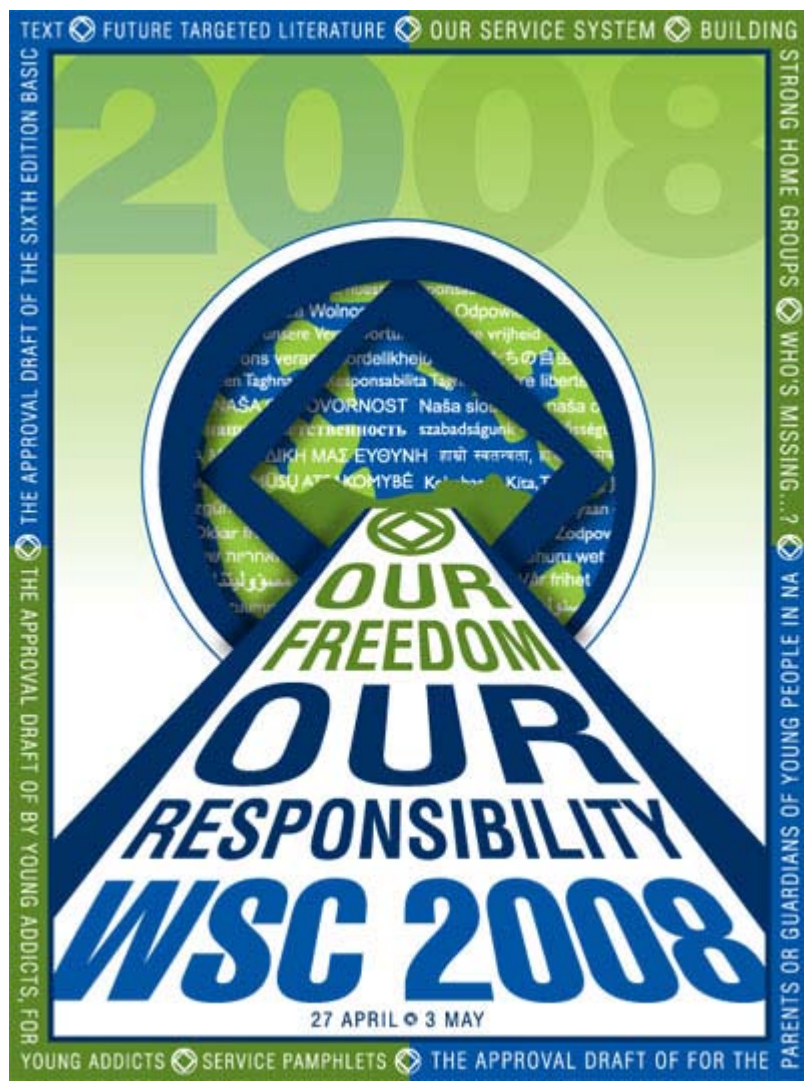


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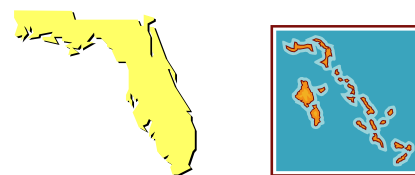
Theme from 2008 World Service Conference

ABOUT CARRYING THE MESSAGE IT'S ALL ABOUT **CARRYING** THE MESSAGE

This is your personal invitation to the

2009 Florida Service Symposium

A trusted service training conference sponsored by the Florida Regional Service Committee



March 12-15, 2009

Crowne Plaza East - Tampa, Florida

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Our Vision Statement

All of the efforts of the Florida Regional Symposium are inspired by the primary purpose of the areas and groups we serve. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day the Florida Symposium will:

- become the primary model for trusted servant training at all levels of service.
- ensure trusted servants are provided cutting-edge training in order to develop effective leadership in our fellowship.
- communicate NAWS Strategic Plan, initiatives and current projects to the Florida fellowship.

Our vision is our reference point, inspiring all that we do. Honesty, trust and goodwill are the foundation of these ideals. In all our service efforts, we rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.

This is a modified version of the NAWS Vision Statement for which we give all credit. We used it to convey our vision for this event.



