

News Gram

Oh yeah, it gets better than the Ninth Step Promises

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Step Ten: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

In the beginning, who among us knew the wonders of sobriety that lay ahead? After beginning to experience the reality of the Ninth Step Promises in our lives, who would have thought that two of the greatest promises of recovery lay nestled in the Tenth Step? That's right, the Tenth Step.

My problem, as I have learned, is me. Now my problem manifested itself in many ways, addiction and alcoholism, lying, stealing and trampling on the lives of others in the self-centered pursuit of that, which I believed I must have.

Far from being a "maintenance step", Step Ten is very much a growth step. The Big Book warns me that I must continue to enlarge my spiritual life and Step Ten is just

the trick.

It is where I must live my life day by day. Being prepared to live in Step Ten means that I am armed with knowledge of my character defects; am reasonably willing to have them removed; am aware of how I act in, and react to the circumstances of my daily life and having taken the first nine steps, my side of the street is reasonably clean.

Step Ten is where I really begin the lifelong process of growing into the people God would have us be. Sure, I did a lot of preparatory work prior to Step Ten but this is the point at which I truly have the opportunity to begin fulfilling God's vision for me. I identified and learned about the many character traits that I am equipped with – some good, some ugly.

Though much of my behavior has changed, I know that after years in recovery I still possess every single one of those character traits. How can that be? I'm not certain I have an answer except to say that "nothing in God's world happens by mis-

take".

My experience is that living day-to-day with my traits, good and bad, is God's gift of humanity to me. As a human being I am not perfect, will never be perfect or live with others who are perfect. I now understand that God loves us the way we are — imperfect.

A composite of steps four through nine that must be practiced daily, Step Ten is all about minimizing my bad traits and nurturing my good ones — about taking my imperfect self into the world and on a daily basis, trying to align my actions with God's will for me.

I have to exercise humility and restraint in my dealings with others to succeed. When agitated, I have to pause and seek guidance. I need to do this as things are happening.

Often times it is not possible for me to seek immediate guidance from my sponsor or another C.A. member; I must do the best I can to invite God into the situation and

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Notes from the WSO

Greetings from the World Service Office.

Well, now that both the convention and the conference are over for this year, you would think that these last few months would be a bit boring. Anything but.

First of all, I am pleased to announce that with the addition of Kathy Jo R. as Director No. 2, we again have a full WSO Board in place. If you went to the 2004 CAWS Convention at Universal City, you probably already know her. Her talent and enthusiasm on that committee was tremendous. Now we plan to put that talent and energy to work at the WSO. We are very grateful for her coming to us.

While we miss our former WSO Trustee, Elizabeth S. already, I must say that her replacement, Earl H. (the former Vice Chair of the WSOB) has really hit the ground running. It seems that in spite of running his own business full time, every time I turn around I hear about or see Earl being of service to either the WSO or the WSOBT.

The office itself has added additional staff with the addition of Mary Anne, who is directly assisting our Office Manager, Patty F. Welcome Mary Anne.

As the business of CA worldwide continues to grow, we continue to examine and evaluate how best we can serve all of the fellowships of CA, including those fellowships who speak languages other than English. Currently we have a WSO subcommittee, headed by Jon F., working on both improving current translations of our literature as well as what it will take to publish our literature in additional languages. This subcommittee is coordinating its efforts with a subcommittee of the Unity Committee of the World Service Conference.

In closing, I want to thank all of the fellowships for their continued financial support of the WSO. If you are not sure where your area or district stands in this regard, perhaps you might take a moment and look at the back cover of the Newsgram to see how your area or district is doing in donations to World Services. Individual contributions also are improving now that the contribution program is off the ground.

Thank you for all of your support.

Bob C.

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Service: Responsibility and Authority

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CONCEPT 10: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority - the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

In my opinion, this is one of the most powerful Concepts. It speaks to the power of the conference and the ultimate authority of the group conscience that sits at the conference. It speaks to the necessity to allow our WSBT to manage the affairs of C.A., defend the principles and name of C.A., and keep in touch with all levels of C.A. to verify that they are all working on the business of C.A.. It gives the World Service Office the ability to work on a day to day basis on the needs of the fellowship as a whole. It is the Concept that insists that the WSBT use their legal right to actively administer the affairs of C.A. as a whole.

