

# NEWS GRAM

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## And Then There Were II

By Cynthia C., NewsGram Editor  
Redmond, Washington, USA

Did you hear the big news? *Hope, Faith & Courage Volume II, Stories and Literature from the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous*, is now available!

C.A.'s first book, *Hope, Faith & Courage, Stories from the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous*, was published in 1994. It remains a significant milestone in the development of our Fellowship.

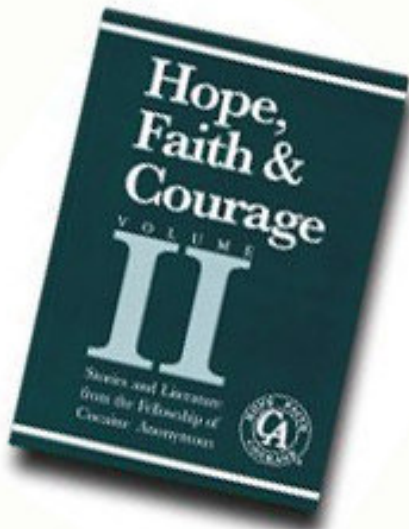
*Volume II*, which was unveiled during the 2007 World Service Conference, is the latest chapter in C.A.'s evolution. It includes twenty-five new stories from members throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. The authors, whose length of sobriety ranges from a few years to more than twenty, share their recovery from addiction to cocaine and a broad spectrum of other mind-altering substances. The one story carried over from the first book is "Our Hope, Faith and Courage," in which the authors relate their experience of C.A.'s early days. *Volume II* also contains an expanded and updated literature section and a complete meeting format so that any reader inspired to start a C.A. meeting can do so right away.

Whether you're new to C.A. or have been around for many years, this book will be a valuable addition to your recovery library. All the stories are

solution-oriented, detailing the authors' journeys from the depths of their addiction to the happy, purpose-filled lives they now enjoy in sobriety.

If your local Fellowship is just starting out, or if you're looking for a fresh perspective, reading a story from *Volume II* could be a great way to start off a participation meeting. The book might also provide just the inspiration and support you need when there are no meetings available and you can't get ahold of anyone on your phone list. Last, but not least, it's a great gift idea for newcomers and old-timers alike.

Do you have your copy of *Volume II* yet? It's currently available in soft cover for \$9.95 each, or 28 copies to a case for \$290.00 (including shipping & handling). A hard cover edition is also expected soon. Keep an eye on ca.org for further details.



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## Trustee Corner

**By Carl W.  
Pacific South Regional Trustee  
and WSBT Chair**

First, I would like to thank the World Service Board of Trustees for allowing me to serve as this year's Chair. It is truly an honor to work with this current group of people. I also want to thank my predecessors, who paved the path that we now follow. This path was set by Cynthia C. and Jackie S, followed closely by Tony D. and Jay F.

We, as a Board, wish to thank Jay F. and Tony D. for their leadership this past year as our Vice Chair and Chair, respectively. We also want to thank them for their four years of service to the WSBT. We will miss you, your presence and your guidance. On a personal note, do not change your phone numbers! Thank you.

We would like to welcome Kim S. as the new Midwest Regional Trustee. Kim brings a level of experience and a work ethic that is unmatched by most. With her years of Conference experience, we feel this Board will not miss a beat.

Unfortunately, the Trustee Election Committee, which is comprised of a Delegate from each Region, along with the Trustees, was unable to select a Southwest Regional Trustee. Until next year, that position will be manned by our more than capable Trustee at Large, Bobbie H.

We also want to thank the WSOB and the Storybook Subcommittee of the Literature, Chips and Format Committee for their hard work to get *Hope Faith & Courage Volume II* out and available to the Fellowship. Great job, folks! We were able to receive it in time for the Conference, perfect timing.

Our only concern is the Seventh Tradition, which was down approximately \$8,000-\$12,000 dollars this past year. Yes, it is froth time! If you can purchase one book (*HFC Volume II*) or the set, we will refrain from asking (begging) you to put an extra dollar in the basket or sign up for the Contribution Program. We will also attempt to not ask you to harass your friends with 10 years or more to put three dollars in the basket, plus an additional donation on their birthdays.

We shall continue to work hard for our Fellowship and continue to support our Regions. So, if you have questions for which you cannot find an answer, please go to the website or call your local Trustee. Thank you all very much for your support and for allowing us to be of service.

