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How Will You Celebrate?

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November 18, 2007 marks 25 years from the date of the very first meeting of Cocaine Anonymous. As related in "Our Hope, Faith and Courage" (featured in both *Hope, Faith & Courage* and the soon-to-be-released *Hope, Faith & Courage Volume II*):

"In November 1982, ... I received a call ... to inform me of an A.A. meeting at the Motion Picture and Television Fund, in Hollywood, California, that was to take place on the following Tuesday. The topic was to be drugs, especially cocaine. Apparently, the Motion Picture and Television Fund had been flooded with calls from members and others, seeking help for cocaine addiction. Despite the fact that the community at large still considered cocaine to be a nonaddictive drug, there seemed to be an epidemic of nonaddicted, addicted people.

I was very excited at the prospect of this meeting. I had been addicted to cocaine, alcohol, pills, psychedelics, opiates, and anything else I could get my hands on. The thought of a forum in which men and women could discuss the solutions of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in relation to their common experience of bondage to cocaine was most intriguing to me.

The meeting ... quickly took on an electrifying new dimension. Words like basing, snorting, shooting, copping, scoring, dealing, paranoia, and depression went flying around the room with heads nodding and bursts of laughter—our way of expressing the fact that we relate. One member shared about snorting lint from a shag carpet while searching for a rock.

Another talked of the desperate feelings of seeing the light come through the corners of the sheets covering the windows, hearing the deafening sound of the morning birds, and of wanting to take his .45 magnum and "waste" those birds; but being afraid to go outside the house because "they" might be out there.



Just prior to the close of this meeting, it was suggested that we take a group conscience to turn this Alcoholics Anonymous meeting into a completely new Twelve-Step program, and call it Cocaine Anonymous. This motion, which sounded like a wonderful idea to me, was quickly voted down. I remember being upset at the time, only to realize later that my thinking had been incorrect; turning an A.A. meeting into a C.A. meeting would have completely disregarded the Twelve Traditions. We would have been trying to turn an apple into an orange. Although they have much in common, they are simply different fruits.

Directly after the meeting that evening, it occurred to a few of us that there was plenty of room and time for both apples and oranges. This was a Tuesday night. We were told by our friend at the Motion Picture and Television Fund that if we returned on Thursday night, there would be a room for us.

Two days later we returned with great anticipation. Approximately twenty members; men and women, newcomers and old-timers from all walks

of life, sat in silence at the sound of knuckles hitting the top of a wooden table. A voice I will never forget said, "Welcome to the first Cocaine Anonymous meeting. My name is _____, and I'm an addict and an alcoholic. Cocaine Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from their addiction." At that moment, you could have heard a pin drop. There was electricity in that room. I believe that as a group, we intuitively knew that something very important had happened, an event that would not just affect our lives, but the lives of countless others for years to come."

Does your local Fellowship have a celebration scheduled? If not, there's still time to arrange one! You
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Trustee Corner

Who Said Trustees Don't Do Anything?

**By Hayward H.
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In my initial year on the World Service Board of Trustees (WSBT), acclimating to the "we" concept of things was my first adjustment. Any statement I made would no longer be my personal opinion. Everything would now be "the Trustee said this" or "it came from the WSBT." Additionally, attendance at the quarterly WSBT meetings, which included Board-to-Board meetings with the World Service Office Board (WSOB), and participating in quarterly conference calls were other new functions to be incorporated into my schedule. Teaming up with other Trustee members to work on agenda items and working together to answer the large volume of e-mails received from the Fellowship have also been added to my list of service responsibilities. This does not include the service work that I already do for my personal recovery.

The Trustees have to prepare quarterly reports, WSBT subcommittee reports and World Service Conference (WSC) Committee reports. We work with the WSC Committee Chairs to assist them in keeping their respective committees active throughout the year, working on post-Conference referrals or those referrals held back in committee. We also maintain communication with the WSC Committee to stay updated with their progress, through online groups and/or by conference calls. Trustees also participate in and heavily contribute to the yearly World Service Convention and Conference.