It allows the WSBT to place trusted servants into positions as needed.

All of this said, it is extremely important that the Fellowship of C.A. be extremely mindful and conscious of putting the best possible candidates into the positions of WSBT, Conference Officers and Delegates. We are only as strong as our trusted servants we choose for these positions. I challenge the members of C.A. in Area Service Positions to find the best possible candidates for their delegates. The delegates are the people who could potentially be brought up in the service levels to the level of Trustee. When you choose a candidate for delegate ask yourselves, "Are they reliable", "Are they the best representative that we have for our Area?", "Is this person able to keep the welfare of C.A. as a whole as their primary purpose during their term as a delegate?" "Is this person going to be able to carry the message of the Conference back to the Area as well as bring the Area's needs to the Conference?" "Is this person honest, dependable, and without a personal agenda?" "Is this individual going to return from the conference, and support ALL decisions made at the conference? AS IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, even if they may have disagreed with the decision at the time of the vote."

There has been a great deal of comment recently as to what the WSBT can and should do. In addition, to being "Guardians of the Traditions," the WSBT must also look out for the financial welfare of

our fellowship. The WSBT must take into consideration all possible threats to C.A. in legal areas as well as the welfare of the fellowship. We have entrusted the WSBT to make difficult decisions, although not necessarily popular decisions, because they are our trusted servants.

On the same note, the WSBT has put into place the WSOB to handle the day to day business of C.A. as a whole. The WSOB answers to the WSBT, the World Service Conference and to the fellowship. It is important that we as a fellowship support the decisions of the WSOB and defend them and financially support them. The WSBT places the WSOB into position, then they stand back and allow the office to do its work. The WSBT is responsible to the fellowship of C.A. to verify and oversee that the WSOB is performing its responsibilities to the best of its abilities. Again, the WSBT is charged with finding the best possible candidates to serve on this board and work for our fellowship.

We as a fellowship, have chosen our WSBT, our delegates, our conference officers, and our conference chair people. We trust that they are doing their best for us and we trust that they are making sound decisions based on the information that they have. We are the members of C.A. that put our Trusted Servants into the positions that they hold now and we need to trust that they will look out for the best interest of C.A.

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Having had a Spiritual Awakening

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Step 12 “Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

The Big Book states that we should try to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people around us. It sounds a bit overwhelming but in reality, it's not.

The steps are in the order they are in for a reason. Before I can commence to grow, I have to realize I have a problem that I alone can not solve, step one. This admission gets me to a place where I can become willing to believe that there might be a Higher Power out there that can solve my problems, steps two-three.

My belief then gives me the strength and courage I need to take a moral inventory of myself and share it with another person, steps four and five.

My inventory shows me that my troubles are almost always of my own making. Even if it was simply putting myself between the dog and the fire hydrant.

I suddenly realize that it is not the world that needs to change, it is me, steps six-seven. Knowing this gives me the ability to begin righting the wrongs I have done to others, steps eight and nine.

Having worked steps one through nine gives me the experience I need to work the steps on a daily basis by taking responsibility for my own actions and no longer blaming everyone else for my problems. It helps me turn to my Higher Power each day asking that His

will be done, not mine, steps ten and eleven.

I believe the sunlight of the Spirit is always shining down on me. The problem is, I have spent my whole life building a brick wall around myself. Every time I lie, cheat, steal, or treat someone badly it's another brick in the wall.

The steps are the tools I need to tear down that wall so that the sunlight of the Spirit can come shining through. Once that happens I am then in a place where I can be more useful to God and the people around me, which at long last brings me to Step Twelve.

There are so many different ways to be of service.