In love and service,  
Your WSBT

## Note from the WSO:

# A Season of Hope, Faith and Courage

**By John B.  
WSOB Chair**

Often our meetings swell to unprecedented numbers at this time of year. New faces appear. New, courageous faces seeking a message of hope and a solution to their problem. Whether it be a new person investigating a way to make a positive change in their lives for the coming year, or an addict desperately trying to find a way not to experience the demoralization of spending another holiday loaded, both have come to C.A. with a genuine desire to stop using. The Third Tradition (in its short form) says so simply that this is the only requirement to be here.

For some of us, when we were new to recovery, the holiday season and the New Year were difficult or overwhelming times to face alone. Many of us were at a stage in our development where it was hard to accept that some of the ways we used to celebrate were likely to change now that we were living a life free from all mind-altering substances. Some of us had been here before. We had tried with all the sincerity we could muster and were not able to stay sober, so we had little faith and nowhere else to turn besides the drug. Some were conflicted with the delusion that they deserved to be loaded because, "It's the New Year ... what harm could a small toast cause?" For still others the season somehow triggered something inside that shook our foundation and made us feel uncomfortable or afraid. Perhaps it was the memory of a damaged family or relationship. Maybe it was a fear of financial insecurity and not being able to do or give enough such that we might rather give up than appear a failure. Sometimes it was simply that we didn't feel good about

ourselves in a way that we were sure nobody else could either. Usually it was something feared. A fear of not getting what we needed or wanted. A fear of not being loved or able to love. Whatever the fear was, it was paralyzing. It warped our thoughts and we lost hope.

But then we finally reached the bottom, when hope was lost and courage was nowhere to be found. When our faith in drugs was shattered because they weren't working anymore (in fact nothing was), and our lives, relationships, and finances were a mess, it seemed only then that we could let go of the behaviors and ideas that brought us to our knees and surrender enough to become willing to look for a solution. We found it in C.A.

If you are new to Cocaine Anonymous, we welcome you. We wish you a season of Hope, Faith and Courage. We have an abundance of these, and plenty to share. You are courageous. You are most welcome here and we encourage you to let us know who you are. Your problems are familiar to us, and we want you to feel very free to share your experience with us so that we may get to know you better. We want you to know that we have found a solution to our problem here in C.A., and we encourage you to challenge us to help you find a solution too. Keep coming back to meetings and participate in activities and events. Never give up on yourself, and always believe, because we will not give up on you.

The World Service Office of Cocaine Anonymous wishes each of you a very Happy New Year and a season of peace and freedom in recovery.

# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual CA World Service Convention Update

By Elizabeth W.  
2008 CAWS Convention Committee  
Utah Area

Fresh mountain air, breathtaking scenery, uplifting speakers and workshops - a spiritual experience awaits you at the 24th Annual C.A. World Service Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 22-26, 2008 as we meet to fellowship with C.A. members from all around the world.

Affordable downtown luxury accommodations are just \$109 per night (single/double, triple/quad) at the Marriott City Center, which is just 10 short minutes from Salt Lake International Airport. Transportation to the hotel is extremely reasonable, and there are shuttles and taxis waiting to bring you to the convention. If you are in the western states, Salt Lake City is just a day-drive away from Denver, Las Vegas or Boise, and Amtrak stops right downtown too! There are many activities to suit nearly every interest within minutes from the hotel, including shopping at the Gateway, perusing art at the Museum of Fine Arts, seeing stars at the Clark Planetarium, enjoying the world famous Utah Symphony, or venturing out to the miles of hiking and mountain biking trails.

Pre-registration for the convention is now available at [www.cawsconvention.org](http://www.cawsconvention.org). Download and submit your registration today for the best pricing, or contact Ruby L. at (801) 698-8087 to have the forms mailed to you. You can also register online! There are three packages to choose from **if your registration is postmarked on or before April 1, 2008**: Basic for just \$90, Special for \$99, and the Total Package for \$199. We have worked hard to arrange packages that are suitable and affordable for everyone. Of course, there are à la carte registration options available as well.

