

# StepSponsorDA

## Topic 29: My Fellowship & MORE about Carrying the Message - Public Information

*[These are pages from the 'GreenBack Book Study Guide to Existing D.A. Literature. 2019 edition']*

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READ "Group Inventory" from the DA website, [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org)

READ "How to Keep Your Meeting Alive" from the DA website, [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org)

READ DA Public Information Manual Starter Kit (found on the DA website)

**SUPPLEMENTS TO READ If time:**

**RE-READ** the DA Pamphlet: "Meetings". Read the chapter: "A Vision for You" in the AA Big Book.

**READ** in the DA service literature

Go on the DA website, [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org) and **READ** in the service literature:

UNDER MEETING INFO - RESOURCES FOR MEETINGS AND GROUPS

SECTION 6 – Under "Take Care of Your Meeting"

**READ "Group Inventory"**

**READ "How to Keep Your Meeting Alive."**

Questions to consider:

After we have a spiritual awakening as a result of the steps, what do we go to meetings for?

What do you do personally to help keep your DA meeting in the solution?

MENU CHOICE ON DA WEBSITE - MEETING INFO - PUBLIC INFORMATION

**READ DA PI (Public Information) PI Starter Kit (found on the DA website)**

**RE-READ If time:** the DA Pamphlet: "Meetings".

**Read If time:** the chapter: "A Vision for You" in the AA Big Book.

"I fully understand that it is essential to my recovery that I carry this message. I am ready to search out, go to and approach a serious compulsive debtor to see if they appear to be a genuinely addicted debtor and have the willingness to go to any length to recover."

**ACTIONS**

**At your Face to Face DA Business Meeting, suggest reading aloud these 2 pieces: 'Group Inventory' and 'How to Keep Your Meeting Alive'**

**Suggest forming a task force to act on some of the suggestions.**

## **Public Information: Carrying the Message - MANY WAYS:**

At this point, **you and your sponsor** may want to contact agencies & helping professionals that come in contact with compulsive debtors with whom you could make a 12th step call. You may want to give them the basic "Debtors Anonymous" Pamphlet as a starting point of discussion.

For other ways of carrying the message to the still suffering debtor in your community, DA General Service Office has a Public Information Manual and a Starter Kit. Go to [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org) for info on obtaining that. From the Home page **click the following:**

MENU CHOICE - MEETING INFO - RESOURCES FOR MEETINGS AND GROUPS

SECTION 6 - Take care of your meeting

**READ "Group Inventory"**

**READ "How to keep your meeting alive."**

MENU CHOICE - MEETING INFO - Bottom choice - PUBLIC INFORMATION

**READ DA (Public Information) PI Starter Kit (found on the DA website)**

You may call the DA General Service Office or your local DA intergroup office, if you have one, and see if any prospective suffering debtors or family members in your area have called and inquired about DA. Get their phone numbers, call and see if you could help.

Also, contact the DA General Service Office to get help from a member of the Public Information Committee who might help you get the word out about a new forming meeting.

If you get an inquiry from the press, and you are new to DA, the Public Information trusted servants recommend the following: FIRST Refer **all press inquiries** to the DA General Service Office (**GSO**) [www.debtorsanonymous.org](http://www.debtorsanonymous.org)

or call **Toll Free: 800-421-2383 – US Only**

NEXT - See if there is a local area DA intergroup which has a PI contact who has gone through DA media training.

LAST - send an email to [PublicInfo@debtorsanonymous.org](mailto:PublicInfo@debtorsanonymous.org)

DO be patient and get support from experienced DA members regarding contact with the press. It is NOT recommended that you try to handle press contact if you are inexperienced.

You may offer to lead a newcomer's session at or after your DA meeting and let new people know you are available to step sponsor.

Remember even if you are scared, being a newcomer is scarier!

Download and read the **DA Public Information Manual Starter Kit**.

Commit to at least **one outreach effort a month**. Share what that has been like and what were the results

## **CONTINUE DAILY ACTION ASSIGNMENTS GOING FORWARD:**

· REVIEW the Action List from the previous session. Be current with that before going on to this week's Action List. *It is absolutely OK, really advisable, to pick up where you left off.*

## **PRAYER CARDS**

On individual 3x5 cards, keep each of the daily prayers; keep several sets - One set for by the bed, one for your wallet, your desk, vanity mirror, car or other place you frequently look.

These Daily Prayers include:

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- o Serenity and Step 3 prayers of AA/DA
- o Step 4-5 resentment, fear and harms prayers
- o 6th Step Prayer for willingness and the 7th step prayers of AA/DA for the character defects to be removed
- o Step 8 & 9 prayers for willingness to make amends to all persons harmed
- o 10th Step Daily Prayers.
- o 11th Step Daily Prayers

### **DAILY**

- One Day at a Time Abstain from New Unsecured Debt (consider setting a date for your last unsecured debt or your DA Birthday)
- Call a DA member. Ask for support maintaining your DA program work, especially 10th step writing
- Read from a piece of DA or AA Literature, **including material on the traditions**
- Answer the study questions as indicated
- Keep a spending record as you spend

### **Every morning:**

- Pray for willingness to work your DA program
- Pray the Serenity Prayer
- Pray BOTH the Third Step Prayers, AA's p 63 and DA's p 19
- Pray the resentment, fear and harms prayers as needed, as they apply.
- **Pray the 6th Step Prayer for willingness**
- Continue meditation with your **morning prayer time**
- Pray these prayers all through the day and consider carrying your prayer cards with you.
- Add a variety of spiritual practices, one at a time, as your Higher Power Guides you to do so.