The most obvious way is sponsorship, which is the most obvious. After all, what good is a spiritual experience if I am the only one who benefits from it? As they say, you

can't keep it unless you give it away. Sponsorship is simply guiding others thru the steps and being there for the addict or alcoholic who is suffering.

Another way is by going to meetings. I get asked a lot by non-addicts why I still need meetings. I feel it is my responsibility to continue going to meetings. If people stopped going to meetings after a few years sober, who would be there for the newcomer? Not only that, I want to go to meetings. I have gained so many true friendships in Cocaine Anonymous. I wouldn't want to give it up for anything!

Sometimes just by being at a meeting, I can be of service to someone without even realizing it... by sharing a smile, a hug or a kind word. When we share our experience, strength and hope

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Tales from a Convention Junkie

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Editor's Note: This is the first part of a multi-part article, which will present a member's view of the conventions.

My name is Mike Pine, alcoholic, addict. Our 11th Tradition says we need to maintain our personal anonymity at the level of press: I don't consider our NewsGram an open press, so I am comfortable using my full name with my fellow addicts.

I have been fortunate enough to keep a promise I made to myself almost 20 years ago. When I went to the first World Service Convention in March of 1985, I promised myself that I would go to every such convention. And I have. I have been to every WSO Convention from that one through the last one in Universal City last May. Alan from Santa Fe is my runner-up: he has been to all but one.

The WSO Conventions are a fund raiser for our office. Our office helps carry the message to the addict who still suffers. There has been such enthusiasm and unity generated during these yearly events that I see that as a function just as important as the money generated.

The very first convention was at Seaside, in Santa Barbara Calif. and I had seven months clean and sober. This first convention had a theme called, SEASIDE, UNITY, AND ACCEPTANCE. The theme evolved over time and took on the theme of the steps later. The dates of the conventions changed too. This was the only one held in March. This was the best convention I had ever been to... and it was the only

convention I had ever been to clean and sober. There were so many people there that I grew to love and still know. I have memories of that weekend that I will always value. There was laughter and fellowship and information about my disease. I went to the business meeting held at the convention and found out like a good addict that I wanted to find out more and more about this organization. I was going to meetings at home every night, but was intrigued with a national participation.

The second convention was in San Diego, Calif. on the Fourth of July weekend in 1986. The theme



of that convention was HOPE, FAITH AND COURAGE. That was not an approved theme yet for the fellowship, but that would happen at the third Conference in Woodland Hills, Calif. in 1987. The Fourth of July was to be the date for the next conventions until it was changed to Memorial Day weekend in 1990 with the Phoenix, Ariz. convention. The second convention was much larger than the first, but there were so many of the same people, all

staying clean and sober and starting new meetings in their area. The HOPE, FAITH AND COURAGE seemed to be in everyone's conversation and I could feel those principles really working in our lives. The only thing that happened that I didn't like was the fog came in and we could not see the fireworks.

The third convention, OUT OF THE FOG, was held in my area, in San Francisco, Calif. 1987. I related to that theme too. There was no more fog in my head. I was growing and feeling and being restored to some degree of sanity. It was a great convention with more

people and events happening than we had seen yet. It was not a lot of fun for me. Everything was well organized and the speakers, entertainment and hotel were over the top. The growth during the previous convention was amazing. There were jobs for so many people from my area and everyone was on the go the whole time. The reason I didn't have much fun, was that I spent almost the entire convention in a small windowless room counting money. I was the treasurer for the convention, with two years and 10 months

sober. After the convention I went with my girlfriend who had eleven months on a train with more than 35K in cash. We did not have the controls and security procedures in place then that we have now. Thanks to my Higher Power and my willingness to service, CAWSO received every last penny of the money from the duffel bag. My girlfriend told me the band was a well known band, and peo-

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ple danced sober and had a great time. I better add that, that girlfriend has been my wife for 11 years and she is still clean and sober too.

By the time the fourth convention came around the theme of relating to the Steps was in place. UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT was the theme of the Chicago, Ill. convention. The Chicago fellowship threw a great party and even more people were there than had been in attendance the previous year. The hotel was beautiful and the meetings were huge. I remember thinking Cocaine Addicts know how to party in style.