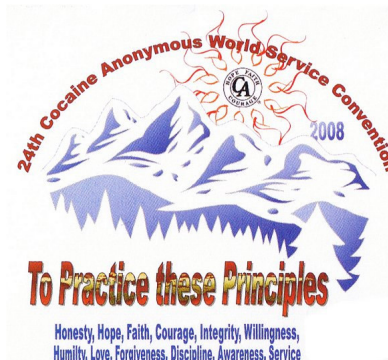
Bring your clubs for Friday's golf tournament on one of Utah's premier championship golf

courses, and get ready for a once-in-a-lifetime experience of high-flying adventure in a hot air balloon! There will also be an engaging tour of Park City - home of the 2002 Winter Olympics and the annual Sundance Film Festival, as well as a stop at Utah Olympic Park to check out the bobsled track and the ski jumps where records were broken and medals were won. We have a dance planned as well as a live band and a comedian, and of course, there will be marathon meetings 24 hours a day throughout the convention.

Enlightening, lively speakers from points around the globe will share their stories of experience, strength and hope, and amazing, engaging workshops will surely leave you feeling especially blessed and refreshed. We have also planned for sign language and Spanish interpreters to translate the speaker meetings and selected workshops. There will be a well-stocked hospitality room open around-the-clock for coffee and snacks and a place to gather with friends old and new.

There is some very special memorabilia available to celebrate CA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including a beautiful .925 sterling silver bracelet that can be engraved with your sobriety date, as well as .925 sterling silver CA pendants (see additional details on page 12 of this issue). In fact, these are available now by contacting Brandon P. at [b\\_prestwich@comcast.net](mailto:b_prestwich@comcast.net).

Salt Lake City is nestled in a valley between two spectacular mountain ranges, combining the amenities of a major metropolitan city and the friendliness of a small western town. The Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous thrives in Salt Lake City, and the Utah Area of Cocaine Anonymous is honored to have the opportunity to welcome you for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual CA World Service Convention.



7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition July-September 2007		
Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total
<b>CANADA</b>		
<b>Alberta</b>	Anonymous - Calgary	\$0.66
<b>British Columbia</b>	British Columbia CA	\$258.00
	Freedom From Snowy Rock	\$145.00
<b>Ontario</b>	Sisters In Sobriety	\$31.55
<b>HOLLAND</b>	Anonymous - Den Haag	\$325.00
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	CA of Scotland	\$3,054.45
<b>UK</b>	Anonymous	\$0.78
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>		
<b>Online Area</b>	CA Online	\$50.00
	Online Service	\$108.45
<b>Anonymous</b>	Anonymous	\$310.76
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		
<b>Alabama</b>	Valleydale CA	\$88.00
<b>Arizona</b>	Anonymous - Gilbert	\$500.00
	Anonymous - Tucson	\$17.65
	CA of Arizona Tucson District	\$4,230.00
	CA of Arizona Tucson District H&I	\$400.00
	Saturday Night Live	\$64.00
	Sun Valley Intergroup	\$4,800.00
<b>Arkansas</b>	Arkansas Area CA	\$225.00
<b>Southern &amp; Central California</b>	14th & Olympic	\$0.14
	211 In Progress	\$15.00
	Anonymous - Cerritos	\$7.44
	Anonymous - Glendale	\$15.56
	Anonymous - Hawthorn	\$3.01
	Anonymous - Huntington Beach	\$1.00
	Anonymous - Kenfield	\$13.56
	Anonymous - Los Angeles	\$324.07
	Anonymous - Mill Valley	\$0.08
	Anonymous - San Bernardino	\$3.05
	Anonymous - Santa Cruz	\$16.25
	Anonymous - Trabuco Canyon	\$50.00
	CA Campvention	\$300.00
	CA Southbay Beach Cities	\$675.00
	CALA Long Beach	\$523.90
	Compton District	\$583.03
	CALA South Central District	\$583.03
	CALA Westside/Hollywood District	\$188.40

