

## *Newcomer Packets*

Beginning January 2010, District 32 instituted a grant program to supply newcomer packets to District 32 groups that are struggling financially. Grants are approved for quarterly supplies based on in-person requests in district meetings. Grants may be standing or short-term (one or two quarters to get a normally viable group over a rough patch, for instance). The decision to offer grants was based on a budget inventory taken of all district groups in 2008 in which the consensus of the district appeared to be 87% approval for helping to provide literature.

The pamphlets that are included in the District 32 grant newcomer packets are taken from the recommended list compiled by the SETA Literature Committee circa 2008. All are conference-approved and answer the basic three questions most AA newcomers ask:

- 1) What is Alcoholism?
- 2) What is AA?
- 3) What am I doing here?

Current Newcomer Packets come in bundles of 10 and contain the following titles:

- AA At a Glance
- Frequently Asked Questions About AA
- Understanding Anonymity
- Questions and Answers on Sponsorship
- A wallet-sized card of The Promises from p.83 of the Big Book

District 32 Committee meetings are held monthly at the Champions Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at noon.

Your district committee is here to help you carry the message.

*Thank you for allowing us to serve you.*