

# Volunteer Form

Name

Address

City State Zip

Group District

Phone

Email

Please mail this form to:  
Area 50 Public  
Information  
17 Gierlach Street  
Sloan, NY 14212



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

## THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1st Sunday, 5:30 p.m. at

St. Andrews Church., Sloan, NY 14212

If you have any questions please  
email [buffalopicpc@gmail.com](mailto:buffalopicpc@gmail.com)

## Public Information Needs You!



What is PI?

How does it work?

How can I help?

**The Public Information Committee  
is A.A.'s official contact with members  
of the public community.**

**All you need in order to help  
is sobriety...and a desire to serve!**

**Find out how you can help in this vital  
twelve step work.**

## What We Do

AA Public Information (PI) has one ultimate goal, and it is the same as that of every AA group and every type of service work: To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, but we try to reach the alcoholic indirectly, as well as directly in three ways:

1. Informing the general public about the AA program.
2. Informing "the third person" who may come in contact with the active alcoholic.
3. By keeping the fellowship informed, so members and groups may carry the message more effectively.

## Why We Do It

Much of the public has not had the opportunity to find out how the AA program works. There are a great many misconceptions about AA in the public eye. **Unless we inform the public, many practicing alcoholics may never find us.**

## How We Do It

The methods we use to reach the public are many and varied. They include:

- Letters and calls
- Panels
- Presentations
- Literature

### We place literature in:

- Court Houses
- Police Stations
- Libraries
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Doctors Offices
- Hotels and Motels

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### The "public" can include:

- Students
- Senior Citizens
- Parent Groups
- Church Groups
- Health Fair Organizations
- Youth Groups/Organizations
- Neighborhood Organizations

## Alcoholics Anonymous Pamphlets

### Suggested for the public...

- Is AA For You?
- A Newcomer Asks
- Do You Think You're Different?
- Too Young
- Is There An Alcoholic In Your Life?
- Problems Other Than Alcohol
- Information On Alcoholics Anonymous
- Understanding Anonymity
- This Is AA

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## Suggested P.I. Committee Goals

As part of P.I. shared experience, the following is a partial list of goals for a P.I. Committee.

- ☞ Be sure every public library has at least one conference approved book.
- ☞ Place a literature rack in every high school, college, police station, library and hospital and keep the rack stocked with appropriate literature and meeting schedules.
- ☞ Send a letter to high schools, offering A.A. Literature and/or a presentation on A.A. - sharing about what we do and what we do not do.
- ☞ List open A.A. meetings in the newspapers in the district.
- ☞ Place a small announcement in every district newspaper around the holidays.
- ☞ Work with the newspapers - anonymity, Traditions- generating interest in our Fellowship.
- ☞ Respond to speaking requests at non-A.A. meetings.
- ☞ Place Public Service Announcements with radio and television stations.
- ☞ Put meeting schedules behind the front desks at every hotel, motel, and bed and breakfast.
- ☞ Participate in various A.A. seminars and conventions.

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I'm convinced, P.I.'s for me! I'd like to:

### Organize

- Be a Committee Member
- Schedule Workshops
- Schedule Presentations
- Schedule Health Fairs

### Work behind the scenes

- Write Letters
- Do Typing/Mailings
- Inventory Materials
- Set-up/Clean-up

### Work the front lines

- Participate in Health Fairs
- Make Presentations
- Speak to Groups
- Place literature in Schools or Libraries

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