

Quarterly News from the FA World Service Board of Directors Issue 2013-3, Summer 2013

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

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.

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. GO has been coordinating efforts with the Data Management Coordinator to re-register groups and avoid delisting.

New Groups

Grp Number	Mtg Location / Facility	Mtg City	Mtg State	Mtg Country
1162	Libertas Treatment Center	Green Bay	Wisconsin	USA
1963	Community Centre St Judes Catholic Church	Scoresby	Victoria	Australia

Literature Committee

Would you like your group to have a quick, **easy**, and **inexpensive** way to see the new, high-quality literature pieces being offered in the FA catalog?
Well, now your wish has become reality!

The Literature Committee and the World Service Board are excited to announce the creation of the
FAB PAK
("FA Bargain Pack")

WHAT IS IT? – A **FAB PAK** consists of one copy of each literature piece that was newly created or substantially revised *during a particular calendar year*.

WHO CAN BUY IT? – **FAB PAKs** are being sold **only to registered FA groups**. Each group may purchase only one (1) of each year's **FAB PAK**.

WHAT DOES IT COST? – Each **FAB PAK** will have its own, unique selling price, which will be **half the combined retail price** of all the literature pieces it contains.

FAB PAK 2011 contains 20 literature pieces and sells for \$18.00.

FAB PAK 2012 contains 17 literature pieces and sells for \$7.50.

HOW LONG WILL THESE FAB PAKs BE AVAILABLE? – Each **FAB PAK** will be sold for a **limited time only**. The first two **FAB PAKs** are available *now* and must be purchased before the end of 2013, at which time they will be discontinued.

WILL THERE BE A FAB PAK FOR 2013? – This will be determined by the fellowship's response. Your participation counts!

HOW DOES MY GROUP GET A FAB PAK? – Order from the WSO or on the FA website:

#5015 - FAB PAK 2011 \$18.00 (+ shipping & handling)

#5016 - FAB PAK 2012 \$7.50 (+ shipping & handling)

CAN MY GROUP ORDER BOTH FAB PAKs? – Absolutely! By buying *both* **FAB PAK 2011** and **FAB PAK 2012**, your group will receive 37 first-rate, up-to-date literature pieces for just \$25.50 (+ shipping & handling)!

ORDER NOW!

Public Information Committee

The project to spread the word about FA to local treatment centers is on-going. We provide a list of local treatment centers and FA literature to use in contacts with the treatment centers. If anyone would like to get involved in this project, please e-mail us at pi@familiesanonymous.org.

We have begun a pilot project of spreading the word to our local county Mental Health/Substance Abuse counselors. Stay tuned...

We are asking for volunteers to be the PI Lead of their group. We believe this will help ease the task of the Group Secretary as well as provide a direct contact for PI projects. If you would like to be your group's PI Lead, please contact us at pi@familiesanonymous.org.

We started a new communication this month called "Group Spotlight". Once a quarter we will e-mail an account from a group describing an event like starting their group, a "spreading the word" project, the struggles the group has overcome to maintain the group or any story a group believes will benefit other groups.

Long Range Planning Committee

The LRP committee is compiling a list of items that could impact our ability to continue to grow and be successful for the next 5-10 years. This list has come from a 2012 survey of FA group secretaries, input and suggestions by other WSB committee chairpersons, and recommendations by previous LRP chairpersons.

Some of the results from the FA Group Secretaries Survey (130 responses) include:

- 52% of the groups have been in existence for at least 10 years, 20 % are 1-5 years
- 55% of the groups average 5-10 members attending meetings, 23% have 10-20
- 26% report their group health as excellent – growing and plenty of volunteers to lead and help with meetings.

- 55% report their health as good – attendance is stable and usually enough volunteers to rotate leadership activities.
- 17% report their health as fair – meeting has declining members and only a few people lead all the meetings.

Sponsorship Committee

The primary purpose of the Sponsorship Committee of the FA World Service Board is to encourage the development of sponsorship relationships in our member groups. The 2013 revision of FA: Tools of Recovery now includes Sponsorship as a tool indicating its importance in our road to recovery. Through sponsorship the newcomer is connected with someone who knows what he/she is experiencing, has walked in his/her shoes, and can gently guide him/her through the steps. The committee focuses its efforts on 1) providing articles to the 12-Step Rag encouraging sponsorship and working the steps and 2) maintaining an e-mailbox, sp@familiesanonymous.org, where members can direct questions about sponsorship and step work. We welcome hearing from our members about their needs individually or as an FA group on issues of sponsorship and step work. Please direct your comments, requests or questions to the above email address.

Website Renewal Committee

Summer vacations have been deterrents to more progress by our committee, but we were very fortunate to find a member of a Richmond, VA FA group that is a co-owner of a website design firm. She is providing excellent guidance as we develop our requirements for renewing our website.