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## NINTH STEP

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

The Ninth Step is probably viewed with as much fear as the Fourth Step at first glance. Just like when I believed that the insanity and futility of my thinking was unmanageable, causing damage to myself and others.

The route to the solution involved a thorough moral inventory. I trusted the process then due to a glimpse of the care my Higher Power had in my life if when I surrendered. My faith only grew by the time I was able to address the damages to others, great and small. I prayed all the while for continued willingness and the ability to forgive whatever damages I thought may have been done to me, (fancied or

real). With direction from my sponsor I could take on each case as the opportunity presented itself. Some were making financial arrangements for long overdue debts, others were admitting my wrong and sincerely asking if there was anything I could do to make things right. Then there were per-



wrongs. But I knew how I could of done better to show appreciation for them in my life. Some amends were instant, some had time frames and others that are lifelong and certainly in God's time.

My sponsor reminded me I have no control of another's stubbornness. Those persons are the ones that keep me in prayer, keeping me humble, reminding me of how long it took for me to trust God in all things.

The Ninth Step leads me to a greater freedom from fear. This is when the promises on Big Book pages 83-84, are now a part of my experience!

-Diane W.

## A Way of Living

Above all, we should try to be absolutely sure that we are not delaying because we are afraid. For the readiness to take the full consequences of our past acts, and to take responsibility for the well-being of others at the same time, is the very spirit of Step Nine.

-Twelve and Twelve, p. 87.

C.A. SPIRIT—is always looking for submissions. If you have ideas, poems, stories, recovery humor or any special group related information that you would like to see in this publication, please send to: C.A. SPIRIT, c/o C.A.W.A. Central Office, 3060 N. 68th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210, or e-mail the editor at: [jeurich@wi.rr.com](mailto:jeurich@wi.rr.com)

Submission deadline: 2nd Tuesday of each month—6:30 PM, for the following month's publication.

*Interested in putting together this newsletter? Please attend the Delegate Committee service meeting.*

## TRADITION NINE

**C.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**

When I first came to Cocaine Anonymous I had no idea what this fellowship was about. I was just trying to stop drinking and drugging. I would come to meetings, sit down and watch the group members arrange tables, move chairs and set out our literature. No one was telling them to do these things. So I asked someone what can I do to help. I was told all I have to do is just jump right in. Soon after, the next thing I knew was that I elected secretary of a

meeting.

I started to learn more about being of service. It isn't just one person that ran this fellowship. We, together as members of C.A. take on responsibility and do what is necessary in the spirit of love and service, so that this fellowship carry's on. As my sobriety strengthens, so does my ability to help our C.A. fellowship, not to give orders, but to help organize meetings and functions. And to help make sure that the Twelve Tra-

ditions are followed so that this fellowship continues to grow.

Tradition Nine states we ought never to be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. Hence, we need help from others. These service boards and committees help us to show the outside world that even though we are alcoholics and addicts we can be responsible for our actions.

-Frank M.

### C.A. World Service Conference *"United in Love and Service"*

**Los Angeles, California—August 31-September 5, 2004**

*Look for the Delegate's Conference Report Summary at the next ASC meeting.*

*Register today!*

*Limited spots available.*

**October 8, 9, 10**

**2004**

**\$85.00 cost for entire weekend!**

Contact Jane O.

414-486-1189



**Balance Due**  
**September 21st!**

*Green Lake Conference Center*  
*W2511 State Road 23*  
*Green Lake WI, 54941*

-Retreat Committee

#### IT'S IN THE BOOK

*Ask  
A Member*

*The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous is the basic text of Cocaine Anonymous.*

**Q:** Dear Member, My significant other and I are recovering together. We sometimes still argue a lot and often bring up old stuff that hurts. How can we learn to get along better in recovery?

-Still Searching

**A:** Dear Still Searching, Big Book p. 98, "Argument and fault-finding are to be avoided like the plague. In many homes this is a difficult thing to do, but it must be done if any results are to be expected."

Also in, Hope, Faith & Courage, p. 164, "Why don't we treat each other like newcomers? Why don't we give each other the same love, respect, tolerance, kindness, and understanding we give to newcomers? Well, that's been our motto and our guide to rebuilding a new and loving life together."

*Send your questions to: It's In The Book, Ask A Member, c/o C.A. SPIRIT, mail to C.A.W.A. Central Office or e-mail to the editor at: jeurich@wi.rr.com*

## G.S.R. Orientation Meeting

Every 2nd Tuesday/6:00 PM.  
Right before the ASC meeting at C.A.W.A. Central office.

Group Service  
Area Service  
12 Traditions  
Questions or Concerns?



Open to new Group Service Representatives  
and all members interested.

-Delegate Committee

## Annual C.A. of Wisconsin Area Anniversary



**Sunday September 12, 2004**

11:00 AM—til' ?

### SOUTH SHORE PARK

Picnic Area 1 & 2  
2900 S. South Shore Drive  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Meat provided by WI Area.  
Soda & Water available.

Sponsor/Sponsee Races

Children Activities

Home Group Volleyball

Speaker Meeting



Fun & Fellowship,  
Everyone Welcome!

-Special Events Committee

## I Asked God...

I asked God for strength,  
that I might achieve,  
I was made weak,  
that I might learn to obey.

I asked God for health,  
that I might do great things.  
I was given infirmity,  
that I might do better things.

I asked God for riches,  
that I might be happy.  
I was given poverty,  
that I might be wise.

I asked God for power,  
that I might have approval.  
I was given weakness,  
that I might feel the need for God.

