West Tennessee Area Service Committee Minutes (03/20/2016)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW FOR OUR BUSINESS MEETING?

1. TO BE VOTED ON BY GROUPS: The motion was made by Thursday Nighters and seconded by Lunch Bunch to nominate Christine J. for Vice Chairperson of Area

Christine's willingness statement

My name is Christine J. and I am expressing willingness to serve as vice-chair of the area. Due to an already scheduled work commitment, I will be unable to attend the February area.

My clean date is May 6, 1987. I have an NA sponsor and a working knowledge of the steps and traditions. My home group is Thursday Nighters. I was chair of NA in May in 2015 and I am helping with the event this year. I was registration chair for VRC the last time it was in Memphis. Before that I served two terms as area secretary. In the past I've served as: regional secretary- 4 years total; VRC fundraising & entertainment chair two or three times; area activities chair; various positions at various home groups in the past; and probably some I've forgotten.

I'm computer literate, hyper-organized and willing to serve. I understand that vice-chair is a two year commitment.

The meeting was opened with The Serenity Prayer
Susan read The Service Prayer
Marcus read The Twelve Traditions
Glen read The Twelve Concepts
Balazs read The Purpose of West Tennessee Area Service Committee

Executive Committee

<u>Regional Committee Member-</u> Hello Family: The last regional meeting was February 7. The next regional meeting is on April 3, in Murfreesboro.

The groups' should have gotten their votes the Conference Agenda Report and Conference Approval Track motions AND the two regional nominations to be voted on listed below. Also included are some key points of the last meeting.

Need back from groups CAR/CAT tally

Each home group should have CAR/CAT tally sheets from your group and bringing your group conscious to the March meeting. A copy of the CAR is available for each group. It can also be downloaded online, as well as the CAT at http://na.org/?ID=conference-index. If you have ANY questions, please contact Ricardo J or myself (George P).

● Votes I need BACK From GROUPS: Nomination for Charmaine D. for Public Relations Chair Clean date: 10/26/85 Total Clean Time: 31 years

Votes I need BACK From GROUPS: Questions/Comments from the Floor:

There were concerns brought up from members present about the transition mentioned in resume above.

His answer is in the resume. Nomination for Greg R for Alternate Treasurer

Clean date: 8/27/99 Total Clean Time: 16.5

These are the summarized points of this matter, as suggested by the Chairperson:

- -Knoxville withdrew their nomination of Greg due to some concerns they had over his term as Knoxville Area Treasurer.
- Concerns were voiced about his refusal to allow an audit on the Area bank account.

- Greg responded to the concerns and stated he was open to the audit, but that he wouldn't wait to do that forever as he felt he had.
- Jim disagreed with his explanation.
- Also, Jim pointed out that Greg in his explanation had criticized another member's financial affairs by name and that, according to Jim, was out of line.
- Greg was then nominated by H & I Chair; and seconded by Alt-RCM for Mid-West TN.
- Anyone interested in learning more about this matter can contact the below members for more info.

Concerned Members:

Charmaine D. (336) 577-1813;

Jim B. (Knoxville RCM) 3365771816 roaster42@gmail.com

Defending Nominee:

(Greg R.): (865) 254-6305 jcvetusaaa@yahoo.com

*Note from Secretary: According to Marvin's report (VRC 33 Chair), Greg is the VRC Treasurer. This was not included in the resume.

Q: Employment? A: Retired.

- This motion failed: To allow the Area Formation Committee to bring votes back from a few select non-Area-affiliated groups regarding the CAR
- This motion was deferred to: Amend Guidelines to automatically upgrade Quickbooks (details in regional minutes)
- MOTIONS PASSED

A motion was made and passed to send \$100 to the Multi Zonal Service Symposium, which will be held in September this year. This is a collaborative effort between the Southern, the Plains State and Midwest zonal forums. For more information, visit http://mzssna.org/.

Motion to Upgrade Quickbooks used by the treasurer passed.

Motion reads: The current bookkeeping software is Quickbooks 2010. It has glitches and the version is so old it is no longer supported by Intuit. The check register is blank and it will not generate report. An upgrade to Quickbooks 2016 is \$199.99, and I am requesting the funds to make the purchase. It will only need to be upgraded every 4-5 years.

A 2nd Quickbooks motion passed also.

For VRSC to purchase new Quickbooks for accounting purposes for the VRC functions.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to hold \$900 from sending to NAWS at this time.