As the World Service Trustee (WST), I assist in finalizing contracts for goods and services, along with the hotel contracts for the Convention and Conference. Another responsibility assigned to this position is to assist with any trademark renewals, and to help provide protection for the CA logo and trademark in newly formed areas. The WST is also an active Director on the WSOB, which meets twice monthly with its own set of agenda items. Presently in my second year, I am also the WSBT Secretary.

Now who said that Trustees don't do anything? With still plenty of time to serve at this level, through it all, it has been one of the best growing experiences I have ever had and I will cherish these memories forever.

Note from the WSO

World Service Conference 2007: “Each One, Reach One, Teach One”

The theme for this year's World Service Conference in Los Angeles, “Each One, Reach One, Teach One,” describes the simple, yet breathtaking gift of sobriety. Simply put, each member, reaching out to another addict and sharing the miracle of recovery that we have found in Cocaine Anonymous.

Each August, over the Labor Day weekend, delegations of trusted servants from across the globe travel to Los Angeles, California, carrying with them the trust and confidence of their Regions and Areas as they participate in one of the most amazing and exciting events in our Fellowship's service structure.

Essentially serving as our annual business meeting, the World Service Conference is the effective voice of our entire worldwide Fellowship. The work completed each year represents the natural result of our Second Tradition (“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”), and in that spirit, fashions the foundation for all World Service business matters in the form of our World Service Manual as well as other works.

This annual Conference event not only welcomes the well-established Regions, but also new and emerging Groups and Areas who may petition the Conference for their recognition and inclusion as a Region in future Conferences ... and thus we grow. New needs and opportunities for C.A.'s growth are introduced each year in the form of referrals for the World Service Conference Committees' consideration, and from these important suggestions other amazing work comes to life in the form

of new literature and guidelines for outreach, as well as the election of our Conference officers and Board of Trustees. It may surprise you to learn, however, that all members of the Fellowship are welcome to participate by registering and attending and/or working throughout the year on one of the many WSC Committees, such as Hospitals & Institutions or Literature, Chips and Format. Only those previously elected to voting positions may vote, but if you are a C.A. member and happen to be in the vicinity of Los Angeles during Conference week, and if you would like to get involved, we will be happy to put you to work.

Perhaps you are a professional person with a special skill and the time to lend us a hand. Perhaps you have a knack for numbers and could lend a hand with the planning of our budgets and finances. It's possible for you to make a difference. Actually, one of the most amazing outcomes of the Conference in recent years is the World Service Contribution Program, developed by the WSC Finance Committee. This program allows members to directly support the efforts of the World Service Office and its essential role in carrying the C.A. message to people all over the globe. More information about the Contribution Program may be found on our website at www.ca.org, as well as on the enrollment form included on page 5 of this NewsGram. This is the most direct and immediate way you can help support C.A.

Please join with us in spirit as we once again welcome our friends and fellows to Los Angeles, California, for an exciting week of growth and unity, as we work together to continue to carry the C.A. message to a global recovery community.

Much love and many thanks to you all,

John B.
World Service Office Board Chairperson

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could start by sharing this article at the next business meeting of your group, District or Area and then exchanging ideas. You could have an elaborate celebration, such as a speaker meeting and dance, or you could simply gather the Fellowship before or after a regularly scheduled meeting the weekend of November 18th. No matter what form it may take, an anniversary celebration is an excellent opportunity to increase unity. It can also help fulfill our fund-raising needs, whether through contributions or memorabilia sales (the World Service Office will have commemorative memorabilia available for sale at the Conference).

Another way to mark the occasion would be to share your own experience of C.A.'s early days by submitting an article to the NewsGram. Even if you didn't find our Fellowship until years or even decades later, you could write about what C.A. means to you.

Whatever form of celebration we choose, whether it's attending a Fellowship function, writing an article, or simply communing with the Higher Power of our own understanding, let's all make time to commemorate this milestone in C.A.'s growth by expressing our gratitude for Cocaine Anonymous.

