The 2004 World Service Conference is here and although I am a little leery and very curious as to what “excitement” will be unveiled this year … I am also looking forward to the Conference with much anticipation, desire and wonder.

I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. There is a thrill to being part of something that is truly exhilarating and exhausting at the same time. I’m ready to direct my attention and energy to the business of C.A. and to the World Service Conference.

For those not familiar with the Conference, it reflects the group conscience of C.A. members from around the world. The Conference serves as the “voice of C.A.” Members serving as delegates and trustees, members of the WSOB, those serving as non-delegate Conference Committee Chairs and concerned members come together for the betterment of C.A. and to the World Service Conference.

Speaking on behalf of the fellowship, each participating servant conducts CA business, acting with sincerity and honesty. During the six days of the Conference, time is spent in meetings and working in committees, while the rest is spent in “general session,” also known as “on the floor.”

During the “general session,” there are committee reports, motions, debates, cheers and jeers. It truly is CA at its best.

The actions taken at the Conference perform services that the fellowship and or groups could not accomplish by themselves. Ultimately, a loving and caring God reveals Himself through mutual trust and faith in one another. With honesty, open mindedness and willingness, the true motives of each member are expressed with the desire to better C.A. as a whole.

The theme for this year’s Conference is “United in Love and Service.” If you are not currently a Conference member and are interested in observing the experience of being “United in Love and Service,” I encourage you to stop by and check it out. I also strongly encourage you to review the CA World Service Manual (pages 3.2-3.9) to better understand the structure of the Conference. Pay close attention to the “Standing Rules” of the Conference.

Registration for members and attendees will be open Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 31, 2004. We will “kick off” the Conference Tuesday evening with a Delegate Orientation, which includes a workshop on Robert’s Rules of Order and the 12 Concepts of World Service. The “official” business of the Conference will begin Wednesday morning. Roll call will be at 8:30 a.m. sharp. The Conference ends Sunday, September 5, at 1 p.m. During the six days, there will be a “Unity lunch,” hosted by the World Service Conference Unity Committee. This will be a welcome break from the work at
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Notes from the WSO
Hello to Cocaine Anonymous from the World Service Office.
This time of the year is very busy for us because, we have just finished the World Service Convention and we are still paying off the last of the bills so we can “close the books” in it and determine how successful it was. While we do not have the final numbers, I can say that it was one of the most financially successful conventions we have had in years, with approximately 1600 attendees. In addition to its financial success, I must say the 2004 Convention Committee put on quite a show. We are very grateful to them for all of the hard work.
As to the state of the business of C.A., over all, I can say that Cocaine Anonymous World Service Office, Inc. is doing quite well, including the fact that we will post our first “net gain,” meaning we are bringing in more revenue than we are spending, in several years. This will enable us, among other things, to rebuild our woefully low prudent reserve. It’s exciting to see how the fellowship has stepped up to support World Services in all areas, attendance at the Convention, 7th Traditions donations, sales of Chips & Literature, sales of the Story Book, and now the Contribution Program. Thank you all for your support.
Now we are going down the stretch for the World Service Conference. The delegate mailings have gone out and we are now finishing up the final details for the event itself, i.e. copy machines, computers, hotel services, etc. Between the WSO board members, WSBT members, the World Service Conference Committee members and our WSO office staff, there is a lot to do.
Lastly, as I always end my column, I would urge you to consider joining the many members who now contribute a certain sum of money, maybe just $5.00 or $10.00 per month, every month to CAWS. Believe me it adds up.
Respectfully,
Bob C.

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Step Nine:
Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

The Ninth Step is often referred to in the program as “clearing off our side of the street.” It offers us an opportunity to make amends to people and institutions we have harmed while using and/or drinking. By doing so, we are able to move forward in our program with a greater sense of freedom and release from our past. It also gives us a chance to make things right with the people or institutions to whom we are making our amends.