I asked for all things,  
that I might enjoy life.  
I was given life,  
that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for,  
but everything I hoped for.  
I am among all people,  
most richly blessed!

## Pre-Convention Fundraiser September 18th, 2004

7:30 PM Speaker Meeting & DJ Dance  
Serenity Club, Cudahy



Convention Planning Meeting: 9-12-04, South Shore Park

## Humor Corner



Have some a good recovery humor?  
Send it in!

## Overheard at a meeting...

We're all here because we're not all here.

Want to hear God laugh? Tell Him your plans.

Cocaine isn't habit forming. I should know - I've been using it for years.

I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once.

Ten out of ten people die, so don't take life too seriously.

C.A. SPIRIT, is a monthly publication of Cocaine Anonymous of Wisconsin Area. It is intended solely for information to the members of Cocaine Anonymous. We hope to communicate the experience, strength, and hope of C.A. members reflecting recovery, unity, and service, within the bounds of friendliness and good taste. C.A. SPIRIT Newsletter presents experiences and opinions of Cocaine Anonymous members. Those opinions expressed herein are of the individual contributors and are not to be attributed nor taken as an endorsement by either Cocaine Anonymous or C.A. SPIRIT. The editors reserve the right to edit any submissions in adherence to the Twelve Traditions of Cocaine Anonymous. If you would like to know more about Cocaine Anonymous, the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions, please write to: C.A. World Service Office, 3740 Overland Ave., Suite C, Los Angeles, CA 90034. C.A. World Service Office web page: [www.ca.org](http://www.ca.org)

# SEPTEMBER 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
It's not the yets we have to worry about, it's the again's.						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Annual Area Picnic Area Convention Mtg.			Pre-Convention Fundraiser Event			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		(ASC) Area Service Committee Meeting				
26	27	28	29	30		
It is easier to stay sober than to get sober.						



## September Birthdays Sobriety Clean Time



Susan S.	September 1	12 years
Lynn G.	September 11	2 years
Stacy E.	September 12	2 years
Jane O.	September 21	8 years
Dave H.	September 24	6 years
Mark D.	September 27	5 years

*Congratulations! Trudging the Road to Happy Destiny...*

Service Committee meetings held at:

C.A.W.A. Central Office  
3060 N. 68th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210  
All C.A. members are welcome  
and encouraged to attend.

September	12th	5:00 PM
September	13th	7:00 PM
September	14th	6:30 PM
September	21st	6:00 PM
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September	21st	6:00 PM
September	21st	6:30 PM
September	26th	12:00 PM
September	28th	6:30 PM

Area Convention Committee / 2nd Sunday  
Public Information Committee / 2nd Monday  
Delegate Committee / 2nd Tuesday  
G.S.R. Orientation Meeting / 3rd Tuesday  
Treasurer Committee / 3rd Tuesday  
Finance Committee / 3rd Tuesday  
Internet Committee / 3rd Tuesday  
H & I Committee / Last Sunday  
Structures & Bylaws Committee / 4th Tues.

Retreat Committee / Jane O. 414-364-1196, Central Office / Phil R. 414-916-3922  
Special Events Committee / Open Chair Position, Unity Committee / Open Chair Position  
ASC Parliamentarian / Open Position, Delegate / Position Open

*See your group's G.S.R. for information regarding Area service opportunities.*

## Message Board

**C.A. World Service Conference, "United in Love and Service", August 31—September 5, Los Angeles, CA, Delegates provide a link between the Groups within the Fellowship. WSC referrals should be given to the WI Area Delegates by the 08/17/2004, Area Service Committee. Need help with a referral for the WSC? Delegate Committee meeting is the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 PM.**

**C.A. of Wisconsin Area Annual Anniversary Picnic, September 12, 2004, South Shore Park, Picnic Area 1 & 2, 2900 S. South Shore Drive, Milwaukee, WI. 53207, 11:00 AM—**til'?, Feel free to bring side dishes. See Flyer. Contact: Sally J. 414-875-6715.

**Pre-Convention Fundraising Event, September 18, 2004, Speaker meeting & DJ-Dance, Serenity Club, Cudahy WI. 53110, 7:30 PM, 50/50 & Area Convention Package opportunity drawing. See Flyer. Contact: Ron L. 414-899-1846.**

**9th Annual C.A. of Wisconsin Area Convention, "Miracles Among Us", February 4, 5, 6, 2005, The Convention Planning Committee is always in need of help from our membership. We met on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 5:00 PM, Central Office. All C.A. members and groups are encouraged to attend and be of service.**

**16th Annual Midwest Regional Convention, "The Keys of The Kingdom", November 5, 6, 7, 2004, Hilton Northfield, 5500 Crooks Rd., Troy MI 48098, 248-879-2100, \$69.00 plus tax. Please ask for the CA Midwest Regional Convention room rate when making your reservations. Convention Registration Chair Paula H. Ph: 517-694-1023, e mail: hunterp@michigan.gov**

**21st Cocaine Anonymous World Service Convention, "Rendezvous on the River", May 26—30, 2005, Memphis Marriott Downtown, 250 N. Main Street, Memphis, TN, 38103, 888-557-8740, Mention "CAWS" when reserving your room; rate \$127.00. Register early to ensure availability. Registration Chair: Rickey J. Ph#: 901-569-4572 e-mail: registration@cawconvention.org**

**-Give a message of HOPE to the newcomer. Submit your sobriety/clean time anniversary to our Area's newsletter calendar-**  
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