Ask-It-Basket Questions and Answers Fall Assembly 2017

1. Question; Our city has an Al-Anon Intergroup. Can our groups bring a raffle in the Spring, with proceeds to our Intergroup?

Answer; Motion 16/17: Carried That at Spring Assemblies, Groups and Districts may bring items for fundraising. Fall Assembly fundraising will be for the benefit of Area 89.

This was a change of the previous motion which included AIS as part of Spring Fundraising. The Service Manual equates Intergroup with Al-Anon Information Services, pg 63 of the Service Manual, therefore AIS groups cannot do fundraising at the Assembly level. Groups or Districts could have items for fundraising and the use of profits would be left to the Group or District autonomy.

2. Question: Where can I find the guidelines of an LDC and the accountability?

Answer; The Guidelines for LDC is G-18 and can be found on Area Website www.skalanon.ca and on WSO Website www.al-anon.org under Literature-go to Store-Guidelines. The accountability is also found in the G-18 guideline.

3. Question; a) How much money is WSO saving by using internet rather than postal systems?

Answer; We did not have actual figures, but in the letter World Service Office sent out telling us they cancelled the free Forum, it said it saved them \$100,000.00.

Question: b) Would not our Assembly with Area 89 benefit also, with a computer?

Answer; We were not clear on what is being asked. Our secretary has a laptop that she uses to send out via email all the minutes, agendas, etc. Our website also has all our email addresses, which can be accessed by any computer. If this does not answer the question, if the writer would like to contact me after the meeting, I will gladly give more information and explanation.

4. Question; As a fellowship of equals, why do we differentiate in our literature- S-67, S-68, S-70?

Answer; Al-Anon is a fellowship of equals and open to everyone regardless of their life situation. The literature referred to here- S-67- Al-Anon's Path to Recovery for Native Americans/ Aboriginals S-68- Al-Anon is for African Americans and all people of colour. S-70- Al-Anon Family Groups welcomes Gays and Lesbians as well as other pieces of literature, merely reflect the diversity of our worldwide fellowship. None more or less equal than another.