Conference Approved Literature

By the World Service Board of Trustees

Each month, the Board of Trustees is asked to respond to questions pertaining to the propriety of using literature which has not been approved by the C.A. World Service Conference. In response, we refer members of our Fellowship to our own C.A. World Service Manual, which sets forth the following on page 12 (2007 edition):

Cocaine Anonymous groups, meetings and service committees should only use, display, distribute or sell the following literature and materials: the WSC Approved Literature set forth in the Appendix, the books "ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS," "TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS," and "The A.A. Service Manual, combined with the 12 Concepts For World Service," and Cocaine Anonymous World Service, Region, Area, District and group/meeting approved flyers, meeting directories and other materials ...

Requests ask why groups or Fellowship members can't use books at C.A. meetings such as *The Little Red Book*, any of the daily reflection/meditation books, speaker tapes from well-known A.A. speakers, even other A.A. or recovery-based materials. These requests present very powerful arguments, often referring to the "Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous, the *12 and 12* and even the *AA Service Manual*.

The World Service Conference passed the following Advisory Opinion on August 20, 1989: "The books *Alcoholics Anonymous* and the *12 Steps and 12 Traditions* of Alcoholics Anonymous are two of our most valuable tools of recovery, and as such, it is the opinion of Cocaine Anonymous that meetings should be allowed to have these books available to support members and their recovery." On September 4, 2004, the World Service Conference passed the following Advisory Opinion: The book *The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with the 12 Concepts for World Service* is a valuable tool of recovery in 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."

When we look at the propriety of using non-Conference-approved materials, we are guided by the Steps, Traditions and Concepts as well as the writings within the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We also look to the Fourth Tradition, which provides that "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or C.A. as a whole." The inquiry becomes, therefore, whether the use of and reading from these non-Conference-approved materials in meetings or groups is appropriate, or whether such action(s) affect other groups, districts, areas or C.A. as a whole.

We are further guided by the long form of the Fourth Tradition, which provides in part: "And no group, regional

committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect [C.A.] as a whole without conferring with the trustees ... On such issues our common welfare is paramount." Also, in the narrative text of the Fourth Tradition (page 147), the inquiry seems to turn to whether the action taken would "greatly" injure C.A. as a whole. In that same paragraph is the notion that the group's sole objective has to be "sobriety," and "In all other respects there was perfect freedom of will and action. Every group had the right to be wrong."

So we begin this analysis by referencing the language cited from our World Service Manual on page 12 which sets forth specifically which items and writings "should" be used, displayed, distributed or sold by groups, meetings and service committees. Clearly, if the reading/writing that the group/meeting/committee wants to use is not on the Conference-approved list contained in the Manual's Appendix, and there has been no advisory opinion to date authorizing its reference and use, the subject materials should not be used. The World Service Conference recently voted to insert the language on page 12 of the WSM using the word "should." That language as cited, therefore, is the clear conscience of our entire Fellowship regardless of whether we, as a Board, or any member of the Fellowship or group argues or decides whether the word "should" is suggestive, as some members of the Fellowship argue, or directive, as others might argue. The intent and spirit of including that paragraph was and is to set a base level of appropriate materials and readings for ALL groups of C.A. throughout our world.

Having said that, though, the inquiry for our Board is whether the use by groups of non-Conference-approved literature affects other groups, districts, areas, or C.A. as a whole. Further, we must then ask whether that use might or did serve to "greatly" affect C.A. as a whole. This inquiry then relates to the first part of our First Tradition as to whether our common welfare is impacted.

So the challenge with such literature being used by groups is two-fold: first, it is not C.A. Conference approved; and second, its use might be construed to imply affiliation between C.A. and the non-approved materials or even other related materials. We are of the view that the use of non-Conference-approved literature by groups or meetings greatly affects C.A. as a whole and that our common welfare is impacted by use of these materials at C.A. meetings and events. We also are deeply concerned about the message of any group, meeting or service body at any level using non-Conference-approved materials.

If any group, member of our Fellowship, or service body desires to seek approval of any non-Conference-approved literature for use within our C.A. Fellowship, please have them bring the matter to the World Service Conference for consideration.