Trusted Servant Training Workshops

World Services Town Hall Meeting

Professional Roundtable Discussion

Florida Unity Day Banquet

Florida Regional Service Conference

Tentative Schedule of Events

THURSDAY

1-4pm – Professional Public Relations Roundtable

FRIDAY

9:30am -12N – Cooperation with Drug Court Professionals

12N-2pm – Working Lunch (\$15) - Our Freedom, Our Responsibility **

2:30-4pm – Using the Public Relations Handbook – Best Practices

2:30-4pm - Building Strong Home Groups – Use of Group Worksheet

4-5:30pm – Service System Roundtable Discussion

4-5:30pm – Effective Group Trusted Servant – Roles & /Responsibilities

7:30-8:15pm – Worldwide Fellowship Development Presentation

8:15–9:30pm – US Speaker Meeting

9:30-11pm – Leadership Development Roundtable Discussion

9:30-11pm – Literature Review – Self-Support Pamphlets

SATURDAY

8-9:30am - Building Stronger Areas - Area Planning Tool

8-9:30am – Handling Those in Crisis? – Helpline Training

8-12N – Building our Technology Infrastructure – One Byte at a Time

8-12N -Cooperation with Florida Department of Corrections

10:15-12N – How to Be a More Effective RCM

10:15-12N – Literature Review Session: In Times of Illness

10:15-12N - Developing an Area/Regional Disaster Plan

12N-2pm – Working Lunch (\$15) – Building Communication **

2:15-3:45pm – Building our Technology Infrastructure

2:15-3:45pm – Your Input: Living Clean – The Journey Continues

2:15-3:45pm – Effective Group Trusted Servant – Roles/Responsibilities

2:15:3:45pm – Area Convention Planning – Cooperation, Not Competition

2:15:3:45pm – The Death of Robert's Rules of Order - CBDM?

4- 5:15pm – NAWS Town Hall Meeting – Q & A

6-7:30pm - Florida Unity Banquet (\$35)

7:30-9pm - International Speaker Meeting – Broadcast Live (Audio only)

10p-12a – Coffee Shop (\$10)

SUNDAY

8–9:15am – The Florida Service System – Where Are We Now?

9:30am–3pm – Florida Regional Service Committee Meeting

** Open to anyone, meal available for purchase not required to attend/participate.

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Speaker Meetings



Friday Night – United States Speaker Meeting

Roy P. – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Saturday Night – International Speaker Meeting

Schmuel – Tel Aviv, Israel

Laura – San Jose, Costa Rica

Jean-Pierre – Montreal, Canada

Tim – Brisbane, Australia

Jose – San Juan, Puerto Rico

Eddie – Nassau, Bahamas

THE HISTORY PROJECT

In the October issue of the NA News, NAWS stated they intend to follow through with a 1993 conference motion to capture our heritage from those who played a role in our history.

We felt this could be a good opportunity to begin this process here in Florida. We will conduct interviews of those who played a role in the history of Florida and NA as a whole.

If you would like to participate or assist in this project, please contact the Florida Regional Service Office.

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EVENT SITE

Crowne Plaza Hotel

10221 Princess Palm Ave. – Tampa, FL 33610

Reservations: 1-813-623-6363 - \$119.00 per night

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 15, 2009



Registration

Registration is *FREE* of charge to any N.A. member.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phones _____

E-mail _____

Clean Date _____ Trusted Servant Position _____

Area _____ Region _____

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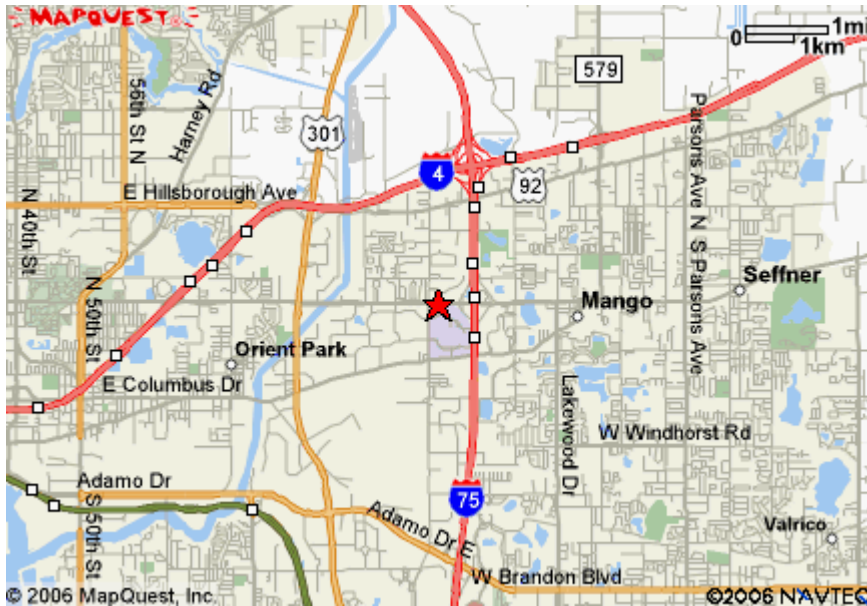
Banquet	\$35 x _____ = _____
Friday Lunch	\$15 x _____ = _____
Saturday Lunch	\$15 x _____ = _____
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Card # _____ Code _____ Exp. Date _____

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Map - directions to event site



Crowne Plaza East

The Crowne Plaza Hotel Tampa is ideally located off of I-4 at I-75 in Tampa's Financial District

From North or South of Tampa – I-75 to Martin Luther King exit – the hotel is just west of the expressway in the Citibank Office Park.