Making amends is much more than just saying “I’m sorry.” Many of the people to whom we make amends have heard those words a thousand times, and they no longer carry any meaning. The term “I’m sorry” also implies that we are seeking some form of sympathy and that is definitely not what this step is about. It is about admitting our wrong thoughts and actions in situations and what our part in those situations were. Were we selfish? Inconsiderate? Dishonest? Fearful? We need to let the other person know exactly what our part in it was. This is a crucial part of making amends, for it allows us to see the patterns of maladjusted behavior that resulted from our addiction.

For many of us, the very thought of making amends can be terrifying. It is important to remember that we do not go through this step alone. By the time we have reached this step, we have come into contact with a Higher Power. We have come to believe that this Power can restore us to sanity and have made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of this Power.

Now, once again, we can turn to our Higher Power and pray for the courage to make our amends. I found, in my experiences with this step, that praying before making my amends produced miraculous results. I asked God, my Higher Power, to grant me acceptance of His will for me and the courage and willingness to do what I needed to do. I asked Him to bless the person to whom I was making the amends with His love and to open their hearts to what I was going to say. Not once did my prayers go unanswered.

Having prayed about our amends, it is vital to set out to make them as soon as we possibly can. I found in my own experiences with this step that when delayed, the amends became increasingly difficult to make.

I also found that when I passed up an opportunity to make an amends, it would often be a long time before I got another chance to see the person I needed to see. Therefore, it is best to make our amends the first time the opportunity arises.

Often times our Higher Power will bring us into contact with those we need to see and it is important that we seize the opportunity.

Shortly after starting my ninth step, I was sitting in a meeting that I still attend regularly. About ten minutes before the meeting ended, a gentleman walked in and took a seat in the back of the room. I turned to see who it was and - to my utter amazement - it was my first sponsor, to whom I owed an amends. I jumped on the opportunity and made my amends as soon as the meeting ended. I had never seen him there before and have not seen him since that day. I am convinced that God brought
Our Primary Purpose

JAY B.
GA. AREA

Tradition Five:
Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the addict who still suffers.

I love the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous! If it has done for you what it has done for me and countless others, then you know what I am talking about. Because of the intense feelings I have for the program that saved my life, sometimes I get concerned for its safety.

Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the addict that still suffers. I believe that we as recovering addicts have been given an incredible gift. It would appear that those of us that have been to hell and returned are the only voices that those trying to escape can hear. Along with this gift comes an equally incredible responsibility.

I have to ensure that I carry the message and not my message. It is important that we remember as individuals, and in our home groups, that for the newcomer - we are Cocaine Anonymous.

To our families - we are Cocaine Anonymous. As we venture out into the world outside our meetings, to those in whom we confide - we are Cocaine Anonymous.

“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon CA unity.” This unity includes the message that we carry. In order for the message to remain consistent we look to CA approved literature.

All our pamphlets, all the books we use and all the things we read in meetings have already been carefully examined to ensure that the message we carry is accurate.

I have found that I am not smart enough to add anything of substance to the program. If I break out a Bible or begin to quote some obscure philosopher in a meeting, then I am polluting the message.

Please don't get me wrong. There are lots of great and wonderful messages out there. It’s just that they are not the message of Cocaine Anonymous. Better to do one thing supremely well than many things badly.

I have a responsibility to the newcomer, to my home group and to the fellowship, to pass on the message exactly as it was given to me. I didn’t want you to cut my dope before I got it, and I sure don’t want you to cut my message. Give it to me straight, I can take it.

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him into my life that day to give me the opportunity to make things right with him. I am very grateful for that opportunity and it stands in my mind as one of my first truly spiritual experiences.

The Ninth Step stands as a door through which we may pass toward greater freedom. We must remember as we approach this door that we agreed at the outset of our journey that we were willing to go to any lengths to achieve sobriety. We must also remember, “If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are halfway through.”

All of the above ever reminds us to remain open-minded to the evolving needs and changes of our fellowship. As always, the Conference Officers and the Conference Committee wish to continue being of service to this fellowship to the best of our ability.