World Service Contribution Program

Cocaine Anonymous World Services depends on the financial support provided by individual members, groups, committees, Districts and Areas. We use your contributions as efficiently as possible, to maximize the services we are able to provide to addicts throughout the world. When you participate in the World Service Contribution Program, you ensure that we are able to serve the needs of those in our Fellowship, and reach even more with our message of Hope, Faith and Courage. And because your Contribution Program gifts are conveniently transferred by your bank from your checking account, savings account, debit card, or credit card account directly to the World Service Office, your contributions go farther than ever before. The C.A. World Service Contribution Program is safe, secure and confidential. You have complete control of the process, because you specify the amount of your contributions, and when they are made. You can always increase, decrease or suspend your participation at any time by writing the World Service Office. And your contributions may be tax deductible (consult your tax advisor). To help the C.A. World Service Office meet the needs of members, groups, areas and addicts still suffering, please fill out the authorization form below, attach a voided check or deposit slip (if necessary), and mail everything to the address shown. Thank you for your support.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT (ACH DEBITS)

YES! As a member of C.A., I want to participate in the C.A. World Service Contribution Program to help keep C.A. World Services going strong!

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(The complete World Service Contribution Program brochure, which includes this form, is available for download at www.ca.org/contribute.html)

PI Corner

Letting our Communities Know “We’re Here and We’re Free”™

By Russell S.
CAUK PI Committee

I met the requirement for membership five years before finding Cocaine Anonymous and I thank God I found us in time. Would it have made any difference to my life if I had found us earlier? Well, that I’ll never know, but I can’t help giving it much thought.

After working with my sponsor for a while, I voiced my ongoing resentment at that time. This particular resentment was with earlier members of C.A. “Why didn’t they tell me how to find C.A.?” or “Why didn’t my doctor suggest C.A.?” and “How come I never saw the info line poster at the needle exchange?” Never one to miss his opportunity, my sponsor suggested I help out putting up posters, stating that this is where my experience can benefit others. He said, “Why not go to those places that you never saw a poster (but should have) and ask if you can put one up?” Who’d have thought that simple suggestion would start my journey in PI service - and what a great journey.

I walked away from that first District meeting with a box full of posters, a PI workbook and some numbers of members who had some experience of doing PI. I thought they gave me their numbers to help out, but as I write this, I realize they wanted to make sure I let them know what I was up to! Self will run riot, but I didn’t think so ...

Two weeks later four of us sat on the floor in my lounge planning our campaign to inform the world about C.A. I look back at this time and smile; thank God we had that workbook and enough sense to read it.

We got busy in small steps, going out in pairs putting up posters. Then, after a couple of months, we got pamphlets, posters and an intro letter and sent out packs to every drug & alcohol agency our locality. I don’t remember how many we sent but it was near 100. The letter of introduction (taken from the PI workbook) offered talks on ‘what is C.A.’ to any interested parties and much to our surprise, we soon got asked to do one. Only one small problem: none of us had ever done such a presentation, nor did we know how to. I called a lady in the Fellowship, one of the people who’d given me their number at that first District meeting, and she offered to help facilitate this presentation (phew!). Loaded with various pamphlets, meetings lists and a laminated preamble reading, we arrived at this particular agency and

gave our presentation. It was attended by approximately 15 drug workers and other staff and was well received. During the questions and answer period, we were asked where the nearest meeting was. I was amazed at this question as C.A. had two meetings a week in this particular town and they didn’t know. How *could* they know? *We hadn’t informed them.*

Over the past two and a half years we’ve continued trying to carry the message of C.A. to as many people as we can in a wide variety of ways: radio interviews, newspaper articles (Sussex District PI arranged a piece in a national UK newspaper and our UK website took an extra 5,000 hits in one month!), mailouts, attending conferences, and putting on our own “C.A. Open Days for the Community.”