Discussion on the time allotted for having regional minutes completed and sent out

There has been discussion the past couple of regions regarding the 21 day time limit for getting minutes out. It's a lot to do in 21 days and some areas meet sooner than 21 days. The secretary is working on a motion to address this issue.

Website/ITCC Update

Since the ITCC position is still vacant, Brad H, the past ITCC has given the chair access so that she can keep the website updated with regional meeting times and minutes, etc.

Please take this back to your areas that we need this position filled.

SALES Tax Discussion

The Sales Tax issue is being discussed at Region again. We need to find the best way to continue to provide literature to addicts

while staying in compliance with state law. To see more on the discussion at region, see the regional minutes which can be found at natennessee.org or let me know and I'll forward the minutes to you.

- Literature survey
- Although some groups filled out the literature survey, it is available online for individuals to fill out.
 Just go to http://na.org/?ID=conference-index
- Video Conferencing Software

The Southern Zonal forum has purchased video conferencing software which is available for the regions to use!

This will allow individuals to participate in face-to-face meetings and trainings by using up to 25 separate connections via a computer and video camera interface.

Regional Subcommittees

The subcommittees that meet before region need support: H&I and P&I. For more information check the regional minutes.

The region established a policy of one group/one vote a number of years ago. There are some areas that bring one vote for the area rather than groups.

If anyone has any feedback on this, please forward your ideas to the P&I chair, Dustin H.

VRC

VRC merchandise from VRC 33 is still available. Please consider purchasing some at the discounted price to help make the rest of the seed money back.

I sold \$100.00 worth of VRC33 merchandise and will present that to the region and return unused merchandise.

The chair for VRC 34, to be held in Chattanooga, requested \$3000.00 now and \$3000.00 at the next Region.

Open Positions

Taken from page 6 of our regional guidelines, the following positions must have nominations brought to the Region in April, elected in June, and begin serving their term in August:

- -VRSC Chair
- -VRSC Vice-Chair
- -VRSC Secretary
- -VRSC Secretary Alt
- -VRSC Treasurer
- -VRSC Treasurer Alt (have a nomination in for, but even if he is elected at our April Region, he would need to be re-nominated in April and re-elected in June in keeping with our term requirements to serve for entire term)
- -VRSC ITCC

If you would like to run for a position you must be nominated for the position, have a service resume, and be present at both the April and June Regions.

The duties/responsibilities for these positions are in the regional guidelines:

(http://natennessee.org/sites/default/files/2014 11 VRSC Guidelines.pdf),

Outreach is also open, as well as PR (although there is a nomination above for this position).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Activities</u>- Greeting, Family. All is going excellent with Activities. Remember there is no clean time requirement to get involved and be a part of the Activities subcommittee.

Our last meeting was held on March 6, 2016 at Café Eclectic; we discussed our next event which will be an Activities Game Day on April 30, 2016 at 2pm. The Game day will be held at Colonial Park United Methodist Church (5330 Park Ave) in the Fellowship Hall. This is the same church where Spiritual Awakenings meet. The Game Day will consist of a Catchphrase Tournament, Spades, Cards Against Humanity and other various festivities. Food and Refreshments will be provided. Please come on out and support. Show newcomers and old-timers what it's like to have fun CLEAN.

H&I- Hello, family. All is well with the H&I subcommittee. We are happy to announce we oriented 3 new members today and voted in Will T. to take over the open panel at Lakeside every other Friday night. We still have 1 open panel as of right now which is every other Tuesday night at La Piloma please help us spread the word that we need this panel filled. There is also always a need for more members and the SCDC women and men need support. We also have new H&I shirts that are available for sale for \$15.00 the funds from those shirts will be to provide paperback basic texts for the SCDC women's panel.

<u>Literature-</u> Hello, all is well with literature. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Please don't order more than what you need.

<u>NA in May-</u> Hello, all. I hope everyone is in enjoying the first day of Spring aka Solar Aries! Things are going very well on the NA in May tip.

After two financially disappointing fund raisers, I'm happy to say that the Chili Cookoff was a success!

We currently have sold 174 of the 175 of the pre-event shirts we've purchased. Our sole remaining shirt is a small, short-sleeve orange shirt. Any takers?

As of yesterday, 3-19-16, we have a balance of \$3,134.43. That's a great place to be considering that we're 61 days out from the first day of NA in May (5-20-16). A special thanks to our treasurer, Chris M., for keeping our finances in order.

Our committee meeting yesterday was very productive.