If you or your Area have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Kim S. - VC - “acting” Conference Committee Chair.

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Hi everyone! First, I would like to again thank the CAWS 2004 committee for their efforts. The convention was outstanding! Thank you all for your love and service to Cocaine Anonymous.

The WSBT has been very active during the year. We have adopted a set of guidelines so that we can clearly and concisely conduct business by e-mail between quarterly meetings and conference calls.

The results of our work are reflected in a new report, “Record of Online Business,” which was sent to your Area Delegates.

The WSBT has been able to address most of the referrals but some are to be referred to other committees for consideration.

The WSBT has been focused on improving communications and information to the Fellowship; to that end we are submitting several referrals to the Structure and Bylaws Committee for consideration as updates to the World Service Manual.

These include an improved explanation, including art work, of the appropriate use of the C.A. logo, a specific list of all C.A. approved literature and a more detailed description of the responsibilities and duties of the WSBT.

As you might be aware, the WSBT meets prior to every World Convention for our quarterly board meeting. Similar to any business meeting in C.A., this meeting includes reports, old and new business items, etc., we never know exactly what the outcome of the meeting will be or what decisions will be made by the collective group conscience.

This quarterly meeting was no different and there was no way to know in advance that the WSBT would be invoking their 10th Concept right. In the most recent Delegate mailing, the reasons for this very difficult decision were explained and will be further discussed at the 2004 Conference. More will be revealed as we participate in the process.

Please be certain to contact your Delegate for a full report once they return from the Conference.

In love and service,

Teri K.
Chair, World Service Board of Trustees

Trustee Corner

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hand, and always provides a great message from the guest speaker. There also will be 12-Step meetings to give members an opportunity to reconnect and center themselves with their personal programs.

I would also like to enlist any former delegate, attending the conference, who has a desire to serve to come help out the Conference Committee in the “business office”. If you are interested in helping in the business office, please contact Miss Patty at the WSO.

I expect great, exciting things to come out of this Conference...petitions for new areas, committee progress reports, updates regarding CAWS 2005 in Memphis, Tenn., Trustee selections, new business and of course the “unknown.”

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- Wednesday Night Group - Charlotte $6

### Ohio
- CEODCCA - Cleveland $200
- Early Morning Serenity - Canton $81
- Men’s Memories Plus Meeting - Akron $35
- We Are Family - Cleveland By Ohio Area Convention $70

### Oklahoma
- End of the Line - Tulsa $110

### Oregon
- Oregon Area $1,000
- Oregon - SW Washington H&I $20

### Tennessee
- Tennessee Area Chapter CA - Memphis $500

### Texas
- Step Sisters & Brothers - Austin $100
- Step Sisters - Austin $124
- Verdadera Libertad - Austin $25

### Utah
- CA of Utah $2,176
- Speedbumps $32

### Washington
- Blade Runners - Mt. Vernon $173
- WSCA - PNRC - Lynwood $1,000

### Wisconsin
- A Vision For You - Milwaukee $25
- Friday Uncolas - Milwaukee $42
- Razors Edge - Big Bend $143
- Wisconsin CA - Milwaukee $27

### International
- CA Hong Kong $100
- CA UK Area $9,261
- Anonymous - Pinatan Lake BC, Canada $7
- Friday Night Wow It Works $100

### Online
- SIS $47

### Birthday
- Anonymous - Santa Monica, Calif. $50
- Anonymous - Reno, Nev. $130
- Come Alive Group - Redondo Beach, Calif. $173

### World Contribution Program
- World Contribution Program $1,694

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**Editor’s Note:** All amounts have been rounded off to the nearest dollar.

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## The Unity Armadillo

**By Jay F.**  
**Southwest Region Trustee**

A tradition began at the 1993 CAWS Convention in Houston, which is still in place today with some new twists. The Houston host committee purchased a small stuffed plush armadillo. The committee named it “Unity” and brought it to each convention planning meeting. When the meeting became tense or non-unified, the armadillo was referred to, pointed at or even tossing it at the person or people involved.