7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition July-September 2007		
Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total
<b>Southern &amp; Central California (continued)</b>	Central California CA	\$232.50
	Eastside Early Bird ATT Adjustment	\$50.00
	Grateful in Granada Meeting	\$193.00
	Inland Empire Area	\$232.35
	Ladies Night Out	\$100.00
	Recovery In The Desert	\$136.00
	Recovery In The Desert II	\$45.00
	SFVCA Central Office	\$500.00
	West Inland Empire Area	\$279.00
	WSOB	\$48.24
<b>Colorado</b>	Anonymous - Denver	\$54.00
	CA of Colorado - Southern District	\$82.00
	Colorado Area Meeting	\$607.00
	Dark Side of the Spoon	\$74.28
	Nirvana	\$107.82
	The Promises Meeting	\$90.00
<b>DC/MD/VA</b>	DC/MD/VA Area Service	\$25.00
<b>Florida</b>	Anonymous - Ft Lauderdale	\$137.00
	Anonymous - New Port Richey	\$0.20
	Anonymous - Orange City	\$1.86
	Anonymous - St. Petersburg	\$7.50
	Florida Area ASR Convention	\$3,108.00
<b>Georgia</b>	Last Straw	\$38.00
	Monday Night Cocanuts	\$197.26
	Today's Hope	\$107.00
<b>Idaho</b>	Anonymous - Twin Falls	\$0.50
	Magic Valley District	\$200.00
<b>Illinois</b>	Anonymous - Bethalto	\$20.00
	Anonymous - Evanston	\$75.00
	Friday Night Faith, Hope, & Courage	\$40.00
	IASC	\$600.00
	Illinois Area of CA	\$300.00
	Northwest Suburban District	\$398.22
	South & West District	\$152.70
<b>Indiana</b>	Anonymous - Indianapolis	\$5.00
<b>Iowa</b>	CA District 1	\$25.00
<b>Kansas</b>	Anonymous - Wichita	\$0.30
<b>Maine</b>	Anonymous - S. Windham	\$0.07
<b>Maryland</b>	New Way of CA	\$20.00
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Massachusetts Area	\$78.00



7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition July-September 2007		
Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total
Michigan	Saturday Morning Alive	\$40.00
Minnesota	Wednesday Fairview CA	\$2.00
Missouri	Anonymous - Kansas City	\$13.59
	Anonymous - Wentzville	\$14.00
	Come and Get It	\$24.00
	Fried Pipers & Cocanuts	\$30.00
Nebraska	CA of Nebraska	\$209.08
Nevada	CA of Nevada	\$500.00
New Jersey	Anonymous - Ridgefield	\$1.00
New York	Anonymous - Babylon	\$100.00
	Brooklyn CA	\$50.00
	Circle of Life Group	\$50.00
	Sober Toast	\$50.00
North Carolina	Anonymous - Camden	\$100.00
	EC202	\$200.00
Ohio	Anonymous - Columbus	\$1.00
	Early Morning Serenity	\$90.00
Oklahoma	Anonymous - Oklahoma City	\$50.00
	CA of Oklahoma City	\$150.00
	End of the Line	\$5.00
	Freedom For All	\$90.75
	Oklahoma Area	\$679.00
PA/NJ/DEL	PA/NJ/DE Area	\$75.00
Pennsylvania	Anonymous - Aliquippa	\$1.39
	How It Works	\$7.00
	Moon Friday Night	\$24.00
South Carolina	Anonymous - Columbia	\$1.00
Texas	4th Dimension	\$130.00
	Anonymous - Austin	\$50.00
	Anonymous - Houston	\$18.81
	Step Sisters	\$100.00
	Texas Area	\$50.00
	Texas Area Service Committee	\$182.37
	Virginia	Anonymous - Norfolk
Washington	Anonymous - Renton	\$30.00
	Carpet Cruisers	\$90.00
Wisconsin	A Vision For You	\$22.77
	CAWI Campvention	\$662.88
	Fri Nite Uncolas	\$90.00
	Razor's Edge	\$704.66
	Sunday Night Strength	\$27.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$30,362.89</b>

World Service Contribution Program 2007 Year-to-Date	
Month	Amount
January	\$1,959.00
February	\$1,967.00
March	\$1,976.00
April	\$1,596.00
May	\$1,616.00
June	\$973.94
July	\$1,264.00
August	\$1,464.00
September	\$1,991.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,806.94</b>



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorabilia Now Available!