From West of Tampa – I-4 to I-75 south to Martin Luther King exit – the hotel is just west of the expressway in the Citibank Office Park.

From East of Tampa – I-4 to I-75 south to Martin Luther King exit – the hotel is just west of the expressway in the Citibank Office Park.

Go to: www.mapquest.com

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How to Be a More Effective RCM

Improving our leadership skills will enable us to better serve the fellowship as well as become prepared for other trusted servant positions at various levels of service. This workshop was adapted from one used at the World Service Conference entitled "How to be a more effective Delegate."

- *Suggested for: All RCM's*

Consensus Based Decision Making – no stinking rules!

An introductory class covering the basics of Consensus Based Decision Making. The presenters will offer practical applications for these well established principles.

- *Suggested for: novice to experienced seeking basic understanding of, and application for this process. All FRSC participants should attend*

NAWS Town Hall Meeting – Q & A

This Town Hall Style Meeting is meant to address any questions posed to NA World Services and to talk about suggestions made by members on Idea Cards.

- *Suggested for: Everyone*

Florida Regional Service Conference

The Florida Regional Service Committee was established just over 27 years ago (December 1981). At that time there were only 45 meetings including H & I panels in four areas. Today, the Florida Region serves over 900 meetings and 280 H & I panels in 18 areas across the state as well as the Bahamas. The RSC meeting is held every other month and is open to any member who would like to attend.

- *Suggested for: Anyone is welcome at this meeting.*

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Leadership Development Roundtable Discussion

An interactive workshop designed to sharpen attributes and skills necessary to be an effective leader.

- *Suggested for: Any trusted servant*

Building Stronger ASCs - Intro to the Area Planning Tool

There are seven planning steps: gathering information, listing the issues, developing goals, prioritizing goals, creating approaches, prioritizing approaches, and developing an action plan. Each step is necessary to the overall development and creation of the plan. An action plan helps members remain focused on the goal, on the approach, and on the completion date; in short, it is easier for members to be accountable. Everyone involved knows what needs to be done, who is doing the work, and when to anticipate each step's completion.

- *Suggested for: All Area Trusted Servants*

Effective Group Trusted Servant – Roles/Responsibility

Appropriate for the novice to know-it-all. An overview of best practices, how too's for group chairpersons, secretary, treasurer with additional focus on how to become a more effective Group Service Representative. Learn how to enhance and build successful home groups in your area.

- *Suggested for: Any Group Secretary, Treasurer or GSR and Interested members*

Literature Review – Self-Support Pamphlets

There will be new drafts to replace both *Self-Support: Principle and Practice* and *“Hey! What’s the Basket For?”* available for review.

- *Suggested for: any member & treasurers at each level of service.*

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Florida Unity Week

March 7-15, 2009

The objective of Unity Week is to create the spirit of unity among our members, groups and areas. There are two ways to participate in Florida Unity Week. Below is a set of suggested topics which each home group may choose from to discuss at their meeting during Unity Week, this way every member may participate.

- **Brotherly Love: Unity**
- **Principles of Step 12: Love & Service**
- **The 12th Step in Action: Service**
- **Principles Before Personalities**
- **It's All About Carrying The Message**
- **“Regardless of”**
- **Our Freedom, Our Responsibility**

The week culminates with the Florida Service Symposium held in Tampa. It is a trusted servant learning conference. The speaker meeting held Saturday, March 15th will be broadcast live by phone to any jail, treatment facility, NA group or area event (\$75 fee domestic & \$125 internationally). This event will bring members together state- and world-wide for a simultaneous opening and closing prayer and speaker meeting.



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UNITY MEETING *live* BY PHONE

To host a live audio broadcast of the Florida Unity Meeting you must register and pay the \$75 fee domestic & 125 fee internationally for the service in advance. You will be sent instructions a week in advance of the meeting. You must register by 3/1/09. There is a limited number of audio spaces available, register early to assure your unity connection.

Contact Name _____

E-mail _____

Cell _____ other phone _____

Group/Area/Institution/Facility _____

City/State/Zip _____

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**Live meeting broadcast registration
Open to any NA group, area, hospital or institution**

Speakers from: *Montreal, Canada, Tel Aviv, Israel,
San Jose, Costa Rica, Nassau, Bahamas,
San Juan, Puerto Rico & Brisbane, Australia*



Audio Recordings of the workshops and meetings will be available for purchase from Blue Sky Recordings during the weekend.

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Building Stronger Home Groups Worksheet

We know that there is a need for basic tools at the group level, but the importance of strong home groups really seems to resonate with what members are actually doing to carry NA's message. Having a conversation about what a strong home group means to you, how you are building strong home groups, and how those groups are functioning can only help us carry NA's message.