For the C.A. Open Days, we hired a library in central London and went about sending out invites, lots of them. We sent them out in waves of 100 or so, asking people to RSVP if they were going to attend. We continued sending them out until we felt comfortable we’d have a full house. We drew from our members those willing and able to talk about the variety of services C.A. offered (H&I, website, PI, our literature, conventions, info lines), availability of local meetings and on-line meetings. We talked about our Traditions and how we function as a society, our personal recoveries and the 12-Step program. The presentation lasted for four hours (with a break for a cup of CAUK tea). Our guests sat enthralled the whole time, listening and asking questions. Many in attendance asked if we would give presentations to their staff/team members and clients. The event was a huge success; the message that recovery *is* possible in C.A. was clearly carried.

More recently, three of us went to Parliament Square to give a presentation to the Ministry of Welfare and were received well. We spoke for about 40 minutes and finished the allotted hour with a questions and answer session. Having realized and respected our purpose, we walked back quiet and content. That is the personal payoff from doing this work.

For me, the realization that we have an absolute responsibility to go into our communities and raise awareness for C.A. has been the focal point of my service. How blinkered and naive of us to think all those in need of C.A. will find themselves in a detox, prison or treatment centre. Let’s try to remember that even many who do won’t be fortunate enough to find themselves in a facility that has H&I.

C.A. has a Public Information organization, and that’s what we do; we carry the simple message of recovery and let our communities know *WE’RE HERE AND WE’RE FREE!*™

[If you’d like to learn more about C.A.’s Public Information efforts, visit www.ca.org/service/wscpi.htm.]

Seventh Tradition Donations January-March 2007		
Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total
CANADA		
Alberta	Northern Alberta Area	\$500.00
Quebec	Quebec Area	\$847.39
H&I	CALA South Central District	\$1,068.02
INTERNATIONAL		
Online	Hope, Faith & Courage	\$56.86
	Sisters In Sobriety	\$ 7.01
SWEDEN		
Stockholm	Anonymous - Stockholm	\$487.00
UNITED STATES		
Alabama	First Freedom Group - Birmingham	\$200.00
Arizona	C.A. of Arizona - Tucson District	\$642.22
	Saturday Night Live - Tempe	\$189.00
	Sun Valley Intergroup	\$288.00
Arkansas	Arkansas Area C.A.	\$225.00
Southern & Central	Anonymous – L.A. (total)	\$302.00
	Anonymous - Solona Beach	\$300.00
California	Back to Basics - Fountain Valley	\$25.00
	CALA Area	\$5,000.00
	CALA Long Beach Compton District	\$331.40
	CALA Westside/Hollywood District	\$192.34
	Central California C.A.	\$1,348.75
	Come Alive - Redondo Beach	\$118.00
	Estudio del Libro Grande y de los 12 y 12 - Panorama City	\$20.00
	Foothill District	\$200.00
	Friday Night Del Mar	\$86.40
	From The Neck Up - Tarzana	\$80.00
	Grateful In Granada – Chatsworth	\$375.63
	Inland Empire Area	\$42.51
	OCCA	\$220.00
	One Step At A Time – Los Angeles	\$33.00
	Recovery In The Desert - Moreno Valley	\$232.79
	San Fernando Valley C.A.	\$750.00
	Wednesday Wave - Grand Terrace	\$25.00
	WSOB Meeting - Los Angeles	\$53.00
Northern California	Northbay Service Group	\$30.00
	San Francisco District	\$60.00
Colorado	Anonymous - Golden	\$19.00
	C.A. of Colorado	\$18.50
	Coconuts - Denver	\$44.00
	Denver Area	\$64.00
	Nirvana - Denver	\$125.00
	Southern District	\$28.91