- We'll be reaching to our t-shirt connection tomorrow with our general ideas. Our goal is to have the event shirts ready to sell by April 20th.
- We've locked in our Friday night and Saturday night speakers: Jody S. of Louisiana & DeForest R. of Alabama
- Based on our online poll, the two workshop topics will most likely by about service and sponsorship
- We're looking into companies and individuals to host karaoke
- Registration efforts are going swimmingly thanks to the hard work of Christine J.
- Meal and snack plans are being finalized thanks to the tireless efforts of Chris D. He was our cook last year as well our cook for the Valentine's' Day dinner this year. He makes delicious stuff, y'all! Bryan O. (no, the other Bryan O.) has volunteered to work with Chris D. to keep the kitchen running.
- Jamie E. is working on bids for trophy's. Evan R. was graciously donated his previous trophy's for the sake of repurposing. This could potentially save us money.

I'd like to thank everyone else on the committee as well as the people who have volunteered their time to help set up and tear down at events. Everyone has worked hard and made our committee a smashing success.

Registration for the event is \$30. After April 1st, that amount goes up to \$40. We accept cash or charge. Chris M., Christine J., and Chad R. can take these orders today! You can also register online at nainmay.org.

<u>Newsletter-</u> Greetings from the Newsletter, we have published our second issue and have it to give out today. We are looking for people to write articles on Step, Tradition, and Concept 3 as well as dealing with illness in recovery. If you want to write one of them or know someone that would like to get in touch with me on the W.T.A. Newsletter Facebook page or through email at heavyt2k12@gmail.com.

Also, if you have any birthdays or celebrations for the months of July-Sept. and want them in the newsletter please get them to me so I can start putting the list together. If you don't have exact dates of celebration, clean dates will work as well and I will put it in as TBA. Don't forget that Name the Newsletter Contest is open until the end of April and the prize for the winner will be a Basic Text Gift Edition that has been graciously donated by the area.

Our next meeting will be on April 10 at Dunkin Donuts at Poplar and White Station at 3pm. Come on out and see what we do and have some coffee, a doughnut, or ice cream.

<u>Outreach-</u> Greetings from the outreach subcommittee, all is well. We had our last meeting yesterday Saturday March 19th we had 3 members show up but discussed some great ideas including a meeting of the month. A fundraiser for T-shirts, and a group survey which I have today to get a basic idea to serve our area meeting who are struggling.

<u>Public Relations</u>-Hello everybody! All is well with PR, getting more and more calls on the helpline! We have had 140 people dial into the line in the last 30 days, with about ten *live* calls. Come out to our next meeting on March 30th at cafe eclectic in the back room at 5:45 and have a snack and let's discuss our next PR project. Also I have flyers today for the service learning day that is being sponsored by simplicity is the key!

GROUP REPORTS

<u>Clean A.I.R.-</u> We had a large birthday meeting last night for Terry F.! There are no problems. Our average attendance is about 20, we have treatment centers attending, and about 2-3 newcomers per meeting.

<u>Cordova Hope-</u> Hello, Family. All is well at cordova hope we had 185 addicts in attendance last month, 9 of which were newcomers.

Doing This Thing- Hello family. All is well at Doing This Thing

<u>Farfromusen-</u> No problems. Several newcomers each meeting in treatment centers average attendance about 40, no changes.

<u>Good Orderly Direction</u>- Hello, Family. All is well at Good Orderly Direction we are privileged to have shared recovery with 30-35 addicts on average, each week and have 1 new member.

<u>Lunch Bunch-</u> The lunch bunch is gratefully continuing to carry the message 7 days a week. Average attendance of 18 addicts per day with 8 newcomers so far this month. Nothing additional to report.

<u>No Matter What-</u> Having good recovery happening at no matter what. Small but intimate group. Average around 10 to 15 people on fridays, 8 to 10 people in saturday's. We have one new home group member this month and 6 or 8 visitors having speakers come in and share experience, strength, and hope. Love to see you guys there, come on over!!

<u>One is Too Many-</u> We have had 3 newcomers this month. We have an average of 15 in attendance at each meeting. We are growing in recovery. We continue to have a speaker on the last friday of each month.

<u>Primary Purpose-</u> What up and greetings from Primary Purpose. All is well. We have an average meeting attendance of 50-80 addicts including newcomers, drug court and halfway houses. We continue to be a topic discussion meeting. And all is welcome to attend. Tonight Susan S. will be celebrating 26 years clean. And next month on April 24th we have a triple header.

<u>Saturday Night Alive-</u> Hello family. Everything is going well with our meeting, we average 30-50 people a week and 6 newcomers a month.