A year later the convention was in New York... theme the STEPS TO LIBERTY... which meant the freedom to be searching and fearless. There was something very special about the mood of the attendees at the convention. Whenever someone identified themselves the New York group would yell out "we love you." One of the events was a cruise around Manhattan. The whole boat was full of addicts, and when we came around and saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time, we all rushed to that side of the

boat, but enough rushed back and we sailed on. The convention was at the Grand Hyatt, very close to Grand Central Station. There were a lot of contrasts in that neighborhood about people in the disease and people in recovery. I was and still am grateful for sobriety above all else.

The convention came back to the West for the sixth convention and the date was changed to Memorial Day weekend for the first time. The host city was Phoenix and they blew out all the stops. The theme was ADMISSION TO FREEDOM. It was held at the historic old Biltmore Hotel, before the renovations. There were hundreds of clean addicts living in the nineties, but feeling like we were visiting another era by being at the hotel. Frank Lloyd Wright designed the hotel and it evokes a lot of nostalgia. I thought of The Promises and knew they were coming true in my life. We took a side trip to Sedona and laughed the whole way there and back. I think this convention was the largest and most profitable to date at that time.



Ne'er the Two Shall Mix

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Tradition Six: A C.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the C.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

I would first of all like to thank God and the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous for this opportunity. It's an honor to be asked to share my experience with the Traditions.



There is really no way to successfully connect the C.A. name to any endeavor other than our own without offending someone. Given the fact that stepping on the toes of my fellows is not acceptable behavior for me today, this Tradition clearly outlines to me the need that whenever I share my experience, voice my opinion or to venture out in any direction, I must make up my mind either to be a grateful recovered member of our fellowship or speaking for myself. Never for the

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do as I believe God would have me do.

This is where I grow — performing on-the-spot self-appraisal and trying to act appropriately.

Am I being selfish, self-centered, self-righteous, resentful, or dishonest? What am I afraid of?

Step Ten is less of a reflective activity for me than it is a proactive, in the here-and-now, means for me to practice a code of love and tolerance.

Make no mistake though evening reflection is still an important part of Step Ten for me.

The reason is that I practice all this on-the-spot self-appraisal stuff about as well as you might expect — not very. It is in this reflection that I am also able to see things I have done well.

When I find that I have been out of line, I try to correct those things as quickly as possible.

Any amends must be followed by a sincere effort to change the offending behavior. This effort to change is again more growth for me.

So yes, all my character traits still exist. It is Step Ten that allows me to learn to live in harmony with them and bring them in line with God's will for me.

I began by mentioning that I believe Step Ten is the gateway to two particularly preeminent Program promises. Through applying the spiritual tool that is Step Ten, sanity in my life has returned and the problem of cocaine has been removed.



Spotlight on Unity

Personal Recovery Depends Upon C.A. Unity

By DAVID B.
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About a week after last year's World Service Conference, my son and his wife became the proud parents of Jacob. He is our first grandchild and my wife volunteered to help baby-sit as soon as Jacob's mom was ready to go back to work. I was not too thrilled at the prospect of taking on infant care duties now that we are both retired. I had other dreams of how we were meant to spend our lives, finally out of the "Rat Race."

You know, a trip to Europe, golf lessons, a cruise to Alaska... Imagine my dismay when in December, we had Jacob two days a week for eight to ten hours each day. By February, Jacob was six months old and our commitment had grown to three days a week with a weekend or two as well!

My dismay, by now, had turned into a full-blown, smoldering resentment! "Why?," I thought, "should I give up my meetings, my at-home visits with my sponsees, my volunteer work at church to have them substituted with poopie diapers, naps, bottles and baby toys under foot?" Besides, who was now supposed to help me with our two overactive dogs? Why weren't my concerns being taken into consideration?