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary collector's coin \$25**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary collector's coin keychain \$30**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary collector's coin necklace \$35**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brimmed beanie \$15**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirt \$15**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fleece pullover \$39**

**CA logo leather journal \$10**

**See [ca.org](http://ca.org) for additional details and ordering information**

*Have questions about how to handle your group's 7th Tradition? See the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition pamphlet and the Financial Guidelines for Groups, Districts and Areas (both of which are available at [www.ca.org](http://www.ca.org)), or contact your Regional Trustee.*

# 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!

Cocaine Anonymous World Service Office  
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cawso@ca.org

As part of my 7th Tradition contributions to Cocaine Anonymous World Service Office, I authorize Cocaine Anonymous World Service Office (CAWSO), to initiate variable entries to my account described below:

Type of Account:  Checking  Savings  Credit Card  Debit Card

Credit Card or Debit Card Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Financial Institution's Address/Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

If using a checking account, please include a voided check; if using a savings account, please include a deposit slip.

### PAYMENT DETAILS:

Amount in U.S. Dollars: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date of first payment:  1<sup>st</sup> of month  15<sup>th</sup> of month

### PAYMENT FREQUENCY:

Monthly  Annually  One-time basis Effective date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until CAWSO has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford CAWSO a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name as it appears on the account)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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City and State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS**

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

# PI Corner

The C.A. World Service Conference Public Information Committee is working on a new video public service announcement (PSA). We are in the early stages of this process and are in great need of ideas from the Fellowship as a whole. Any idea—from simple to detailed—would be wonderful.

Public Information is very important for us to carry the message to the still-suffering addict. Another target audience for Public Information is the people who work with, or are in contact with addicts who may be seeking a solution to their problem. These people can direct those addicts to us, but if they don't know we are here, what we do and what we don't do, then those still-suffering addicts may never get the same opportunity we did.

Public service announcements on television, and increasingly on websites, have directed a great many people to our Fellowship. With the ever-growing diversity of our Fellowship, it has become imperative that we come up with a new PSA that highlights our non-drug-specific program and can reach out and relate to our many international areas.

So please help us to get an accurate view of what we, your World Service Conference Public Information Committee, can do in this aspect of public media. Send us your ideas for this new PSA so that we can offer this as another tool to reach out and carry the message of Cocaine Anonymous.

Please ask your Area Delegate or contact the World Service Office for a flyer containing the information set forth to the right of this article.

Thank you for letting us be of service.

The CAWS PI Media Committee

*[If you'd like to learn more about C.A.'s  
Public Information efforts,  
visit [www.ca.org/service/wscpi.htm](http://www.ca.org/service/wscpi.htm).]*

## **WE WANT YOUR IDEAS!**

**Do your part to carry the message in the new PI International Public Service Announcement.**

**The first step in creating a new PSA is getting input and ideas from your group.**

**This can be done in many ways—from a simple idea or message to a complex script from you or your group.**

**Whatever input you have will be greatly valued!**

**Submissions must be in by February 28, 2008.**

**Please e-mail your ideas to [cawso@ca.org](mailto:cawso@ca.org) or send to:**

**PI PSA  
c/o CAWSO  
3740 Overland Ave., Ste. C  
Los Angeles, CA 90034  
USA**



# H & I Corner

By Trisha V.  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

H&I has always been my passion. In my active addiction, I frequently visited our local jail. I was attracted to the bad boy type and would visit my boyfriend there every chance I got.

My first experience with the 12 Steps was in a treatment centre. That place saved my life. It was a safe place to be for 28 days. After treatment, I got involved with H&I right away. To be able to go to our local jail and bring hope instead of wanting to find approval was a big amends for me. I was hooked from the very start.

I never want to forget where I came from, so going to treatment centres and detoxes and seeing the newcomer who is

scared but has a small glimmer of hope in their eyes keeps me grounded. I am always amazed when someone comes up to me after my sharing and thanks me for being there. They are so grateful for the time I took out of my life to be there. When I leave I thank God because what they don't know is that they have helped me more than I could have ever helped them.

Seeing someone I first saw at an H&I meeting going to a regular meeting, getting healthy and in turn working with a newcomer, has been only one of the many blessings I receive from God. I love doing H&I work and one day at a time, I don't think I will ever stop.

*[To learn more about H&I, visit  
<http://www.ca.org/service/wschi.htm>.  
Do you have an uplifting H&I story?  
Please submit it using the form below.]*

The NewsGram is always looking for material which communicates a message of hope, faith and courage. We welcome original articles from our members sharing their experience with recovery, unity and service in CA. If you have such an article (or perhaps an idea, cartoon, poem, story or other material related to recovery in CA) that you would like considered for publication in a future issue of the NewsGram, please send it and the completed release form below to: NewsGram Editor, c/o CAWSO, 3740 Overland Ave., Suite C, Los Angeles CA 90034, or via e-mail to [newsgram@ca.org](mailto:newsgram@ca.org). We cannot publish your submission without a release form.