Seventh Tradition Donations January-March 2007		
Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total
Florida	Changed Attitudes - Stuart	\$80.34
	Florida Area	\$3,700.00
	South Florida Convention	\$100.00
Georgia	Cocanuts - Lilburn	\$66.00
	Monday Night Cocanuts - Lilburn	\$241.20
	New Life - Woodstock	\$22.10
	Today's Hope - Atlanta	\$52.00
	Tucker Turtles - Tucker	\$135.60
Illinois	IASC	\$300.00
	Illinois Area	\$300.00
	Northwest Suburban District	\$773.03
	South & West District	\$534.61
Indiana	Fort Wayne C.A.	\$397.58
Idaho	Magic Valley District	\$200.00
	Nostril Group - Twin Falls	\$10.00
Iowa	C.A. District 1	\$12.00
Kansas	Kansas Area 2006	\$2,143.36
	Rock Bottom - Wichita	\$150.00
Louisiana	LOUACA Area	\$115.00
Maryland	DC/MD/VA Area	\$25.00
	New Way of C.A. - Rockville	\$20.00
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Area	\$100.00
Michigan	Saturday Morning Alive – Lansing	\$45.00
	C.A. on the Parkway - Kansas City	\$10.00
Missouri	End of the Line - St. Louis	\$40.00
	Fried Pipers & Cocanuts - St. Louis	\$25.00
	Greater St. Louis District	\$30.58
Nebraska	C.A. of Nebraska	\$244.72
Nevada	Anonymous - Reno	\$160.00
	New Life At the Oaks – Amityville	\$125.00
New York	EC202 - Elizabeth City	\$40.00
North Carolina	The Wed Night C.A. Group - Charlotte	\$10.00
Ohio	Canton District of C.A.	\$230.00
	Early Morning Serenity-Canton	\$90.00
Oklahoma	C.A. of Oklahoma City	\$50.00
	End of the Line - Tulsa	\$15.00
	Freedom For All - Tulsa	\$126.50
Oregon	C.A. of Oregon & SW Washington	\$500.00
Pennsylvania	Moon Friday Night - Moon Twp	\$29.41
	PA/NJ/DE Area	\$75.00
Tennessee	Anonymous - Memphis	\$20.00
Texas	Big Time - Uvalde	\$12.97
	CASA Convention of SCTA	\$2,751.24
	South Central Texas Area	\$1,686.71
	Texas Valley Area	\$450.00

Seventh Tradition Donations April-June 2007		
Category or Location	Category or Location	Category or Location
Illinois (continued)	Northwest Suburban District	\$696.34
	South & West District	\$300.00
Iowa	C.A. District 1	\$10.00
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Area	\$127.00
	Saturday Morning Alive – Lansing	\$25.00
Minnesota	Anonymous – Redwing	\$20.00
	Wednesday Night C.A. Group - Minneapolis	\$12.00
Missouri	Anonymous - Kansas City	\$25.00
Nebraska	C.A. of Nebraska	\$226.49
	End of the Line – Florissant	\$40.00
New Hampshire	Chapter 2 Group - Concord	\$119.58
New Jersey	New Freedom – South Amboy	\$100.00
New Mexico	Albuquerque Chapter of C.A. (District 2)	\$100.00
	New Mexico Area	\$300.00
New York	Last Straw - Flushing	\$15.00
North Carolina	EC202 - Elizabeth City	\$100.00
	Weeping Willows - Elizabeth City	\$35.00
Ohio	AM Sunday C.A. - Cleveland	\$100.00
	Canton District of C.A.	\$53.25
	Keep It Simple - Massillon	\$45.60
Oklahoma	NEODCCA	\$100.00
	Anonymous – Grove	\$.20
	Anonymous – Tulsa	\$1.15
	C.A. of Oklahoma City	\$75.00
	End of the Line - Tulsa	\$25.20
Oregon	Sunday Night C.A. - Oklahoma City	\$100.00
	C.A. of Oregon & SW Washington	\$1,500.00
	Washington	\$1,500.00
Pennsylvania	Moon Friday Night - Moon Twp	\$15.00
	PA/NJ/DE Area	\$75.00
South Carolina	Anonymous – Florence	\$27.13
Texas	Anonymous – Arlington	\$16.83
	Step Sisters - Austin	\$220.00
Utah	C.A. of Utah	\$2,250.00
Virginia	Gimme Shelter From The Rock - Woodbridge	\$100.00
	Woodbridge	\$100.00
Washington	Anonymous – Bellingham	\$1.00
	Bladerunners - Mount Vernon	\$70.49
	Carpet Cruisers - Renton	\$80.00
	WSCA District 3	\$176.68
Washington D.C.	Anonymous	\$65.17
Wisconsin	A Vision For You - Milwaukee	\$29.07
	Anonymous – Milwaukee	\$4.65
	Bay City C.A. Friday Night – Bay City	\$20.00
	End of the Line - Milwaukee	\$33.90