My precious serenity was quickly becoming a memory. Once again, I found the solution to this dilemma in

the Big Book, the Steps, my sponsor and the fellowship. While walking a sponsee through his fifth step, as I read page 62 of the Big Book, the light came on. Maybe my resentment had more to do with me than with them? Further on page 74, the Big Book suggested I go to that "Understanding Person" who is not involved. "Yes!" I thought, "Surely my sponsor would sympathize and console." That phone conversation was, as always, short and to the point. Where was I being selfish, self-centered, fearful, and inconsiderate? Perhaps some serious and honest prayer might set my mind at ease, he suggested. It always seemed to work for him, he said.

Finally, I took his advice and shared my on going "Jacob Experience" at my meetings. The fellowship provided the final "course-correction" that I needed to move me out of my self pity. Somehow, every single person I talked to said the same things: 1. Make a gratitude list and reconsider my situation. 2. Recognize how my mental attitude was blocking me from the Sunlight of the Spirit. 3. Offer my actions as an instrument, without the bondage of self.

The solution I needed was once again, not what I thought I wanted. Thank you, C.A., for your united response!



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two to be mixed. For me this really isn't as difficult as one might think. As a child of God, trusting and relying upon Him through prayer and meditation allows for the conscious awareness of the Principles associated with the Traditions and their presence in my life.

When looking at Tradition Six I would like to cite an example out of my experience. My home group was selling T-shirts as a way to raise some money for our group and area. Some of the group wanted to place our shirts for sale in the storefront of the small café where we were holding our meeting. After some discussion, it was agreed that if we did this we would be in violation of Traditions Six and Seven. With the shirts on display in the store we would have just lent the C.A. name to a store that was in business selling religious items, of a couple of different faiths. Now then, the message that is conveyed here could be interpreted a couple of ways:

On one hand, one could think you have to belong to one of the faiths to belong to C.A. Or if someone disagrees with one of the faiths, they may connect C.A. with that sect or denomination and not seek the help we offer as a result. Then, on the other hand, if someone doesn't like the store, store owners or the merchandise sold there, they could connect some of the negative opinions they have to C.A. None of the examples listed are for the betterment of Cocaine Anonymous. We must also be careful not to become affiliated with any other cause. There is always the possibility that the other cause, facility or enterprise may try to influence the message and literature we use to accomplish our primary purpose. Also, any cause, facility or enterprise that fails due to any reason, legal or not, could shed a negative light on C.A., when C.A. as whole had nothing to do with the daily operations. It's been my personal experience that when I'm

concentrating on money or other material things or when I'm too busy "resting on my laurels" and worrying about getting credit for them, then I'm not seeking to enlarge my spiritual status and therefore could very easily miss an opportunity to participate in our primary purpose.

As a humble servant leader, respecting the 12 Traditions is as important to me as living the 12 Steps. I mean, the Traditions are in place to ensure that I don't run riot, doing what I want to do, thinking that I know what's best, or not, for C.A. as a whole. I use them as a check point. An opportunity to show some humility, to be able to be okay with the fact that not all of my ideas are the greatest thoughts since sliced bread! I would like to leave you with a question that was posed to me recently, "What Tradition are you living today?" May God bless you and peace be yours as well.



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with others, it shows them they are not alone, that others have felt the way they feel and lived through it and that they too can live a life filled with hope, faith and courage.

Yet another way is through committee work. There is a saying in my area that 10% of the people do 90% of the work. I believe this is true.

Committee work is probably the least desirable of all service work, yet it seems to be the one I like the most. The home-group meetings, districts, areas, and World Service Committees need secretaries, treasurers and chairpersons.



How do newcomers discover that you can still have fun and be clean and sober? They go to sober dances, picnics and conventions. Who puts these on? They don't happen on their own. Who answers the phone lines? Who orders the chips and literature? Who writes the literature? Who brings meetings into hospitals and institutions?

There are committees responsible for putting on these events made up of volunteers who are giving back to the fellowship that so freely gave to them.

