

**Quarterly News from the FA World Service Board of Directors
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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	City	State
1967	Kerville	TX
1968	Madisonville	KY
1969	Chesterfield	MI
1970	Turnersville	NJ
1971	Brooklyn	NY
1972	Voorhees	NJ
1973	Elk Grove Village	IL
1974	Syosset	NY
1975	Austin	TX

2014 FA World Convention

The 2014 FA Convention will be held in Rosemont, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago) at the Embassy Suites Hotel from Friday, May 30th - Sunday, June 1st. The Chicago Intergroup is working hard on the preparations.

4th Quarter Report from the Treasurer

At this point, the finances of the fellowship are stable. We have experienced a drop in revenue from the sale of literature since the website has been down for a few months. For the fiscal year, beginning May 1, 2013, our literature sales are at \$38,694. We had budgeted (based on prior years) for sales of \$50,010 by this period, so our sales are down by over \$11,000.

We introduced the ability to purchase *Today a Better Way* in e-book format through Amazon and iTunes. So far we have revenue of \$824 through sales of e-books. I personally have a copy on my tablet and phone and I am

grateful to have TABW so near at hand when I need it most. I encourage you check into this format of TABW for yourself.

Donations have been up in this fiscal year. Group donations in particular are up over \$5000 thus far. Donations from individuals are also up, about \$1900. Unfortunately, the increase in donations does not offset the decline in literature sales.

Literature sales and donations are the only sources of revenue the Fellowship has. All of the money we receive goes to keeping this important fellowship moving forward. We have two part time paid employees at our office; these essential people answer the phones when you call, fill the literature orders, and keep the office running for the benefit of everyone. We also have to pay rent for our office, sales and payroll taxes to the government, and utilities. As you know, these things add up quickly. All of the other functions for our Fellowship are done by volunteers. We volunteers give many hours of our time so we can keep Families Anonymous thriving.

I encourage you to see if donating to Families Anonymous is in your personal budget. If you have received benefit from being a member of your local group, please consider donating to the World Service Office. Now that the website is back up, you can easily make a donation on line. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so donations are tax deductible (check with your tax advisor.)

With Love In The Fellowship,

Lisa K
Treasurer
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Group Outreach Committee

The Group Outreach (GO) Committee continues to encourage and support the healthy growth of the FA fellowship through establishment of new FA groups and provides guidance, mentoring and support to existing groups primarily through response to emails. Members are encouraged to email us at: GO@familiesanonymous.org . For the upcoming year, the committee will be paying particular attention to group size. We are very interested in helping small groups grow by offering suggestions to help prevent the

closing of any group. We are also hoping to grow the fellowship by encouraging members of larger groups to start new groups and to work Step 12 carrying the message to others.

Following the launch of the new website, GO will be coordinating efforts with the Data Management Coordinator to re-register groups. Group secretaries are asked to complete this as soon as possible since all groups are required to re-register annually, before April 1st.

In fellowship,

Donna D.

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Literature Committee

Early in 2014, the Literature Committee will introduce a brand-new publication unlike anything else ever created by FA! This 44-page booklet, entitled *Grandparenting in Families With Addiction: A Mindful Act of Hope and Love* (#1031), addresses emotional, custodial, and legal dilemmas that grandparents face when drug abuse exists in their families. Although the booklet was written by the Literature Committee, several other FA members offered their suggestions, and many more contributed vignettes of their own personal stories as grandparents enmeshed in the chaos of addiction. A number of legal and other experts also gave their authoritative input. More information will be forthcoming.

In January 2014, the Literature Committee will also introduce the Serenity Medallion (#2016). This attractive, durable, high-quality metal medallion can be carried on a keychain, worn as a pendant on a necklace, or simply slipped into a pocket or purse. Its design is simple – just four words from the Serenity Prayer – making it perfect for anyone working a Twelve Step program or connected with recovery in any way. It's ideal for personal use and for gift giving and is reasonably priced at just \$5.00.

The WSO will continue processing orders for FAB PAK 2011 and FAB PAK 2012 at least through mid-April 2014. (The original cut-off date was

December 31, 2013.) The Literature Committee and the board want to be sure that groups have ample time to order FAB PAKs once the new website is up and running. (Reminder: Each FAB PAK contains one copy of each literature item newly created or substantially revised during that year. FAB PAKs are available only to groups, with a limit of one per group. As with all literature, FAB PAKs can be ordered from the WSO via telephone.)

Sales of the electronic versions of *Today A Better Way* (#1015) are catching on! Purchases are being made by people inside and outside the fellowship. Some of the buyers are people who have never owned a copy of the book before. Some of the buyers are longtime FA members who are using it in addition to their printed copies. If you want to purchase a copy and haven't already done so, you can find it at Amazon.com's Kindle Store (#1015-EK) and at iTunes.com (#1015-EP). The e-book is handy, discreet, portable, and easily accessible even when you're away from home.

One of the Literature Committee's top priorities this year has been creating and updating Spanish translations of FA literature. Among the first to be completed are NEW TRANSLATIONS of the popular Basic Pamphlet (#1001S), FA's Do's and Don'ts (#2001S), Helping (#2003S), An Open Letter to My Family (#2007S), Serenity Prayer (#2008S), and Letter to the Newcomer (#6001S). For outreach to potential members, we now have an updated version of Do You Need FA? (20 Questions) (#6004S). And for people wanting to start a Spanish-speaking group, we now have – NEW IN SPANISH – translations of the Suggested Meeting Format with Basic Readings (#5003S), the two table tents – Anonymity (#5008S) and Crosstalk (#5009S) – and the Meeting Announcement Poster (#7001S).

In fellowship,
Ann P.

Public Information Committee

"Spreading the Word 2014-01". This is the PI Committee's 1st "Spread the Word" campaign of 2014. We are promoting the use of the literature piece #7014 "Wits' End". Our committee edited this document to add our local group meeting information to the last page. Then we made copies to take to our meetings for our group members to use as they traveled throughout

their community. We found there are numerous opportunities during our travels to use “Wits’ End” to “Spread the Word”. If your group is interested in participating in this project, please send an e-mail to PI@familiesanonymous.org and request a word doc. version of “Wits’ End”.

Our 1st “Group Spotlight” is from Group 1957 in East Thessaloniki, Greece. George and Soula have detailed their journey to start a new group in their city. Their story will be an encouragement for anyone considering starting a new group. You can find this on our website under “Latest News”, then “WSB News”.

In fellowship,
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