### **Each Evening:**

- CONTINUE NIGHTLY 10th STEP WORK BY READING AABB p 84:2 OR 86:1
- Take Step 10 inventory before bed on a nightly basis
- Pray the 10th Step prayers every night.
- Consider record compiling of your income and expenses, if not nightly, then weekly.

Spend some time on the READINGS in this study each day as you can, at least 15-20 min or more. ***Let whatever amount of time you have be good enough. Keep coming back.***

### **FREQUENTLY:**

#### **MAKE AMENDS**

- CONTINUE TO REVIEW YOUR 8th STEP AMENDS LIST,
- ADD OTHER AMENDS TO THIS LIST AS THEY COME UP,
- PRAY FOR WILLINGNESS TO MAKE AMENDS TO THEM ALL,
- *CONTINUE MAKING AMENDS FROM YOUR STEP LIST*

## **HAVE ADDITIONAL PRESSURE RELIEF MEETINGS. (PRM's) ACTION PLAN AND SPENDING PLAN**

- WHEN DOING YOUR NUMBERS, AS FEELINGS AND FEARS MAY COME UP, REVISIT THE STEPS 4-7 (AA Big Book p 64-71)
- USE PRAYER AND BOOK ENDING PHONE CALLS TO GAIN SUPPORT TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR PRESSURE RELIEF MEETING ACTION PLAN AND SPENDING PLAN
- BUSINESS DEBTORS: If you are self-employed or own a business, KEEP two or more separate sets of spending/income records: one for personal and one for each business endeavor. If possible, try to find a business owner to participate in your PRG.
- AFTER YOUR PRM's AND AFTER PRAYER TIME, REVIEW YOUR SPENDING PLAN, and look for discretionary money, and form a realistic debt repayment plan, **spending plan and action plan to fund and realize your visions.**

### **WEEKLY**

- Attend at least one solution-oriented DA meeting - listen for the DA concepts
- At your meeting, share only solutions and only if you have experience doing the work of the meeting topic. If you do not have a solution to share, listen for program-working members of your meetings and ask for their phone numbers or email addresses.
- CALL your DA sponsor or DA phone study partner or another DA member.
- Ask for support maintaining your DA program work and **following through on your action plans.**
- Share in meetings your availability for sponsorship, phone calls.
- If you have a sponsee or temporary sponsee, take them through the DA/AA literature.
- Consider using the latest edition of this study guide.
- ASK at your meeting, for 2 members to be part of your **regular PRG.**
- Weekly or monthly, take your entries from your daily spending record and compile them into categories. Look at these running totals against your spending plan, debt retirement and visions or action plans.

**ALLOCATE CONTRIBUTIONS: in your Spending Plan, make a line item for donations, especially 7th tradition donations to your DA meetings, inter group & world service office. If your means are limited, start with a penny and a prayer and ask your Higher Power what you can contribute, one day at a time. The experience of contribution is a powerful tool of recovery that shifts consciousness out of poverty into abundance.**

**VOLUNTEER for a trusted servant position in your home group and/or this study workshop**

**PRM's: PLAN Monthly or Quarterly** ongoing PRM's for yourself, to continue refining your spending and action plans. **AFTER PRAYER TIME:** Review the amounts for allocation of debt retirement **and funding visions you intend to bring forward.**

### **ACTION PLAN**

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- **ACTION ON YOUR VISIONS: Daily, weekly or monthly, follow through on Action Plan items made in your PRM's or visioning sessions.**

### **PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

- Download and read the **DA Public Information Manual Starter Kit**.
- Commit to at least **one outreach effort a month**. Share what that has been like and what were the results.

### **At Meetings carry *this* message:**

- **DO** At your DA meeting, commit to sharing the solution: your experience, your strength and your hope as to **how** you stay abstinent, work the steps, use prayer and meditation to expand your spirituality, use the tools and maintain your recovery, AND WHY all of that is beneficial.
- **DON'T** At your DA meeting, refrain from venting, confessing what you are not doing or sharing on outside issues. If you have an addiction other than compulsive debting, if you are not abstinent, or are not living the steps, refrain from rationalizing or sharing excuses why you are not doing the DA program. Save that for one-on-one phone calls to your sponsor or other trusted member of your DA posse. Also, even if others share confessions, YOU avoid co-miseration.
- **You are not at meetings to talk about yourself, you are there to be helpful.**
- **Share less how you are feeling and share more how you are changing.**
- If you have no solution to share, just gently listen in meetings, absorb the DA concepts and ask briefly for specific help and prayers at the meeting's end.
- Carry this message to the meeting and save the mess for your sponsor.
- Celebrate anniversaries of length of abstinence. Only pick up birthday chips for amount of time *abstinent* from incurring new unsecured debt.
- At meetings state your availability for phone calls, PRG's and sponsorship
- However your Higher power guides you, take on a small service position in your group.

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## **NEXT TOPIC:**

### **TOPIC 30: "Continue to..." - DA on a Daily Basis**

**READ ALOUD** The handout that follows the reading list, entitled: **SUGGESTED STEP 10 WORK - DA SHORT FORM Step 10 on-going inventory**

**READ ALOUD 'The DAILY ACTION ASSIGNMENTS GOING FORWARD'**

**RE READ ALOUD, if time: Step 10 The DA Pamphlet "The Twelve Steps of DA."**

**RE READ Aloud with a partner, if time – Step 10 The DA Book *The Twelve Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Debtors Anonymous*.**

What DA Tools do these texts suggest we do on a daily basis?

What DA Tools are suggested on a regular basis?

**RE-READ ALOUD with a partner, if time Suggested Big Book Passages to read aloud together with your sponsor/study partner: Step 10 AAB p 84:2 - p 86:2**