Who is here?

Why is GSR the most important job?

Service Structure – where do you fit?

AA Literature – Key for GSR role

What to do when you forget everything you’ve heard

Link your group to GSSA and GSO
Who is here?

- How many GSR’s – 1\textsuperscript{st} year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} year?
- How many Alt GSR’s – 1\textsuperscript{st} year, 2\textsuperscript{nd} year?
- How many are here for their 1\textsuperscript{st} Assembly?
- Who went to the DCM/GSR 101 workshop this morning?
Why is the GSR so important?

- Key to making sure AA is there when someone reaches out for help....
- Keeps Meeting Schedules Up to date
- Is the message being carried to corrections, treatment centers, Dui Schools, general public?
- Do local doctors, psychologist, and professionals know what AA does and where to send people?
- Volunteer, Fill Needs, & Drive Participation at AA Events
Why is it the most important job?

“GSR: May be most the Important service position in AA. -Bill W “
– Cover GSR Pamphlet

 -$ You link your home group with the whole of AA
 -$ Transmit ideas and opinions as well as facts; through you the group conscience become a part of the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
Area 16
How long are you in for?

- 2 Years Alt
- 2 Years GSR
- Requirements:
  - 2-3 yrs sobriety
  - Active Membership in a Home Group
  - Keen Interest in the traditions
  - Patience, understanding, and a determination to place principles before personalities.

"By choosing its most qualified man or woman as G.S.R., a group helps secure its own future – and the future of A.A. as a whole”. Page 2 G.S.R. pamphlet
What makes a good GSR
If you don’t hear anything else!

- Show up – Attendance
- Study – AA Literature
- Speak up – Don’t be Shy, ask questions
- Have Fun be an ambassador of Service
Get Some Facts: Be Informed
(Traditions, Group Affairs, AA as a Whole)

- Several good pamphlets to read: The AA Group, Traditions and Concepts Illustrated, GSR, Circles of Love and Service
- GA Service Manual(s)
- Read AA Comes of Age, Dr. Bob and The Good Old Timers, Pass It on: the Story of Bill W., Language of the Heart

“This way to sanity and serenity – the price is self-sacrifice”
P17 AA Traditions
Get Some Facts: Be Informed
(Traditions, Group Affairs, AA as a Whole)

- Read the Long Form of the Traditions
- Read the 12x12
- Learn the Concepts
Get Some Facts: Be Informed (Traditions, Group Affairs, AA as a Whole)

- Read the GA Service Manual
- Read the Service Manual
GSR “Guardian of the Traditions”
AA experience has taught us…

I. AA must live or most of us must surely die
II. Ultimate authority is a loving God as He may express himself in our group conscience.
IV. Answer to no one (other than God) BUT other Groups ought to be consulted
VI. Don’t go into business and be careful how you name your group
XII. Place principles before personalities.
Concepts

I – Authority & Responsibility Reside in Collective Conscious

III- Right of Decision

IV- Right of Participation (everyone gets a vote)

V- Right of Appeal (duty of minority, protection against misinformed, uninformed, hasty or angry majority)

IX – Good Service Leaders are Indispensible
Show up: Where do I go?

January, May, and September – 3rd full weekend

❖ Friday - Meeting
❖ Saturday – Workshops and Speaker Meeting
❖ Sunday – Business Meeting Register by 9:00 a.m.
What do I do at the Assembly?

- Attend Workshops
- Listen to Reports (Delegate, Treatment, PI, CPC, …) and bring calls to action back to your group.
- Participate in Discussion important to AA
- Get materials to bring back to your groups
- Vote your group conscious
- Agenda in the Message and Published aageorgia.org

January ‘11

May ‘11

September ‘11
Show up

- When is your group conscious
- When does your Zone/District meet
- What is needed from your group
- What problems is your group having that maybe others have experienced
- Have you attended the cluster forums

You’re the Service Leader
and the link to local AA, the community, outside agencies, and AA as a whole
The Group Conscience

- Decided Meeting Types and Times
- Make sure literature is stocked
- Review group Finances
- Members gather to discuss the type of coffee which will be server
- *Ultimate Authority is GOD (Tradition 2)*
- *Primary Purpose of any AA group is to carry the AA. Message to Alcoholics (Tradition 5)*
Link Your Group to the district

- Pass on reports
- Announcements
  - Cluster Forums, State Prepaid, Round-ups, Assemblies, Workshops
  - District, State, or Local Needs
- Vote on Issues
What do I do at the district meetings?

- Listen to Reports (DCM, Treasure, Treatment, PI, CPC, …) and bring calls to action back to your group.
- Participate in Discussion important to local district and Area 16.
- Get materials (Flyers) to bring back to your groups
- Vote your group conscious
- Help Fill Positions
- Gather information about other groups (changes, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Problems)
Link Your Group to GSSA

- Pass on reports
- Announcements
  - Cluster Forums, State Prepaid, Round-ups, Assemblies, Workshops
  - District, State, or Local Needs
- Keep Meeting Info Up-to-Date
- Keep Directory Info Up-to-Date
- Vote the Group Conscious
Link Your Group to GSO/AAWS

- Let your group know what literature is available (Books, Pamphlets, Workbooks, Bulletins)
- Make Announcements/Flyers
  - International Convention
  - Regional Forums
- Grapevine
- Financial Reports
- Contributions (Group & Birthday)
I’m even more confused now!

- Ask questions of those who have severed before you
- Read the GSR, The AA Group and Circle of Love and Service pamphlets
- Read A.A. Comes of Age
- Get a Copy of the Service Manual
- Go to AA.Org and look around
- Read the Georgia Message and make sure your group is informed on the issues
- Attend the Group Consc, District Meetings, Cluster Forum, Assembly
- Rewarding - Have fun…
“…let's not louse this up with things interesting to the mind but has very little to do with our program which when boiled down are love and service….”