<u>Simplicity is the Key-</u> Hello, Family. The location of the meeting has moved. Idlewild has given us a larger room to accommodate our heavy attended meeting. A group member will be at the door to direct addicts to the correct entrance. We will celebrate 2 birthdays on Tuesday March 22nd, Jonathan M. -8 years and James R. -4 years. There will be plenty of seats!

<u>Something Different-</u> All is well @ Something Different. We have maintained 25-30 in attendance with newcomers in attendance as well.

<u>Spiritual Awakenings</u>. All is well at Spiritual Awakenings. We have an average attendance of 40 addicts per meeting. We continue to carry the message to one or two newcomers per meeting. Nothing has changed and we continue to be the most ballin spiritual as F@#\$ home group in all the land.

<u>Step Write In 2: Electric Boogaloo-</u> Greetings from Step Write in 2. We are doing alright. More support is welcome so pull out your step work and come join us on Wednesday nights at 8:00 pm.

<u>Thursday Niters-</u> Hello, Family. All is well at Thursday Niters. Our group is doing well and attendance is about 50 people per meeting including treatment centers and halfway houses.

We Are Entirely Ready- is doing well. We are concentrating on teaching N.A. approved literature. We meet at 1385 Lamar Avenue from 6pm-7:30pm on Saturday. We have an average attendance of 20. This past Saturday we had 2 visitors. We also have gotten several requests to join the group members are loving taught N.A. structure, policies, etc.

<u>Welcome Home-</u> Welcome home is growing, our attendance is up to 15 to 20 per meeting. We meet tuesday and thursday at 5:30 to 6:30 and sunday 2:30-4:00. We are starting a meet at turning point at 340 stateline Rd southaven MS on sat @7pm. Come and share your experience, strength, and hope with us. Also starting a speaker meeting on last sunday of the month

You+Me=We. All is well at You+Me=We. We have an attendance of 54 for this month plus 5 newcomers. We meet daily @ 8 a.m in the cooper young area and would love to see you to share our experience strength and hope.

OPEN FORUM TOPICS

- 1. Chris The issue with the sales tax for the literature of the area. It was discussed during the previous meeting for the W.T.A.S.C. meeting. One motion was requested with the intention to cease the sale of literature. The suggestion of creating a tradition was mentioned. The tradition may include the intention to plan and set a date and time to meet to study the implications to be made. One possibility is to create a committee. Cautious awareness is necessary in order to consider the possibilities. We need to speak to people within an area in Tennessee that already pays the taxes and learn their area operates.
- Chad A suggestion was mentioned that the money could be potentially spent on prostitutes.
- Christine- A suggestion was mentioned that this topic of conversation can be discussed with the people who are members of the group of which is called home in Narcotics Anonymous. The fee of shipping and the fee of will be paid when the literature is ordered.
- George "It" will be mentioned again. Let the world pay the taxes. Nobody knows nothing.
- James Doubts that the motion will be accepted. Chris disagrees.
- 2. Marcus Mentioned suggestions for the members of the "home" group members that successfully capture the banner of the meeting in which was attended. Mentioned suggestions include engaging in the act of some form of service work that is perceived to be positive. The intention of this suggestion is to attract more people to the meeting that want more people to attend.
 - People will, "...act a fool" in reference to the idea of playing the game of "Capture the Banner." Egos will be diminished.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Chris was accepted for the position of Area Service Chairperson.
- 2. Amanda was accepted for the position of Alternate Treasurer
- 3. Jonathan was accepted for the position of Policy and Procedure Chairperson
- 4. Michael was accepted for the position of Treasurer

NEW BUSINESS

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Next W.T.A.S.C. meeting is 04/24/2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13 12pm» Tracy J 4yrs @ The Lunch Bunch 3pm» Newsletter Meeting @ Dunkin Doughnuts (Poplar & White Station)	14	15	16	17 7pm» Shannon T. 12yrs @ Thursday Nighters	18	19 12pm» NA in May Subcommittee Meeting @ Caritas 5:30pm» Outreach Committee Meeting @ Caritas 8pm» Terry B. hyphen F. 34yrs @ Clean A.I.R.
20 1pm» H&I Meeting @ 1500 S Perkins Rd 2pm» Area Corn. @ 1500 S Perkins Rd 8pm» Susan S. 26 yrs @ Primary Purpose	21	6:30pm» James R. 4yrs & Jonathan M. 8yrs @ Simplicity is the Key	23	24	25	26 6:30pm» Lewis J. 8yrs @ Saturday Night Alive
27	28	29	30 5:40pm» Public Relations Meeting @ Cafe Eclectic (603 N McLean Blvd) 7pm» James W. 8yrs @ Desire	31		