One of the great things about committee work is that it has given me

the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. It didn't happen over night of course. It started when I was a newcomer and was elected secretary of my home-group. That experience gave me the courage to join the Entertainment Committee, which puts on dances. I would greet people at the door and as a result I got to know people from all around the valley. Before I knew it I found myself attending the District meeting. I eventually got the opportunity to become a World Service Delegate, where I got to meet people from all around the world.

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I now have friends all around the country, in England and in Canada. How amazing is that? I went from a shy, introverted girl, to an outgoing, well-liked, depending on who you ask, woman.

Sometimes I sit back and marvel "how is this my life?" It seems like I have gotten to live two separate lives in one. The one I live now is infinitely better than the one I lived before.

I am so grateful for every step in the 12-Step Program, because it is a combination of all the steps that has made me a better person. That has made it possible to look in the mirror without shame or guilt.

Don't get me wrong, I still screw things up badly at times, but as long as I continue to learn and grow from these mistakes, I can continue to be happy, joyous and free.



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The C.A. World Service Conference 2004 ended this year approximately 15 minutes early but this by no means indicates that the Conference ran short on topics or business items that could have been debated and discussed! A short summary for those that have not yet received the information brought back by your Area Delegate(s):

- ◆ Four new C.A. Areas are approved: Hong Kong, Scotland, Holland and Sweden;
- ◆ Newly Selected Trustees: Carl W. - Pacific South Region; Bobbie H. - Trustee At Large; Earl H. - World Service Office;
- ◆ The new site selection for CAWS Convention 2006 was approved for Houston, Texas;
- ◆ Site selection for CAWS Convention 2008 was approved for Salt Lake City, Utah;
- ◆ Approval of the new H&I video for education and outreach;
- ◆ New literature was approved: "Having Fun in Recovery," "Tips for Staying Clean and Sober," and a "Newcomer Booklet";
- ◆ Selection of a new C.A. World Service Conference Chair, Steve E. and Vice Chair Kevin M.;
- ◆ The Conference also passed an Advisory Opinion which reads as follows: "The book 'AA Service Manual combined with the 12 Concepts of World Service' is a valuable tool of recovery and service, and as such, it is the opinion of Cocaine Anonymous that meetings and service meetings within the fellowship should be allowed to have this book available to support the members in their recovery."

Specific to the Board of Trustees, I wish to thank the outgoing Trustees, Elizabeth S., Jahi B., and Ken C., for their service to Cocaine Anonymous. Their love and dedication to the Fellowship has been truly demonstrated by their efforts and they will be missed. On the other side, the newly elected Trustees each bring an equal level of dedication and enthusiasm which will allow the current Board of Trustees to move forward with the many new and existing projects and business matters before us. One new project that will be getting focus is assisting the LCF committee in obtaining additional stories for the second volume of "Hope, Faith and Courage." This project along with some of our Long Term Planning will include reaching out to our former Trustees and Conference Trusted Servants for help and guidance.

In closing, the WSBT would like to recognize the outgoing World Service Conference Chair, Scott S., for his many, many years of service to Cocaine Anonymous. Scott has held many service positions in past years including: Chair, World Service Office Board and Chair, C.A. World Service Conference. Scott is a world-class expert in terms of the World Service Manual, Robert's Rules of Order, Parliamentary Procedure and the 12 Concepts of Service. He has done a GREAT job and will be missed. Thank you for all you have given to Cocaine Anonymous.



