

91 Mid-America Region - Cindy Porter, Regional Representative gave her report. Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri make up this region. Those state reps stood up and took a bow. Oklahoma is also included in the Mid-America region. Just had a meeting, elected officers for RSC. Home of the first WSC Literature Conference, and 1980 World Convention in Wichita. Kansas and region has grown immensely in the last 4 years - about 2,000 strong (members). Trying to group together to make their region stronger. A lot of public information work being done with radio and tv. A lot of institutions. A lot of N.A. A lot of drug programs are starting to incorporate N.A. in their after care. A lot of cities are establishing club houses and 24 hour answering services. Growing in strength and numbers. Are able to carry message better than they used to. 2 weeks ago they had a fundraiser for WSO and raised \$1,000.

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What I would like to say about the Mid-West are sentiments and feelings that folks out there asked me to convey. We are loyal and we remain loyal part of this fellowship, right there, smack-dab in the middle, we haven't moved yet. The past year has been one of searching for some answers through the vehicle of the group conscience, and forming ASC's, of which there are 7 in our region, to meet in a 4 state region on a quarterly basis, in a meeting to discuss important issues of literature reviews and service structure and these have been our focus of concentration in the past year, in terms of any input that we have been gathering and I have the outcomes of these gatherings included in this report, prior to voting. As provided for in our by-laws of resident, we meet as a region using the structure of quarterly meetings, 4 times a year, doing some consensus taking. The first of these was held in Topeka, Ks., followed on the heels of the 1981 WSC, the issues of prime importance, which our Regional Representative, Cindy P., reported from WSC, which really informed us of a lot of the happenings that we were not aware of before. Then in August we had a real special meeting in Kansas City Mo., with a lot of special things happened at, and our host did us real proud. The call went out at that time to step up our literature review process and begin to institute some literature review committees at an Area Service level. We began just in the initial formulation of those. We began stepping up the flow of literature to surrounding areas so that a through review could begin. In November of 1981 saw the Reg-Service Conference junkies in Lincoln, Neb., at that point Iowa decided to succeed from our union and we were sad and sorry to see them go but we were happy because again, we were closer to the goal of every state becoming a region and they felt that they have a lot of territory

Midwestern Region -

Anne Wood gave report. Their region covers Kansas, No. & So. Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. They recently held their first regional meeting and will be having a camp-out in June. They are connected with WSO regularly. Keeping representatives with WSO and WS Convention.

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to cover and they couldn't just be making it to our Regional Meetings all the time so we wished them well and to go with our blessings. We still invite them to everything we have. 1981 drew to a close and we implimented, as the real thing, what had previously been a provisional RSC. Our official officers and Reps. became official at this time, with official voting powers. ASC began or continued meeting on a monthly or 2X monthly basis, in order to solidify or refine our Service Structure and that's been a real point of issue with us, having some kind of service structure that works for our region, and it's individual needs. In the meantime, Cindy's famous forms have been churning out of the office in Topeka, Kansas, and we have been the receiptants of all these forms. Our Regional Service Office is, I guess, the heartbeat and the pulse of our Region and Cindy has done wonderful as Regional Service Office manager. The folks from Raytown, Mo. have been copying and editing and compiling our Regional Newsletter. We also have a pretty up-dated Regional Directory that keeps us aware of new groups growing and old groups folding and some continuing on and growing in numbers and strength. I think the RSO has really been, in some ways, the ties that bind us together, when all feel like we're falling apart so we have a lot to thank for the hard work that's gone into that. We began forming relationships with addicts in other states during the early part of this year and through these quarterly meetings we were able to bring the strength of the Service Conference craziness to areas needing it. If an area needed some input then we would try to bring the meeting to them and it seems to work pretty well so far. This intensive period of hard work culminated in February 1982, with our first ever, quarterly meeting in St. Louis, Mo.. They welcomed us and we worked real hard for 2 full days and issues of major input were the Service Manual, the Book and stories and we discussed input from every area service, we later sent that issue back to the fellowship for a vote as we felt we did not have a clear cut consensus and we asked the ASC's to have their vote for final approval for the Literature Service Committee back to the RSR or RSO by April 15th and they were really pretty prompt about doing that, so we felt that we had a region wide forum of opinion. The months following our critical meeting in St. Louis saw some real tension and diversiveness, feelings of fear and undercurrent of personalities before principals throughout our Region. At times these were people in our Region that said just "screw it", we'll just form our own. We'll just call it something else, we'll just call it something else, we just won't buy theirs, and it got that heavy and that's the reality of the situation. Some people got upset by what they perceived as principles cut in half by personalities, decided they wanted no part of service work other than 12 Step work, and going to meetings, which is really ok in that sense. These months have been marked by a real sense of urgency, a real need to review all the existing material that we have available and become well informed because we feel that we are way out there in the Mid-West and we're closed in by either coast and it's like we don't want to hurry to fast, we want to make sure we know what were doing and that's really pretty indecitive of what's been going on in the Mid-West Region. Trying to take it easy, trying to take it slow, trying to keep an open mind and form our our own opinions based on the material presented to us and the literature reviewing, making list upon lists of literature available.

