of contacts on the NJ Helpline and NJ website. No significant changes were found in the March or April volumes of either the NJ Helpline or the NJ website. The May and June statistics did show an increase on both sites. It will be difficult to measure any significant success with this project if measurable results are not positive. Some NA members with experience in public advertising have said that this does not mean that it wasn't successful. We will consider all viewpoints before we make any final determination on this project or discuss doing this project again.

Unity Day Cookout

The cookout went off without a hitch! The weather cooperated until the very end. Rosedale Park was a great place for this type of event and I highly recommend the location for future events. The committee Chair thanked the committee for all their help throughout the year. And gave a special thank you to the members that helped on the day of the event. There were approximately 150 people in attendance and all had a great time! All left over perishable food was donated to a local shelter. Total expenses for the Unity Cookout were \$3,327.15.

Spiritual Principle a Day (SPAD) Book Project

From World Board:

Heads up, addicts! The window for input on the first batch of drafts for the Spiritual Principle a Day (SPAD) Book Project closes in TEN DAYS. Your feedback will improve these drafts and the rest of the book. Please help us fine-tune our approach to developing this piece of literature by participating in review and input (R&I) on the first batch of entries by 1 September 2019. You'll find everything you need to participate on the [SPAD landing page](#).

If you don't have time to review the entire 48-page batch, perhaps you can commit to tackling just a quarter of the entries. Reviewing twelve entries on a single principle—love, acceptance, surrender, or unity—will give you a good sense of the direction to date. Fight that urge to be an all or nothing person! We truly appreciate any and all feedback you're willing to offer.

We're aiming to circulate three more review and input (R&I) batches before the approval draft is finalized for the 2022 *Conference Agenda Report*. In addition to more daily entries, the next R&I batch will include a draft of the book's preface and the complete list of principles we intend to address. Look for its release in early November 2019.

Please continue to submit your writing and encourage your friends and spouses. Visit www.na.org/spad and check out the current list of principles and quotations. Use the quotes to prompt your writing and submit from any connected device, or download materials to facilitate a workshop.

Thank you for pitching in on this book project!

Online Meetings Webinar

We also want to remind you that we have scheduled a webinar on 14 September, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, Pacific Daylight Time, to discuss best practices about online meetings. We sent out an email 6 August about this webinar, which is open to any member who wants to share their experiences with online meetings. As a reminder, some of the questions we may ask include

- What is working best?
- How do online meetings handle contributions?
- How do online meetings handle literature?
- How do they interface with the existing NA community?

Log-in information for the meeting is below. If you've never participated in a NAWS webinar, please read the Web Meeting Orientation posted at www.na.org/conference. Please plan to log on early to test your connection and computer audio so that we can start the meeting on time. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us at wb@na.org. See you in September.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://NAWS.zoom.us/j/911866168>

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Meeting ID: 911 866 168

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