7th Tradition Donations

July - September 2004

State	Group Name/City	Amount
Alabama		
	A Day and A Life Group	\$ 100.00
	Second Freedom Group of CA	\$ 25.00
Arizona		
	Anonymous- Gilbert	\$ 500.00
	CA of Arizona	\$ 385.94
	Cocanuts - Tucson	\$ 9.00
	Crack of Dawn - Phoenix	\$ 10.00
	Saturday Night Live - Tempe	\$ 345.53
	Sun Valley Intergroup	\$ 300.00
Arkansas		
	Arkansas Area CA	\$ 150.00
California		
	Anonymous- Los Angeles	\$ 303.00
	Bagels By the Beach - Malibu	\$ 30.00
	CA Inland Empire- Riverside	\$ 250.00
	CA Sonoma County Intergroup	\$ 45.00
	CALA	\$ 2,000.00
	CALA Long Beach/Compton	\$ 1,266.54
	CALA South Central District	\$ 1,312.00
	CALA Westside Hollywood District - Los Angeles	\$ 1,093.49
	Campvention 2004	\$ 534.63
	Central California CA	\$ 103.00
	Eastside Earlybird Attitude Adj - Long Beach	\$ 200.00
	Grateful In Granada	\$ 102.34
	La Eleccion Y El Cambio - Los Angeles	\$ 20.00
	Lost & Found - Bakersfield	\$ 25.00
	Monday Night - La Jolla	\$ 30.00
	New Life Meeting of CA - Carson	\$ 55.00
	One Step at a Time - Los Angeles	\$ 50.00
	Orange County CA	\$ 700.00
	San Gabriel - Pomona Valleys CA	\$ 378.71
	South Bay Service District - San Jose	\$ 500.00
	Speak Easy - Los Angeles	\$ 20.00
	WSOB Meeting - Los Angeles	\$ 57.00
Connecticut		
	CA District 3	\$ 190.00

State	Group Name/City	Amount
Colorado		
	Anonymous - Pueblo	\$ 10.00
	Coconuts - Denver	\$ 66.44
	Crossroads - Wheatridge	\$ 40.00
	Denver District	\$ 254.21
	Denver District Meeting	\$ 38.25
	Dragon's Den - Denver	\$ 55.00
	Nirvana - Denver	\$ 80.00
	Promises - Denver	\$ 90.00
	Relapse Prevention 101 - Denver	\$ 5.00
Florida		
	Straight with no chaser - Ft Myers	\$ 20.00
	Dade, Broward, Palm Beach District	\$ 22.00
Georgia		
	CA Miracles	\$ 182.61
	Cocanut - Lawrenceville	\$ 96.00
	End of the Line - Lilburn	\$ 205.30
	Today's Hope - Eastpoint	\$ 72.83
	Tucker Turtles - Atlanta	\$ 90.00
	Westside CA	\$ 25.00
Idaho		
	Magic Valley CA District Unity Day	\$ 200.00
	Needle Points - Twin Falls	\$ 9.50
Illinois		
	CA St Matts	\$ 15.00
	Day Time Connection	\$ 35.00
	Hope, Faith & Courage - Normal	\$ 25.00
	Forever Free - Bloomington	\$ 10.00
	Illinois Area	\$ 1,558.91
	Northwest Suburban District	\$ 1,409.77
	South & West District	\$ 400.66
Indiana		
	Ft. Wayne H&I	\$ 142.50
	Ft. Wayne CA	\$ 270.00
Iowa		
	C.A. District 1 - Des Moines	\$ 50.00
Kansas		
	Kansas City District PI - Kansas City	\$ 1.50
Louisiana		
	BRDCA - Baton Rouge District	\$ 139.68
Massachusetts		
	CAMI - Massachusetts Area CA	\$ 75.00



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Michigan		
	Central Michigan Area CA	\$ 20.00
	Lansing District CA	\$ 20.00
Minnesota		
	C.A. Of Minnesota	\$ 60.00
Missouri		
	Into the Light - St Charles	\$ 19.50
	St. Louis District	\$ 58.35
	Mens Meeting	\$ 39.00
	Working with Others - Kansas City	\$ 60.00
Nebraska		
	CA of Nebraska - Omaha	\$ 299.55
New York		
	Last Straw Meeting - Queens	\$ 48.00
	Return to Life - Queens, Flushing	\$ 20.00
	Sober Toast	\$ 60.00
	Wed. Night Church in the Garden - Queens	\$ 15.00
Ohio		
	Monday Night Living Sober - Toledo	\$ 50.00
	Columbus District of CA	\$ 46.60
Oklahoma		
	End of the Line - Tulsa	\$ 41.10
	Oklahoma Southern District - Oklahoma City	\$ 500.00
Pennsylvania		
	Common Solution Group - Camp Hill	\$ 75.00
	Moon Friday Night	\$ 30.00
Texas		
	Anonymous - Austin	\$ 100.00
	Big Time CA Mtgs. Of Uvald	\$ 4.50
	Step Sisters - Austin	\$ 100.00
	Texas Area Service Committee	\$ 1,853.00
	Texas Valley Area	\$ 520.00
Utah		
	Speedbumps	\$ 19.05
Washington		
	WA State District 3	\$ 150.00
Wisconsin		
	First Things First - Milwaukee	\$ 34.90
	Razors Edge - Big Bend	\$ 141.00
	Sunday Night Strength CA - Milwaukee	\$ 315.00