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give CAWSO and the NewsGram express permission to reprint my original work entitled:

\_\_\_\_\_

# Help Write the Cocaine Anonymous Meditation Book

**We need you to submit your spiritual experience, strength and hope!**

- Personal experience must be the author's original content
- Content should focus on recovery topics
- Length should be approximately 250 words or less

In keeping with the 11th Tradition, submissions will be reviewed anonymously and the authors of meditations ultimately selected for the book will be asked to maintain their anonymity. Replies will be sent when the selection process is complete.

## **The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2008**

E-mail submissions are preferred. Submissions in any language accepted. Each submission also requires a properly signed original hard copy release (please use the form on the back of the flyer available for download at <http://www.ca.org/pdf/Conference/LCF/meditation2007.pdf>). Please send your experience to [cawso@ca.org](mailto:cawso@ca.org) or by regular mail to:

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Attention: LCF Committee  
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Los Angeles, CA 90034-6337

For additional information, please call the WSO at 310-559-5833.

February 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Sharing**

*"What we failed to do alone,  
we can do together."*  
(Tools of Recovery)

We share our experiences at meetings because it helps us to stay sober. By sharing, we express our love for others who might be having the same difficulties and joys we have had. It helps us all to understand we are not alone and that we have common situations we work through on a daily basis.

Thought of the Day

I will share my experience today so that others may take comfort in the knowledge that others have been there and done that. I will share my experience today in the hope someone will help me. I will share today to bring us together.

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## January 18-20, 2008

### 21st Cocaine Anonymous Quebec Area Bilingual Convention

#### Believe in the Miracle

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

#### LOCATION:

Hotel Delta Montréal  
475, avenue Président-Kennedy  
Montréal (Québec) CANADA H3A 1J7  
877.286.1986

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## February 1-3, 2008

### NEODCCA/Cleveland Ohio 14th Unity Convention

#### Unity Has No Borders

Independence, Ohio

#### LOCATION:

Holiday Inn Independence  
6001 Rockside Rd.  
Independence, Ohio  
(216) 524-8050

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## February 1-3, 2008

### 12th Annual C.A. of Wisconsin Area Convention

#### A New Freedom And A New Happiness

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

#### LOCATION:

Ambassador Inn At Marquette  
2301 W. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233  
414-342-8400

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## March 14-16, 2008

### CA UK 16

#### The Steps We Took

Brighton, UK

#### LOCATION:

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

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## March 21-23, 2008

### TRI - STATE CONVENTION

#### Contingent On Our Spiritual Maintenance

Central Michigan Area

Troy, Michigan, US

#### LOCATION:

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5500 Crooks  
Troy MI, 48098-2898  
Phone: (248) 879-2100

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## April 18-20, 2008

### Atlantic South Regional Convention

#### Miracles in the Magic City

Alabama CA

#### LOCATION:

Doubletree Hotel  
808 20th Street South  
Birmingham, Alabama  
205-933-5653

#### CONTACTS:

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## April 18-20, 2008

### Oregon & SW Washington Convention 2008

#### *I Am Responsible*

##### LOCATION:

Vancouver Hilton  
301 West 6th Street  
Vancouver, Washington 98660  
360-933-4500

##### CONTACTS:

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Thor, Donations For Auctions 360-909-4357

## April 24-27, 2008

### 16th Annual SGPVCA Convention

#### *Keys to the Kingdom*

##### LOCATION:

Northwoods Resort & Conference Center  
40650 Village Drive  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315  
800-866-3121

##### CONTACTS:

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## April 25-27, 2008

### 2008 Pacific North Regional Conference and Convention

#### *High Road to a New Freedom*

Northern Nevada Area

##### LOCATION:

Super 8 Convention Center  
3600 Lake Tahoe Blvd.  
South Lake Tahoe, CA  
800-237-8882

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## May 22-26, 2008

### 24th Annual CAWS Convention

#### *To Practice These Principles*

Utah Area & Pacific North Region

##### LOCATION:



May 22-26, 2008

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

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#### CAWS 2008 Convention Fundraiser:



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