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What is your proposal?: That Area 75 support a request to the General Service Conference to request a revision be made to the pamphlet "A.A. For The Woman" which was last revised in 1986 to update some of the stories to be more relevant for a woman coming to A.A. today.

How did this proposal originate?: Our Hartford Womens Big Book Group reviewed the pamphlet and at our July 2013 meeting voted to request a revision. We then sent a letter to our DCM in District 12 and at the October 2013 district meeting the district voted to support a revision. It was suggested that the request include some specific items that should be revised and the following items were identified:

- Inside front cover – Page numbers of stories copyrighted by A.A. Grapevine, Inc. do not align with start of stories.
- Page 5 – some younger members wondered who Ann Landers was. The questions are still relevant so maybe mention she was an advice columnist.
- Story starting on page 10 contains material which date the story, such as reference to crashing into a stanchion and the Bowery
- Story starting on page 13 sounds dated. Today children would be in foster care and not an orphanage, mention of "Kentucky Gentleman"
- Story starting on page 18 – reference to year 1977 dates the story, nurses don't wear white uniforms and caps today
- Story starting on page 24 – reference to tranquilizers, doctor stating you can't become addicted to tranquilizers, etc.
- Story starting on page 27 is very dated. Should be replace with a story that reflects a more typical "housewife" today.
- Where to find A.A. on page 35 needs to be updated to include reference to website, availability of phone meetings, etc.

List any supporting documentation or background material attached to this proposal.:

None

List the primary benefits of your proposal to the area. What will happen if we adopt this proposal?

We will have the satisfaction of knowing we supported a business item to be proposed to the General Service Conference.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

The pamphlet may not be revised due to lack of support.

Estimate any costs to the area. Outline where funding would come from. Explain whether this is a one-time or ongoing expense.

No cost involved.

Final comments (optional):

If approved our Delegate would write a letter to the Conference Coordinator asking that this be put on the agenda for the conference with copies to our Regional Trustee and the Literature desk. This could then be considered for the agenda in 2015. This pamphlet can be viewed on the Alcoholics Anonymous website (www.aa.org) and selecting "A.A. Literature" and then "Pamphlets" and paging until you reach pamphlet P-5. One copy may be downloaded for personal use or a copy of the pamphlet may be purchased.