

Social Responsibilities Round Table

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A good newspaper reporter (as Clark Gable so abruptly stated to Doris Day in the film, Teacher's Pet) reports who, what, why, where, when and how. A Clearing house, on the other hand, should be the center link in the information transfer process (sound familiar?). In other words, information should be gathered from one or more groups, persons, or organizations and communicated to other groups, persons, or organizations. The medium by which the SRRT groups, persons, or organizations have chosen to communicate information is the SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE NEWSLETTER. The Newsletter, then, is set up to regulate (edit, if you will) the flow of information from one set to another set.

WhoWhatWhyWhenWhereHow are certainly bits of information, but certainly it is not all of the information needed by the group. And, the people on the Clearinghouse staff are not necessarily reporters. Reporters go out to investigate. the Clearinghouse people rely on others to report information while they act as a transmitter and regulator of information to be communicated from one set to another set.

Persons, groups (such as Task Forces), and organizations (such as Affiliates), have information to be passed on to concerned persons (such as librarians), other groups and other organizations. Sometimes I think they expect this information to be communicated by osmosis. This is not true of all

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