Seventh Tradition Donations April-June 2007		
Category or Location	Category or Location	Category or Location
Wisconsin (continued)	Razors Edge - Waukesha	\$165.00
	Saturday Night Strength - Milwaukee	\$343.73
Total		\$36,275.70

Meditation Book Needs Submissions

By the World Service Board of Trustees

The Literature, Chips and Format Committee, commonly known as LCF, has been soliciting original writings for a new meditation book since the 2004 World Service Conference. Thus far, the response from the Fellowship has been less than what we need. There was a cry for our own C.A. book in the late 80s and early 90s which led to the creation of the first edition of *Hope, Faith & Courage*, and our own “Storybook” was born. LCF has worked very hard in spearheading to provide our Fellowship with a second book and as a result, Volume II of *Hope, Faith & Courage* is in the final phases of publication. Now, it is up to all of us to help make C.A.’s first meditation book a reality.

The members of the Fellowship are being asked to please supply LCF with enough spiritual pieces to compile our own meditation book. We, the WSBT, ask that each member of our Fellowship, each meeting or group please submit its favorite *original* meditation writings to the WSO for consideration. A flyer with all the specifics can be downloaded from www.ca.org (look for the meditation icon or go to the Literature/Chips/Formats section on the Service page). Please make sure that these flyers are available at your local meetings and that the need for submissions is announced on a regular basis. The deadline for submissions has been extended to December 31, 2007.

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SUDOKU

The objective of Sudoku is to fill all the blank squares with the correct letters. There are three very simple constraints to follow in this 9X9 square game:

1. Every row of nine squares must include all nine letters, in any order;
2. Every column of nine squares must include all nine letters, in any order;
3. Every 3X3 subsection of the 9X9 square must include all nine letters.

The word in this puzzle is taken from an experience described at the end of "Our Hope, Faith & Courage," featured in both *Hope, Faith & Courage* and the soon-to-be-released *Hope, Faith & Courage Volume II*. It contains the letters T I A H R M E N and G. The correct spelling of the word will appear in row 8. For solution, see page 12.

	G			H	T			
A							T	H
		T	E		A	N		
		R				E	M	T
M	E	I				G		
		H	G		E	T		
N	I							E
			R	I			G	

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September 6-9, 2007

BIG SUR-enity Campout Central California C.A.

LOCATION:

Ventana Campground
Big Sur, CA

CONTACTS:

Helpline (805) 969-5178

September 21-23, 2007

2nd Annual Foothill District Convention *Who am I to say that there is no God?*

LOCATION:

Courtyard Marriott Los Angeles Old Pasadena
180 North Fair Oaks Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 403-7600

CONTACTS:

Jimmie A., Convention Chair (626) 394-2933
Jerome M., Vice Chair (626) 577-0450
Linda R., Registration (626) 375-9063

September 27-30, 2007

Recovery in the Rockies XVIII *Cross the Bridge don't Fade Away* Utah Area

LOCATION:

The Lodge at the Mountain Village
1415 Lowell Avenue
Park City, Utah 84060
1-888-PARK-CITY or (435) 655-3315

CONTACTS:

Steve G., Convention Chair 801-706-9123
Mark L., Vice Chair 801-528-8965
Stephanie F., Registration 801-706-3581
Rick P., Hotel Liaison 801-230-2642
Dan J., Outreach Chair 801-347-6583

September 28-30, 2007

2007 Arkansas Area Convention *Trudging The Road of Happy Destiny* Arkansas Area

LOCATION:

