

# **Presentations to Professionals**

- Start by introducing yourself and telling about my experience with Oxford House. Keep it brief but let people know you are a recovering individual.
- Then explain that you are going to show the 60 minutes tape as it gives a great overview on Oxford House.
- When the tape is over I ask if there are any questions so far.
- At this time review the history of Oxford House in your state.
- Go over basics of how Oxford House works: officer positions, business meetings, caring and sharing, relapses and disruptive behavior, sample guidelines, probationary periods, and the interview process.
- If you were presenting to Treatment Professionals this is a time I would hand out the Directory and accompanying information. I go over criteria and explain that we understand that they may want some clients to go to a halfway house environment and that is OK. however Oxford House can be a very valuable place for people who are ready.
- Of primary interest to Treatment Professionals is the May '08 published book "Recovered Lives" from Harcourt Press. It reviews the results of the DePaul University study showing that Oxford House residents that spend six months in a House increased their probability of long term sobriety/recovery to 82% !
- Open for questions.