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There Is
A Solution

TWELFTH STEP

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

The culmination of all the work in my Twelve Step program brings me to the realization that I cannot remain clean unless I work with other addicts. That has been a simple yet profound discovery; one that I didn't grasp when I first got into recovery. Being completely self serving my only purpose at the time was to save myself.

As a result of working the 12 Steps my perspective has changed. Today my purpose is to save someone else. God has already taken care of me and will continue to do so as long as I allow Him to. Will-

ingness continues to be the most important aspect of working with others for me. My sponsor taught me very early on that I had a responsibility to God, myself and other people to give back what was so freely given to me. God provides me that opportunity at each and every meeting that I attend.

Allow me to use an analogy here. There is a body of water in the Middle East called the Dead Sea. It is named that because nothing can live in it since there is no inlet of new fresh water in to it nor is there any way for the stale water to leave it.

What is left is dead and remains dead. My recovery is like that sea. Unless I allow fresh new people who need help to come in contact with me, interact with me, take from me and for me to give to them, then my recovery will also die. If my recovery dies then I die with it. I think that's all I need to understand to work the 12th Step.

-Dave Sa.



Have an Attitude of Gratitude...
During this Holiday Season.
May you enjoy all the gifts of the
program with your family and friends.

Miracles Happen!



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: xrebellion@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 TWELVE

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Every CA members name and story has to be confidential. If not, the circulation of this information outside the fellowship could seriously affect the trust of prospective members. On the other hand, persons who do not wish to maintain such secrecy can cause equal harm. By going public with their stories, they can come across as spokespersons for the program, when in fact no member is. Of

course, we do hold open meetings and offer speakers to the public without disclosing our entire name or professions.

The principal of anonymity is also a way of keeping the ego in check by having members out of love for the fellowship be of service without personal recognition or gain. Our unity as equal recovering persons, the spirit of rotation, group conscious,

all lend to the idea of the voice of a member without placing anyone above or below.

This is an excellent example, by way practicing the principals of Twelve Step program that allow us to become one with others. (A far cry from the collision of will and egos that we were familiar with in our past.)

-Anonymous

C.A. OF WISCONSIN AREA Pre-Convention Fundraiser

Saturday November 22, 2003
7:30 PM
Speaker Meeting
DJ-Dance to Follow

Serenity Club
3677 E. Pulaski Ave.
Cudahy, WI, 53110

Convention Committee

UNITY DAY

"Day of Enhancement"

Saturday November 29, 2003
Workshops, Luncheon
Speaker Meeting
Big Book Trivia *prizes
Unity Ev Lutheran Church Hall
1025 E. Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee, WI, 53207

Unity 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, With the holidays approaching I'm feeling a little anxiety about going the holiday parties with family and work I'm invited to. I know there will be a lot of drinking and some using going on. What does the Big Book say about my dilemma?

-Anonymous

A: Dear Anonymous, Big Book, pp. 101-102; Usually, we do not avoid a place where there is drinking—if we have a legitimate reason for being there. That includes bars, night clubs, dances, receptions, weddings, even plain ordinary parties. You will note that we made an important qualification. Therefore, ask yourself on each occasion, "Have I any good social, business, or personal reason for going to this place? Or am I expecting to steal a little vicarious pleasure from the atmosphere of such places?" If you answer these questions satisfactorily, you need have no apprehension. Go or stay away, whichever seems best. But be sure you are on solid spiritual ground before you start and that your motive in going is thoroughly good. Do not think of what you will get out of the occasion. Think of you can bring to it. But if you are shaky, you had better work with another alcoholic (addict) instead!

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: xrebellion@wi.rr.com



"A Vision For You"

Annual Home Group Open Speaker Meeting

Thursday December 18th, 2003, 7:00 PM

St. Luke's Church Cafeteria
3200 S. Herman Street
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Fellowship & Holiday Sharing
to follow the Speaker Meeting.
This is a free event open to all.
Food and beverages provided.