Hampton Inn & Suites
1301 South Shackleford
Little Rock, AR 72211
(501) 537-4600

CONTACTS:

Hugh W., Convention Chair (501) 584-1074

October 5-7, 2007

2007 PA-NJ-DE Area Convention *Fall Into Faith*

LOCATION:

Doubletree Club Hotel
9461 Roosevelt Blvd. (US Route 1)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19114
(215) 671-9600

CONTACTS:

Esther B., Chair 267-825-0894
George F., Vice Chair 215-715-4042

October 19-21, 2007

2007 WSCA Convention Washington State Area

LOCATION:

Everett Holiday Inn
3105 Pine Street
Everett, Washington 98201
(425) 339-2000

CONTACTS:

Doug D., Convention Chair 360-421-5898

October 19-21, 2007

2007 SouthWest Regional Convention *Look The World In The Eye* South Central Texas

LOCATION:

Radisson Hotel Austin North
6000 Middle Fiskville Rd
Austin, TX 78752
(800) 333-3333

CONTACTS:

Robert B., Convention Chair 512-296-6690
Kiersten A., Program Chair 512-799-9080
Cliff W., Convention Treasurer 512-626-4149
Debbie S., Hotel Liaison 512-971-8220

October 25-28, 2007

River Unity 2007 *Step Six: Willingness is the Key* Northern California C.A.

LOCATION:

Sacramento Marriott
11211 Point East Drive
Rancho Cordova, Ca 95742
(916) 638-1100

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Jennell S., Registration Chair (209) 513-4430
Ernest M., Hotel Liaison (209) 601-7034
Mark T., Printing/Contracts (916) 548-8771

October 26-28, 2007

2007 Midwest Regional Convention *C.A. ... My Fellowship* C.A. Illinois

LOCATION:

Westin Hotel (formerly the Wyndham)
400 Park Blvd.
Itasca, Illinois 60143
(630) 773-4000

CONTACTS:

Kim S., Convention Chair 847-437-9757
Greg G., Registration Chair 630-709-9428

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October 26-28, 2007

SOCA Convention
20th Anniversary – A Way Out
Southern Ontario, Canada

LOCATION:

Ramada Hotel & Suites Downtown
 300 Jarvis Street
 Toronto, Ontario, CANADA
 1-800-567-2233
 416-977-4823

CONTACTS:

Sarah M., SOCA Chair (416) 444-7853
 Elizabeth H., Programming Chair (416) 783-6491

November 2-5, 2007

25 Years of Cocaine Anonymous Cruise
Celebrate 25 Years of C.A.

C.A. Los Angeles

LOCATION:

Royal Caribbean's *Monarch of the Sea*
 Boarding/Returning Los Angeles, California

CONTACTS:

Carla S., Event Chair 818-903-3396

November 23-25, 2007

C.A. in Scotland Convention 2007
Get Connected to C.A. in Scotland UK
C.A. Scotland Area

LOCATION:

The Beardmore Hotel & Conference Center
 Beardmore Street
 Clydebank, Glasgow
 +44 (0) 1419 516 006

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March 14-16, 2008

CAUK 16
The Steps We Took
CAUK

LOCATION:

Hilton Brighton Metropole
 Brighton, England
 +44 (0) 870 242 1303

CONTACTS:

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May 22-26, 2008

24th Annual CAWS Convention
To Practice these Principles
Utah Area & Pacific North Region

LOCATION:

Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown
 75 South West Temple
 Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
 800-228-9290

CONTACTS:

Terry M., Convention Chair 801-706-3580
 Mark L., Vice Chair 801-528-8965
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Solution to Sudoku puzzle on page 10:

I	G	M	N	H	T	R	E	A
A	N	E	I	G	R	M	T	H
H	R	T	E	M	A	N	I	G
G	H	R	A	N	I	E	M	T
T	A	N	M	E	G	I	H	R
M	E	I	T	R	H	G	A	N
R	M	H	G	A	E	T	N	I
N	I	G	H	T	M	A	R	E
E	T	A	R	I	N	H	G	M