

**Quarterly News from the FA World Service Board of Directors
Issue 2014-1, 1st Quarter 2014**

Note: If you are a group secretary or contact, please share this information with your group.

New Groups

We welcomed the following new groups to our FA fellowship this quarter:

Group Number	City	State/Country
1977	Lake Kiowa	TX
1978	Richmond	VA
1979	Ridgecrest	CA
1980	Tokyo	Japan
1981	Osaka	Japan
1982	Nara	Japan

2014 FA World Convention

Join Us for **FA: A New Way, A New Life**
Families Anonymous 2014 World Convention

There is still time to make your arrangements to attend the 2014 FA World Convention in Rosemont, Illinois, May 30 through June 1, hosted by our Chicagoland Intergroup.

Hotel information, the full convention program, the registration form, and Information on the planned Silent Auction and Raffle are available on our website at:

https://www.familiesanonymous.org/index.php?route=information/information&information_id=33

Literature Committee

The Literature Committee is pleased to announce that three new items were added to the English-language section of the literature catalog during the first quarter of 2014.

First to appear was the *Serenity Medallion* (#3051). Inscribed with the word *Serenity* on one side and the words *Acceptance, Courage, and Wisdom* on the other side, this beautiful medallion is an ideal keepsake for FA members to carry on a key chain, wear as a pendant, or put in a pocket or purse. It also makes a perfect gift for anyone else working a Twelve Step program. (\$5.00)

Next came *Families in Crisis* (#1024). Completely rewritten, expanded, and updated, this booklet explains some of FA's most fundamental principles and describes how working the Twelve Steps can help families change their lives for the better. Even if you already own an older copy of this booklet, this new revision will be a valuable addition to your recovery library. (\$2.75)

Last to arrive at the WSO was *Grandparenting in Families with Addiction: A Mindful Act of Hope and Love* (#1031). This is FA's first-ever literature piece written especially for grandparents. It contains a wealth of useful information and practical ideas for anyone whose grandchild abuses drugs or is the innocent victim of drug-abusing parents. Throughout the booklet are personal stories written by FA grandparents who have suffered the fallout from addiction in their families and have struggled to make decisions that were best for them. The facts and the stories told in this booklet provide the tools that other grandparents can use when choosing their own courses of action. (\$4.25)

If you are interested in purchasing these new items or any other FA literature for yourself or your group, the upcoming World Service Convention will be a great place for you to do this. You'll have two options as a registered convention attendee:

First, you will be able to order anything in the literature catalog at retail price and NOT be charged for shipping or handling. This offer will be valid only if you use the special convention order form and your order arrives at the WSO no later than June 16, 2014.

Second, you will be able to purchase and take with you (i.e., cash-and-carry) one or more copies of the new *Serenity Medallion*, *Families in Crisis*, and *Grandparenting*. The Literature Committee will have a limited number of each piece at the convention. Once those onsite copies are sold out, you will be able to order additional copies from the WSO using the special convention order form.

The first quarter of 2014 also saw the addition of two more Spanish-language translations to the growing “En Español” section of FA’s literature catalog:

FA y yo (#2004S), which is a new translation of *FA and Me* (#2004), and *¿Te agota la desesperación?* (#7014S), which is a first-ever translation of *Are You at Your Wits’ End?* (#7014).

Do you live in a geographic area with a sizeable Spanish-speaking population? Do you have Spanish-speaking neighbors and friends who would benefit from attending FA meetings? Is language the primary reason they are not FA members? Are you interested in helping start a new, Spanish-speaking FA group? If you answered yes to any of these questions, these two new pieces—and other recently translated FA literature—might be just what you need to get a group going!

Finally, April is your last chance to purchase *FAB PAK 2011* (#5015) and *FAB PAK 2012* (#5016) before both of these items are discontinued forever. Each FAB PAK contains one copy of each literature item that was newly created or substantially revised during 2011 or 2012, respectively. By buying a FAB PAK, you save 50% off the retail price of each piece bought separately. What a great, low-cost way for your group to try out new FA literature! FAB PAKs are available only to groups, with a limit of one per group.

In fellowship,
Ann P.
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Group Outreach Committee

Spring is here! Group Outreach can help!

Many of us have had a cold and difficult winter. Spring is a wonderful time for new beginnings and for spring cleaning at home and in your FA group. Has your group become stale? Do you have a decline in attendance? Are you having difficulty attracting and keeping newcomers? Is your group too large or too small? Does your group secretary need help? Are members working Step 12 and helping to spread the word? Is it time for a Group Conscience meeting to evaluate and restore the health of your group?

The Group Outreach (GO) Committee provides guidance, mentoring and support to existing groups and individual members primarily through response to emails. Members are encouraged to email us at: GO@familiesanonymous.org. We are here to encourage and support the healthy growth of the FA fellowship through establishment of new FA groups and providing help to existing groups.

If you want to receive information on any of these topics below, simply place the names or numbers in your subject line or body of the email and we will be happy to email them to you.