- *Suggested for: Every NA member*

Our Freedom, Our Responsibility Roundtable

We have a responsibility to protect our freedoms. Those of us who are active participants have made a transition from seeing responsibility as something we have to do to something we want to do. *Discussion Questions include:*

1. How do I exercise my sense of responsibility in NA?
2. How can we help inspire others to share that responsibility?

- *Suggested for: Every NA member*

Building Communication

The purpose of our services is to help our fellowship fulfill its primary purpose: to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Honest, open, straightforward communication is essential to both the integrity and the effectiveness of the NA service structure.

Clear, consistent communication is crucial to build the trust necessary to delegate the authority to carry out these tasks. Yet, at every level of service, we seem to struggle with deciding what needs to be communicated, who needs to receive that information, and how to best to deliver that communication.

- *Suggested for: Every NA member*

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Convention Planning – Cooperation Not Competition

Presenters will provide area convention trusted servants with practical techniques as well as provide a forum for convention oriented trusted servants to discuss issues they have in common.

- *Suggested for: Area/Regional convention committee members*

Worldwide Fellowship Development Presentation

N.A. World Services tells a story of fellowship growth across the globe. These are sometimes emotionally charged and inspiring presentations not to be missed.

- *Suggested for: Every NA member*

Our Service System Discussion

We asked members to think about whether or not the current service structure in their local NA community is best suited to carrying the message, and what about the current structure could be better suited to carrying the message. It became clear that our challenge is not in clarifying the goal of our service efforts; it's in how we reach that goal. Members reiterated this by listing the need for more attractive service meetings, stronger groups, frequent inventories and stronger communication. .

- *Suggested for: any area or regional trusted servant*

Literature Review – In Times of Illness

One of the project plans adopted for the 2008-10 cycle called for revisions to the booklet *In Times of Illness*. This one-cycle project includes an overall assessment and revision of the booklet, and also the addition of material to address long-term illness, current issues with medication & mental health issues in recovery.

- *Suggested for: Every NA member*

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Professional Roundtable



A public relations roundtable meeting with professionals who interface with our fellowship will kick-off the event. When a professional is considering sending an addict to one of our meetings, a positive public image is crucial to our primary purpose. We feel that it is time to begin squarely facing some of the messages we've been putting out to the public. Information from this meeting will be used in preparing our Public Relations strategies and efforts for the next several years.

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This event was envisioned specifically as an opportunity for trusted servants to experience training that would enhance their service skills and knowledge in areas not typically available in the fellowship elsewhere.

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Cooperation with Florida Department of Corrections

Members of Law Enforcement provide and mechanism to gain clearance for our members to gain access into Jails and Prisons in the State of Florida in order to carry the NA message to those behind the walls.

- *Suggested for: Every avid H & I participant throughout Florida*

Cooperation with Drug Court – Panel of Professionals

A panel presentation by those working in the Drug Court profession. This session will enable our members to converse and ask appropriate questions on how we can best cooperate to in order to reach those who need our help.

- *Suggested for: Every avid H & I participant throughout Florida*

Handling Those in Crisis – Helpline Training Session

Crisis response personnel point out practical ways to assist those in need of help over the phone. A specific focus of this session will cover assessing those in crisis and what steps should be taken to assist them.

- *Suggested for: Every avid Helpline volunteer*

TRANSLATIONS ENGLISH – SPANISH – (T)

The Florida Symposium will provide members who register in advance with the opportunity to have professional translators available for certain sessions and meetings through out the symposium at no charge.

El Simposio de Florida proporcionará a miembros que registran en el avance con la oportunidad de tener a traductores profesionales disponibles para ciertas sesiones y reuniones por fuera el simposio en ninguna carga.

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Implementing the PR Handbook

A basic introduction and an overview of the tools available in the Public Relations Handbook. Helpful methods used in building a successful well-rounded Public Relations program on a local area and regional basis.

- *Suggested for: Members area and regional sub-committees such as PR/PI, H & I, Web Page, Outreach and the like.*

Developing an Area/Regional Disaster Plan

A session on how to develop a disaster plan for your area or region. The Florida RSO was hit by four hurricanes in one year meeting places were also affected. Having a plan in place can assist members to make meetings available under said conditions. *Suggested for: Area and regional trusted servants and the like*

Building our Technology Infrastructure ...

1 Byte at a Time - Building our Technology Infrastructure will enable our fellowship to present a better public relations image as well as enhance the fellowship from a leadership skills standpoint. This 5 hour presentation will cover the following topics: The NA Web, Websites – Design & Maintenance, Online Conferences – NetMeeting or similar products, Online Discussion Boards, the use of PowerPoint for Presentations and an Intro to QuickBooks.

- *Suggested for: Area/Regional Treasurer, Area Web Site Managers, RCM's, RSC Trusted Servants, those involved in PR & interested members. Bring your laptop – wireless available.*