The reference to “Unity” had an immediate impact and often brought the committee back to focus on the matters at hand. At the concluding banquet of each CAWS Convention, the tradition was continued, where-by the armadillo was given to the chair of the next year’s host committee by the outgoing host committee chair.

The different host committees utilized the spirit of the armadillo in different ways, mostly to be ever mindful of the unity aspect of convention planning. During the past several years, the unity armadillo has been dressed up; first by the New York area with the rain coat, Chicago added some adornments, and most recently the 2004 Los Angeles committee added a surfboard to the armadillo.

One can only wonder what Memphis will do in 2005. Sideburns and glitter come to mind, even some blue suede shoes ...the possibilities are endless.

So a thanks to Houston and each host area thereafter for honoring the spirit of unity as shown by the armadillo.

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“The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it. Unless one’s family expresses a desire to live upon spiritual principles we think we ought not to urge them. We should not talk incessantly to them about spiritual matters. They will change in time. Our behavior will convince them more than our words.”

Page 83, Alcoholics Anonymous.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Big Sur–Enity 2004**
September 9-12, 2004
Central California
Area Of CA
Ventana Campground
Big Sur, Calif.
Registration: Denis N.
(805) 969-5178
Chairperson: Mark K.
(805) 455-4546

**Without Unity, the Heart of C.A. Would Cease to Beat**
September 10-12, 2004
Akron District’s 2nd Annual Unity Convention
Holiday Inn — Hudson, Ohio
Chairperson: Charlotte R.
(330) 256-6725
Vice Chairperson: Eddie J.
(330) 329-7844

**The Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with the First Step**
September 10-12, 2004
Nebraska State Convention
Holiday Inn Select
Little Rock, Ark.
Chairperson: Shirley B.
(501) 217-9122
Treasurer: Terry C.
(501) 612-1021

**Ain’t No Stoppin’ Us Now**
September 24-26, 2004
Second Annual Texas Valley Area Convention
Omaha Marriott – Regency
Omaha, Neb.
Chairperson: Harry C.
(402) 455-7921
Hotel Liaison: LaTaunya H.
(402) 884-4317

**The Recreation “We Were Reborn.” – Big Book P. 64**
September 24-26, 2004
Bahia Mar Resort
South Padre Island, Texas
Chairperson: Hal K.
(956) 566-0400
Vice Chairperson: Dan F.
(956) 491-2237

**We Came to Believe**
October 29-31, 2004
Red Lion — Sacramento, Calif.
Chairperson: Ernest M.
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**The Door is Open**
La Porte Est Ouverte
Quebec Area
Bilingual Convention
November 5-7, 2004
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(514) 440-2463

**The Keys to the Kingdom**
16th Annual Midwest Regional Convention
November 5-7, 2004
Chairperson: Ezell G.
(810) 394-2029
Registration: Paula H.
(517) 694-1023

**A Spiritual High**
TORCA VIII
November 5-7, 2004
Ramada Inn & Suites.
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Chairperson: Raymond W.
(416) 488-6467
Hotel Liaison: Jim W.
(905) 789-9400

**Serenity in the Southwest New Mexico Area**
November 12-14, 2004
Southwest CA Regional Convention
Wyndham Garden Hotel
Albuquerque, N.M.
Chairperson: Shane M.
(505) 266-2883
Registration: Norma F.
(505) 505 265-0441

**“Miracles Among Us”**
9th Annual CA of Wisconsin Area
February 4-6, 2005
Radisson Milwaukee Hotel Airport
Milwaukee Wis.
Registration: Rick D.
(414) 350-5146
Outreach: Ken W.
(414) 934-0002

**“Thus We Grow”**
13th Annual CA UK Convention
April 1-3, 2005
The Hilton Brighton Metropole
Brighton, UK
Chairperson: Ian Y.
+44 (0) 7799143431
Vice Chairperson: Richard K.
+44(0) 7836203120

**Rendezvous On The 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