1. Tips for Group Secretaries
2. Managing a Very Large Group
3. Growing Your FA Group
4. Group Conscience Meetings

Information on these topics is also available in our Literature Catalog #5007 *FA Healthy Group Tune-Up*. Your group may already have a copy or can purchase it from the WSO. We are here to help with your spring cleaning and group revival! Please email us today.

In fellowship,

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Public Information Committee

The Public Information Committee has been testing several suggestions in an attempt to develop another project, similar to the Treatment Center Project, that the entire fellowship can participate in.

We have made “spread the word” contacts with local PTAs, schools, our county social service agencies, and Al-Anon and Nar-Anon meetings, all with limited success. We are currently searching for and testing online, free community bulletin boards to determine if this is a good method for “spreading the word.”

We are encouraging groups to make copies of *Are You at Your Wits’ End?* (#7014) and leave them with people in your community who may benefit from attending FA meetings. We can provide the Word document, and you can edit it to include your group’s meeting information. If you would like the Word version of this piece, please send a request to PI@familiesanonymous.org.

We also have an effort underway to optimize the likelihood that FA’s website will come up when people search the web with phrases like “help for families with addicts.” Currently, the FA website rarely is on the first page of results when we search for resources.

If you have any suggestions for “Spread the Word” projects, please e-mail us a PI@familiesanonymous.org.

In fellowship,
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Donations to FA

Beginning with this issue of the FA WSB Newsletter, we will begin reporting group and individual donations to FA each quarter. As a reminder, individual donations can be made through our website.

1Q 2014 Donations - U.S.								
Group Number	State	City	Donation	Group Number	State	City	Donation	
GR0121	CA	Torrance	\$ 11.83	GR1966	NJ	Northfield	\$ 50.00	
GR0128	CA	Whittier	\$ 39.38	GR1972	NJ	Vorhees	\$ 20.00	
GR0934	CA	Ventura	\$ 25.00	GR0262	NY	Garden City	\$ 40.00	
GR1191	CA	Palms/Culver City	\$ 100.00	GR0270	NY	Massapequa	\$ 100.00	
GR1187	CT	Bloomfield	\$ 50.00	GR0273	NY	Port Jefferson	\$ 50.00	
GR0134	FL	Miami	\$ 300.00	GR0278	NY	Amityville	\$ 150.00	
GR0135	FL	Naples	\$ 20.00	GR0279	NY	Amityville	\$ 150.00	
GR1318	FL	Boca Raton	\$ 200.00	GR1618	NY	Endicott	\$ 75.00	
GR1639	GA	Atlanta	\$ 75.00	GR1751	NY	Endicott	\$ 50.00	
GR1768	GA	Alpharetta	\$ 200.00	GR0288	OH	Pepper Pike	\$ 70.00	
GR0162	IL	Des Plaines	\$ 64.00	GR1560	OH	Mentor	\$ 50.00	
GR0171	IL	Arlington Hts	\$ 50.00	GR1840	OH	Willoughby	\$ 50.00	
GR0173	IL	Park Ridge	\$ 64.00	GR1935	OH	Chagrin Falls	\$ 100.00	
GR0478	IL	Glenview	\$ 13.25	GR1937	OH	Perrysburg	\$ 25.00	
GR0493	IL	La Grange	\$ 60.00	GR1676	UT	Salt Lake City	\$ 100.00	
GR0494	IL	Winnetka	\$ 150.00	GR0352	VA	Richmond	\$ 17.62	
GR0777	IL	Chicago	\$ 75.00	GR0798	VA	Manassas	\$ 100.00	
GR0853	IL	Palos Heights	\$ 50.00	GR1719	VT	Montpelier	\$ 15.08	
GR0746	IN	Evansville	\$ 149.09	GR1949	VT	Morrisville	\$ 25.00	
GR0200	LA	Lake Charles	\$ 31.25	GR0898	WA	Vancouver	\$ 52.31	
GR1858	MA	Groton	\$ 50.00	GR1227	WA	Richland	\$ 52.01	
GR1694	ME	Westbrook	\$ 11.89	GR1773	WI	Madison	\$ 50.00	
GR0888	MI	Essexville	\$ 75.00	GR1844	WI	Mequon	\$ 57.53	
GR1615	MI	Birmingham	\$ 50.00					
GR1802	MI	Livonia	\$ 50.00					
GR1866	MI	West Bloomfield	\$ 50.00					
GR0795	MN	St Paul	\$ 250.00					
GR0554	NJ	Rockaway	\$ 50.00	1Q 2014 Donations - International				
GR0976	NJ	Colts Neck	\$ 200.00	Group Number	Country	City	Donation	
GR1345	NJ	Cherry Hill	\$ 175.00					
GR1735	NJ	Mahwah	\$ 2,075.00	GR1480	Canada	Winnipeg, MB	\$ 100.00	
2014		1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q			
Group Donations		\$ 6,314.24						
Individual Donations		\$ 467.20						
Total		6781.44						