

San Diego-Imperial Area 08 Assembly Newsletter

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Why Register Your Group?

Imagine not having a meeting schedule to help us locate a meeting. Or worse, a newcomer on the brink of demise, was unable to find another alcoholic, and because he could not find a meeting, he found a bottle. Where would this leave any of us? This may seem a stretch but when speaking to the value and importance of registering our groups and having the ability to communicate with them, the struggle is real. For the benefit of our groups and in support of our commitment to serve our members, an effort to compile an accurate and current listing of our groups fills the long absent ability to communicate with them all, especially during these unprecedented times. There may have never been an

act more important and beneficial to the welfare and unity of our local Fellowship. It is for this reason that an all-out effort to acquire a group contact from every group within our area is sought. This effort will help meet the General Service Office's (GSO's) need to update records with confirmed accuracy. It is also hoped to prompt a large number of new registrations from groups not registered and therefore not recognized or included in A.A.s overall membership. To everyone within our service area, your help is needed to develop this area-wide group roster. Simply ask, when attending meetings, if the group has a GSR. If the group is without a GSR, make a

request on behalf of the Area and GSO for a group volunteer (e.g., the Secretary, Treasurer or just a committed group member) to agree to receive an occasional email communication (a GSO bulletin, Area announcement or invitation to attend a workshop) for the benefit of their members. When a volunteer agrees to be the contact, please obtain their name, telephone number, email address along with the group name and forward it to the Registrar. If you can also provide the group's district number, meeting day and time, meeting type and an approximate attendance count, that would further fulfill the information needed for GSO.

– Bill S. Area 8 Registrar