State	Group Name/City	Amount
International		
Canada		
	Southern Ontario Area	\$ 500.00
United Kingdom		\$ 1,000.00
	CA UK	\$ 1,000.00
Birthday		
	Come Alive - Torrance	\$ 195.00
Regional		
	SWR Regional Caucus	\$ 13.00
WCP		
	World Contribution Program	\$ 828.00
Total		\$ 24,071.89

Corrections:

In the previous issue of the NewsGram we inadvertently placed the KC District, \$29 and Working With Others - Kansas City, \$40 in the Kansas Area. Both are in the Missouri Area.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thank you,

NewsGram staff

If you find other errors in this financial report please contact the NewsGram staff at: newsgram@ca.org.



Calendar of Events

"Miracles Among Us"

9th Annual CA of Wisconsin Area
Convention Feb. 4-6, 2005
Radisson Milwaukee Hotel Airport
Milwaukee Wisc.
Registration: Rick D.
(414) 350-5146
Outreach: Ken W.
(414) 934-0002

Promises

15th Annual Oregon & SW
Washington Area Convention
Feb. 4-6, 2005 DoubleTree
Hotel Portland, Ore.
Chairperson: De S.
(503) 997-0220
Registration: Paul H
(503) 784-2683

Serenity is the Best High

13th Annual San Gabriel / Pomona
Valley Area Convention
Feb. 10-13, 2005
Riverside Resort & Casino
Laughlin, Nev.
Chairperson: John C.
(818) 429-4969
Registration: Regina H.
(626) 644-3252

Sober and Alive in 2005

Illinois Area Unity Conven-
tion March 4-6, 2005
Ramada Plaza Hotel
Rosemont, Ill.
Chairperson: Tim A
(630) 759-4597
Registration: Sandy P.
(224) 305-0133

Trudging the Road

Oklahoma Area Convention
March 11-13, 2005
Days Inn Northwest
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Chairperson: Barry H.
(405) 209-4887
Hotel Liaison Iris C.
(405) 848-5417

"Thus We Grow"

13th Annual CA UK
Convention April 1-3, 2005
The Hilton Brighton
Metropole Brighton, UK
Registration: Philip L.
+44 (0) 7932-092-301or
convention.registration@cauk.
org.UK Outreach: Julie P.
convention.info@cauk.org.uk

Don't Be a Fool

Pacific North Regional
Convention 2005 April 1-3, 2005
Cal Neva Virginian Hotel
Reno, Nev.
Registration: Mark N
(775) 327-4354
Hotel Liaison: Dan D
(775) 232-5323

A Vision for You

15th Ohio Area Convention
April 22-24, 2005
Holiday Inn Boardman
Youngstown, Ohio
Chairperson: Ray D.
(330) 782-4146
Treasurer Ted C.
(330) 797-0272

Rendezvous OnThe River

21st Annual World Service Convention

May 26-30, 2005
Memphis Marriott
Memphis, Tenn.
Chairperson: Eddie H.
(901) 332-7874
Registration: Ricky J.
(901) 569-4572

Humility Is The Key To Freedom

CANV Convention
July 22-24, 2005
Texas Station Gam-
bling Hall & Hotel
North Las Vegas, Nev.
Chairperson: Michael K.
(702) 631-2247
Registration: Aisha B.
(702) 250-1554

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