



Hospitals and Institutions
Chair report
November 15th, 2008

I would like to thank everyone that showed up to the Last 2 Committee Chair meetings for H and I. I see real potential in growing one of the best committee's that can really lead the way to setting up a system for other H and I Committees to follow. The passion and dedication of those Chairs (Corrections, Hospitals, and Bridge the Gap) along with the facilitators that showed up to support and discuss issues was so amazing to see. Again, thank you.

As some of you know, this Committee has for over a year discussed the need to form H and I Central. Between District 2 and 10, they already have their Annual BBQ that is a success. We also look at what a drain it can be to try and travel from Twin Falls and Sun Valley to Boise to be a part of. I remember early this year that our Delegate, (David F.) stated that the biggest issue in the West was uniting the Districts in H and I. Maybe I have no clue on how to do this (if that is really our biggest issue). What I do know is that H and I is alive in the Central region of the state and able to raise money for the 7th Tradition. Well, after much discussion with Area (that seems to oppose this due to financial drains on the Area) I have decided not to proceed with the proposal. It saddens me to see so many people oppose something before it was ever presented to Area and to allow the G.S.R.'s the right to vote on this. If we could look down the road and see that the northern region of the state needs to have a Committee and that even District 11 (picking up Weiser and Cambridge) could actually have their own Committees is not a pipe dream. Also think about the service positions available for people who say that they want to get involved. One more reality after moving in that direction... an Annual Hospitals and Institutions Round-up (Assembly, Workshop, whatever it needs to be called) for the 5 Areas to come together and have nothing but a weekend to educate and assist and promote H and I. I feel, as well, that a fix to Area's concern of being a financial drain, is to allow H and I to be truly self supporting for trips to Area business meetings, Assemblies, and PRAASA (which the west is already doing). I don't know, kick it around. If this is something that enough people would like to see happen, let me know and maybe I will pick up that task and run with it anyways.

There are a lot of items on the agenda that will probably be discussed at District meetings and hopefully at your Home Group business meetings as well. Some of these issues do have a concern around H and I, as well as I think it is important as a Committee that we have a unified conscious to be sent back to our General Service Board as well. So that is why today I have put these items on our agenda and have them as the first order of business. Thank you all for your support in the effort to have our Committee's voice heard.

Sean and I are still moving forward with the web page. I have forwarded our mission statements to him as well as our email address and Bridge the Gap pamphlets. We meet this last Tuesday to review what is going on and make changes in anticipation of the telephone service so that will be easy to add if we go that way as well as change the layout to make the site a little bit more user friendly. I have given Sean as well the new forms from Bridge the Gap. We should be done before the New Year, but we will still release it the day after New Years day. It is still in the test phase, so it is not on the actual web site yet. If you would like to see it, you may go to:

[http:// test.treasurevalleyaa.org](http://test.treasurevalleyaa.org)

but know that after this week's meeting, that the site will change to accommodate the new layout. But WOW, Sean is putting a lot of time and effort in to this for our committee. Thank you so very much, Sean!

I have also made available the approved motion on "Issuing Books." We all have the copy of the proposal, so I have re-written it as the approved motion. I have attached the original proposal so that all may see the proposal and compare the two to make sure that I did not make any mistakes when writing the approved motion.

We need to, if not already today, we need to vote in our next years H and I BBQ Chair. This Committee will not meet again until next January. I think it will be enough time for a Committee to put on next years BBQ, but I don't think we can leave January's business meeting without having that Chair voted in to get that Committee off the ground and going.

January is approaching fast. We will have a lot to cover in the first few months of the New Year. Today we read the H and I Guidelines, but I am going to go over them in more detail at the first of the year. I will be receiving more information about the Corrections Correspondence Service program and would like to see our

Committee embrace that program. If we decide to move forward with a telephone service for H and I, we should try to have that off the ground and running as soon as possible. There will be more news from Area as I have to attend the Area Business meeting in Twin Falls as well. And finally, we will need to finish our preparations for PRAASA. That will becoming really fast and I would like to organize a meeting with the Committee Officers before we leave to talk a little bit about PRAASA. So we have a lot to look forward to for the New Year. If you have someone that needs to be involved in Service, please bring them to any H and I function, we CAN find something for them.

Remember, there NO H and I Business Meeting in December. Have a great Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a safe New Years. I WILL SEE YOU ALL JANUARY 17TH, 2009.

Remember, Keep it Simple

Gene A.

Area 18 West H and I Chair