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so that's really been the thing that we've been concentrating on, however, in the meantime, we've also had some fun. Wichita had a fund raiser for WSO making \$150. and then another to save our own clubhouse, which worked. A clubhouse closed in Newton, Ks, one opened in Raytown, Mo., Lincoln also opened one. We have the annual "Bike Run" in Lincoln, Neb.; the "High on Life Picnic" in Joplin; and the 4th Annual Regional Campout at Milford Lake, near Junction City, Ks. on the 4th of July. For all of you who have never been there, we have a contingence of bikes, first from Atlanta, then from Lincoln and it seems like every summer I'm in the back of some pick-up at 3 in the morning saying "who's this"--what I mean is like getting my fishing tackle and stuff and suddenly I am so lucky they're from the fellowship. The reason our annual convention didn't come off as we planned is we wanted that to happen but it was not possible at this time, therefore, we are planning a real special quarterly meeting in Wichita following WSC and we plan to have a really thorough report. I would just like to say that, we ran a consistant vote throughout our region, our votes were "no" on all approval forms of literature asking that it be sent back out for further review. That it's a whole lot better and we feel there's been improvement, work and loving service by many trusted servants but that we feel, we're slow and conservative, that it's not quite ready. I spoke before of the members back there in the Mid-West in the way WSC works, and that indeed is true. They have lots of faith in the group conscience as the expression of a loving God, and that the trust placed in all of us and all of you and me, as trusted servants is something that they give to you and me and is real special. We are still pretty new in our Region and we've seen phenimenal growth from conception to present, about 4 years. We have new groups springing up everywhere. A lot of things are happening, we have lots of work to do, and sometimes we get afraid we'll get forgotten that we are out here in the Mid-West and people will forget we're here. There is a lot of trust that's been placed in the members of our region in the WSC to carefully consider any action that is going to undertake this year. We depend on all of you as NA outside our little island since the beginning of our Region and that history when Topeka met Wichita and Greg P. said start a region and we did and we've had a lot of help from Mid-South and Atlanta and California and Oregon and I husess what I want to say and our membership has been asking is that you consider very, very carefully anything that could be deversive or bring tension to this fellowship before you make any major changes because the folks back there are going to meetings and keeping the club houses open and 12 Stepping the new addict and they placed their trust in us as trusted servants and represenatives to get this other part of the work done. Thank you.

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NEBRASKA, KANSAS, COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA - Cliff - Meetings all over. New directories being made soon. Will be sending out of different Regions. Really growing compared with last year. Had a campout July 1979 and conducted their first Regional meeting. Real strong group in Kansas City. Will be asking them to join Region. AshHouse clubhouse open for 2 years - growing pains. Getting more money now. A lot of new people especially in winter time. Involvement in Literature Committee. Over 50 people raised over \$300, cleared over \$200 and donated to WSC Literature Committee in hopes of getting out an N.A. Book. Got bid for 10th World Convention. Realized it's a lot of work but now have committee workers for this Convention. Requested further suggestions for answering services - in need of. H&I meetings every month. Nebraska really going strong - formed strong ASC. Would welcome suggestions on service structure. Raised \$220 for World Convention in one night. Convention Chairpersons in Topeka, Salina and Wichita.

