

## Area Service Committee

The Orange County Area Service Committee (OCASC) is a committee formed by, and is responsible to the members in the Orange County Area of Narcotics Anonymous. The primary purpose of the OCASC shall be to serve the groups and sub-committees common to the welfare of Narcotics Anonymous. The Area Service Committee (ASC) meeting is where Group Service Representatives (GSRs) meet to receive all new and upcoming information from all of the various sub-committees about what is happening and being planned in our Area as well as other local Areas, Regions and the World.

New GSR Orientation happens at 4:30p.m. prior to the ASC meeting. The purpose of this orientation is to familiarize new GSRs with what to expect at the ASC meeting, such as keeping groups listed in the directory, taking notes, making donations, participating in discussion, and carrying a group's conscience. Serving as a GSR is a great way to meet members of various groups and find out what is happening in the OC Area.

Orange County also has an Area Service Office (ASO) where groups can purchase NA literature and supplies while at the ASC Meeting.

The ASC meeting is where group donations can be made to help further the purposes of our Area. Group donations make it possible for our Area to make donations to our Region in order to help carry the message. Groups that donate money to our Area help to pay for Area expenses such as rent, insurance and supplies. Group donations also help to fund literature and directories for our services such as Hospitals and Institutions, Public Relations and Phone-lines. If any money is left over after paying our expenses, it is donated to the Southern California Region of Narcotics Anonymous (SCRNA).

The ASC is the core of our Area. The ASC meets on the second Sunday of the month at 5p.m. at Friends Church, 12211 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, 92841.

## Additional Area Service Positions

*The GSR Orientation Coordinator* aides and informs new and returning GSRs about the roles and responsibilities of a GSR at the ASC meeting and aids them in effectively communicating relevant information to their group. The GSR Orientation Coordinator also provides orientation packets for new GSRs.

*The Packet Person* assembles and distributes packets of flyers at the ASC, for upcoming NA events happening throughout the year. Anyone with six months clean can serve in this position.

*The Regional Activities Representative* is the link between the OC Area and our Regional Activities Committee. This member is responsible for attending the Regional Activities monthly meeting, attending some regional events throughout the year, obtaining regional dates for our quarterly events, and picking up flyers for events happening throughout our Region.

*The Regional Committee Member* is the primary link between the OC Area, the Southern California Region (SCR), and the rest of our service system. This member carries the voice of our Area on matters affecting our groups and NA as a whole.

*The Youth Committee Liaison* has the responsibility of attending the Southern California Youth Committee monthly meeting and reporting to the Orange County ASC any information concerning youth events, youth meetings and youth services in the SCR.

## Sub-Committees Dare to Care

Dare to Care plans and hosts the annual Sponsor Sponsee Brunch for our Area. This event has two speakers, a raffle, a picture booth and is a great occasion to fellowship. Dare to Care celebrates unity by encouraging sponsorship and fostering relationships between our members. Clean time requirements to serve in Dare to Care range from one day clean to multiple years clean. Members and groups may also participate in this event by donating prizes for the raffle. Dare to Care meets the third Sunday of the month at 3p.m. at The 202 Club, 202 W. Broadway, Anaheim, 92805.

## Area Service Office

The Area Service Office (ASO) helps to make the NA program of recovery available through selling and distributing literature and merchandise. The ASO primarily serves the Orange County Area; however, it is open to any NA member, group and the public. It does this in collaboration with the other sub-committees in our Area.

The ASO is made up of a nine person board: six officers or directors, voted from within the committee, and three direct elects voted in by the ASC. A direct elect is an NA member who helps fill literature orders and in time serves as a board member. The ASO is the business side of the OC Area. It files non-profit taxes, is responsible to retain our state re-sale license number and complies with all government and banking regulations for all the other OC sub-committees. Its funding is not provided by any donations from the groups, but rather a ten percent mark-up on the literature and merchandise which it purchases from the Regional and/or World Service Office. This mark-up pays for the business operations and supplies to fulfill its function, providing convenience for NA members, groups and the public. The ASO meets the second Sunday of the month at 2:30p.m. at Friends Church, 12211 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, 92841.

## Area Activities

Area Activities puts the F in Fun! Even members with one day clean are encouraged to help plan fun events and activities. Some of our annual events are The Twelve Days of NA, where addicts open their homes to other addicts for a meeting and a pot-luck during the holiday season; Cosmic Bowling; and Laffin' 4 Life, a night of good clean laughter with some of the top professional comedians around. If there is something you would like to plan, we welcome ideas and creativity. This is a great committee to have fun on and to be of service to. Area Activities shows addicts how to have fun and that living clean is far from dead. Come check us out, it is a great way to get involved, especially if you are new. We make it happen! Activities meets on the second Sunday of the month at 2p.m. at Friends Church, 12211 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, 92841.

## Public Relations

The Public Relations (PR) committee enables us to share the NA message broadly with members of the community outside the fellowship, so that those who may benefit from our program can find us. PR effectively communicates what NA is, why we are in the community, and how we can help. The PR committee develops valuable relationships with professionals who come into contact with addicts and prospective addicts, and those working in institutions such as: the Criminal Justice Department, treatment centers, healthcare providers, and schools. It is in these community outreach efforts that PR aims for the community to recognize NA as a positive and reliable organization. PR actively engages in projects such as: presentations for out-patient treatment centers, mental health centers, the Parole and Community Team (PACT) meetings, OC Fair booth sittings, and the tear-off flyer project.

- **Website**

The Website committee (Web) furthers the NA group's primary purpose over the internet by establishing and maintaining a public website that provides information about the NA program and its presence within the community. The Web committee's responsibilities for maintaining the Orange County NA website include: updating meeting times and locations, posting NA event flyers, website design, and fielding emails from members of the community.

- **Phone-lines**

The Orange County Phone-lines is often the first contact people have with Narcotics Anonymous. Members of Phone-lines take calls 24 hours a day. The primary purpose of Phone-lines is to provide callers with meeting times and locations; additionally, Phone-lines provides personal support through 12 step calls in which NA members share their experience, strength, and hope over the phone. This is a fulfilling commitment that is done for only a few hours a week and each call is forwarded to the volunteer's home or mobile phone, so this commitment can be done from anywhere. NA Members only need 6 months clean to be of service in this capacity.

Opportunities to be of service to PR, Web, and Phone-lines start at 6 months clean. PR, Web, and Phone-lines meet together on the second Saturday of the month at 10a.m. at The Other Place, 2525 N. Grand Ave., Unit X, Santa Ana, 92705.

## Hospitals and Institutions

The Purpose of Hospitals and Institutions (H&I) is to host panels that carry the NA message of recovery to addicts who do not have independent access to regular NA meetings. H&I panels introduce those who are in jails, treatment centers, psychiatric wards and therapeutic communities to the basics of the NA program.

It is our desire to involve as many members of NA as possible so that no addict seeking recovery need die. Panel leaders schedule various NA members to share their experience, strength, and hope. Panel leaders are required to have a minimum of 1 year of continuous clean time. Panel speakers are NA members with a minimum of 6 months of continuous clean time. NA members with 90 days of continuous clean time have the opportunity and are encouraged to sit in and observe a panel. H&I meets the second Sunday of the month at 3:30p.m. at Friends Church, 12211 Magnolia St., Garden Grove, 92841.

*Please consult an up to date Orange County NA directory for current meeting places and times of Subcommittee meetings.*

[www.orangecountyna.org](http://www.orangecountyna.org)

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