Saturday Night Let's Stay Together Group 3rd Annual Turkey Dinner December 6th, 2003

6:30 PM Speaker Meeting, Dinner to follow
St. Peter & Paul Old School Basement
2480 North Cramer Street
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Bring a dish to pass



Annual Holiday Coke-A-Thon

30 Hours of Continuous Marathon Meetings

December 24th—12:00 Noon
continuous through
December 25th, 2003—6:00 PM

December 31st—12:00 Noon
continuous through
January 1st, 2004—6:00 PM

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*A Safe Haven for the Holidays.
Come share your Hope, Faith & Courage.*

Contact: Billy B. 414-520-7568

CAWA Unity Committee

Humor Corner



*Have some a good recovery humor?
Send it in!*



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 and ask for C.A. World Service Conference approved literature. C.A.W.A., 3060 N. 68th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53210, C.A. World Service Office web page: www.ca.org

DECEMBER 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>"Let's Stay Together" Event</i>						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bring the body and the mind will follow...						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Convention Committee Meeting At The Radisson Hotel		<i>"A Vision For You" Event</i>				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Coke-A-Thon</i>						
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<i>Coke-A-Thon</i>				<i>Pre-Convention Fundraiser Event</i>		

December Sobriety/Clean-Time Birthdays

Quin B.	December 8th	12 years
Dave Sa.	December 13th	7 years
Cary S.	December 26th	6 years
Gary K.	December 29th	2 years

Congratulations!

Willingness Is The Key

All Service Committee meetings are 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.

December 8th 7:00 PM	Public Information Committee / 2nd Monday
December 14th 5:00 PM	WI Area Convention Committee / 2nd Sunday
December 9th 6:30 PM	Delegate Committee / 2nd Tuesday
December 16th 6:00 PM	Finance Committee / 3rd Tuesday
December 16th 6:00 PM	Special Events Committee / 3rd Tuesday
December 16th 6:30 PM	Internet Committee
December 28th 12:00 PM	Hospitals & Institutions Committee / Last Sunday

Unity Committee, next meeting / call Billy B. 414-771-8860
Structures & Bylaws / call Peter J. 414-769-9550

Message Board

Open Speaker and DJ-Dance, November 22, 2003, Pre-convention fundraiser for the Wisconsin Area Convention in February 2004. 7:30 PM, Serenity Club, 3677 E. Pulaski Avenue, Cudahy, WI. 53110. Contact Peter J. 414-769-9550.

Unity Day "Day of Enhancement", November 29, 2003, Workshops, Luncheon, Angel Walk, Open Speaker Meeting, Big Book Trivia, 10:30—9:00 PM, Unity Ev Lutheran Church Hall, 1025 E. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. 53207. Contact: Billy B. 414-520-7568.

Annual Holiday Coke-A-Thons, Dec. 24th & 25, 2003 - Dec. 31st, 2003 & Jan. 1st, 2004, C.A.W.A. Central Office. Continuous Marathon Meetings.

Open Speaker and DJ-Dance, January 3rd, 2004, Pre-convention fundraiser for the Wisconsin Area Convention in February 2004. 7:30 PM, Serenity Club, 3677 E. Pulaski Avenue, Cudahy, WI. 53110. Contact Peter J. 414-769-9550.

8th Annual C.A. of Wisconsin Area Convention "Let Go", February 2004, Planning committee meets at Central Office, 2nd Sunday at 5:00 PM. Looking for Art work for this year's theme: "Let Go", is due at the July planning meeting. Service commitments and help is still needed. All members are encouraged to be of service. Contact Chair: Gregg B. 414-899-8031. Limited Pre-Convention/Outreach t-shirts available... Contact Rick D. 414-350-5146.

20th Cocaine Anonymous World Service Convention, "Spotlight on Recovery", May 27th-31st, 2004, Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City, 555 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City, CA, 91608, (818-506-2500), \$149.00 King or Double Bed, Please ask for the CAWS 2004 room rate when making your reservations. Additional \$35.00 room fee for more than two guest, except for persons 18 or under. Contact Ralph W.-Outreach Chair at: ralphwhite@yahoo.com or the CAWS 2004 web site for more information: www.caws2004.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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