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Nebraska - Dan Kemp, state rep, gave brief report on Nebraska (part of Mid-America Region). N.A. growing rapidly in state. Last year 2 major cities, Omaha and Lincoln, growing in leaps and bounds. Lincoln opened clubhouse. 9 meetings a week there. Omaha has 4 meetings a week. Average attendance is about 20-25 people a meeting. Suffering a little growing pains. Established hot lines (24 hour) in both cities. 50-60 calls a month on hot lines (average).

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Iowa - Jeff LaFrance, state rep, gave brief report on Iowa (part of Mid-America Region). Waterloo, Iowa is growing. Not a lot of communication but keeping in touch. They are sponsoring an ASC meeting for the state after this WSC. Des Moines is growing, a lot of support.

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Iowa Region-Mindy M. (Representative) 2103 Nebraska, Apt. 4, Sioux City, IA 51104, Telephone (712) 255-4443.

Iowa formed their region on October 17, 1981, at 6:49 p.m. There are twenty registered meetings: Sioux City-4; Glenwood-1; Cedar Rapids-2; Waterloo-1; Charter Oaks-1; Council Bluffs-3; Des Moines-7; Iowa Falls-1; (six areas). Two are Hospital & Institutions and one is an unregistered meeting in the Sioux City jail, where responsibilities are shared with AA. This meeting was just started. Our search and find crew has located approximately ten other unregistered meetings. We are approximately 200 to 300 members strong and we are discovering more every day. Sioux City has celebrated their five year NA anniversary on November 14, 1981, making this the oldest meeting in Iowa. To better acquaint others (i.e. treatment centers, judges, hospitals, institutions) we have been sending letters informing them of NA and stating "NA is alive and well in Iowa, send us all your junkies". We've just started our Regional Newsletter, "Junk Mail", to be published quarterly. We are also planning a State Wide Campout Retreat, for sometime in the fall.

The region was formed on July 4, 1981. Includes NE Ohio, Central Ohio, NW Ohio, SW Ohio, NW Pennsylvania, and North Kentucky. There are 92 meetings with 700 to 750 members. The meeting is only surviving because of the very strong areas that we have in the Ohio Region. There are nine very active and supportive areas and some of them Hospital and Institutions and Public Information and a lot of activities are coordinated at the REgional level and most of the work is done at the area and group levels and I guess that's the way it should be but we got meetings now being fpr,ed at all state "correctional institutions"-county jails, etc. Literature being distributed to all hospitals and mental institutions. Some county offices of Childrens services requesting literature and NA speakers. Contact with people in Rehabs with institutional meetings and recently discussing with "Care Unit" officials and establishing possibilities of NA meetings in every "Care Unit" in USA. There are 260 "Care Units". Major Accomplishments: formation of region, Regional Service Conference (4th July)--Fund raisers-Public information, club houses, hotlines, etc.-In Areas holding Public Information meetings with professional community.-Cincinnati area holding two hour radio spots and tv spots reaching 30,000-40,000 people. Over 2,000 letters to Professional Community introducing NA and what it is about. We have also developed hotlines and answering services and in Youngstown we've established tow meetings at the methadone clinic. Specific Problems or situations: need for communication of experiences of all other regions. What are experiences with "money" RE-prudent reserve. We need to find out exactly what it this means. How can we encourage local support or interest in activities, service, etc.- Some of our plans for the coming year is to have a 2nd Annual Regional Service conference during the fourth of July weekend. The 2nd Annual Abnormal Weenie Jam in Big Bone Lick, Kentucky, July 9, 10, 11. Also Traditions workshops and spiritual growing. Brief history of NA in Ohio: The first meeting in Ohio was July 1979 in

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Youngstown, Ohio. The second meeting was in October 1979 in Warren, Ohio and then it grew to Sharon, PA, Akron, Cleveland, Cincinnati, & Columbus. The first Area Service included Youngstown, Warren, Akron, Sharon, PA, and then Cleveland, Lisbon, Salem, Ohio. It has grown from one ASC to nine separate areas in a year. In July 1981 we formed a Regional Service Committee. We have Hospital & Institutions Committees and Public Information Committees. We have Policy and Administrative Committees on the Area Level. We've tried to follow the Service Structure.