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03	04	05	06	07 ■8pm» Kathryn L. (née G.) 8yrs & Hannah M. 9yrs @ Thursday Nighters	08	09 •2pm» Service Learning Day @ 4488 Poplar Ave Rm 406
10 •6:30pm» Dwight C.10 yrs @ Cordova Hope	11	#6:30pm» Mark A. 1yr @ Simplicity is the Key	13	14	15	16 8pm» Cathrine C 1yr @ Clean A.I.R.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 ■8pm» Debbie H. 34yrs @ Clean A.I.R.
24 **1pm"> H&I Meeting @ 1500 S Perkins Rd **2pm"> Area Com. @ 1500 S Perkins Rd **8pm"> Thomas R. 1yr, Jennifer D. 1yr, Jeff L. 3yrs, & Corey C. 4ys @ Primary Purpose		26 • 6:30pm» Trinity P. 12yrs @ Simplicity is the Key	27	28	29	30 • 2pm» Activities Game NightIn the Afternoon! @ 5330 Park Ave

Transaction	Date	Check No.	Payee	Debit	Credit	Balance	Notes
Begin Balance	12/1/2015					\$1,220.00	Beginnning balance
Square sale	11/23/2015				\$0.97	\$1,220.97	\$1.00 pmt to test square account less .03 sq fee
Check for t shirts	12/8/2015	3075	Bartlett HS	\$673.75		\$547.22	purchase shirts
Square sale	12/16/2015				\$174.07	\$721.29	9 shirts sold
Square sale	12/17/2015				\$19.45	\$740.74	1 shirt sold
Square sale	12/18/2015				\$19.45	\$760.19	1 shirt sold
Square sale	12/21/2015				\$93.35	\$853.54	5 shirts sold
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Square sale	12/23/2015				\$53.49	\$977.05	3 shirts sold
Deposit	12/23/2015				\$181.00	\$1,158.05	10 shirts sold
Square sale	12/24/2015				\$48.62	\$1,206.67	3 shirts sold
Square sale	12/28/2015				\$38.90	\$1,245.57	2 shirts sold
Deposit	12/29/2015				\$315.00	\$1,560.57	18 shirts sold
Square sale	1/4/2016				\$16.53	\$1,577.10	1 shirt sold
Square sale	1/4/2016				\$65.16	\$1,642.26	4 shirts sold
Square sale	1/8/2016				\$33.06	\$1,675.32	2 shirts sold
Square sale	1/11/2016				\$68.07	\$1,743.39	4 shirts sold, 1 pancake breakfast
Deposit	1/12/2016				\$432.00	\$2,175.39	11 shirts sold, \$223 pancake breakfast
Square sale	1/13/2016				\$40.84	\$2,216.23	2 shirts sold
Square sale	1/14/2016				\$19.45	\$2,235.68	1 shirt sold
Check for food(reimbursement)		3076	Christine Jones	\$93.92		\$2,141.76	
Check for rent (reimbursement)		3077	Chris Mathis	\$50.00		\$2,091.76	
Square sale	1/22/2016				\$43.76	\$2,135.52	3 shirts sold
Square sale	1/25/2016				\$38.90	\$2,174.42	2 shirts sold
Check for t shirts	1/20/2016	3078		\$363.75		\$1,810.67	
Square sale	2/8/2016				\$29.18	\$1,839.85	2 shirts sold
Square sale	2/13/2016				\$274.22	\$2,114.07	10 shirts sold, 6 dinners
Deposit	2/17/2016				\$489.00	\$2,603.07	\$280 dinners, 16 shirts sold
Square sale	2/22/2016				\$125.46	\$2,728.53	8 shirts sold
Square sale	2/26/2016				\$405.00	\$3,133.53	26 shirts sold
Check for park next year	2/27/2016	3079	Meeman Shelby Forest	\$655.50		\$2,478.03	
Square sale	2/29/2016				\$7.78	\$2,485.81	1 shirt (split)
Square sale	3/14/2016	48			\$48.62	\$2,534.43	1 shirt, 1 chili, 1 reg.
Deposit	3/15/2016				\$675.00	\$3,209.43	24 shirts, \$283 chili
Check for rent (Valentine dinner)	3/19/2016	***********************	Trinity UMC	\$25.00		\$3,184.43	
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Newsletter \$104 qtrly 34.67 monthly	\$	69.33	Paid Feb 2016					
Safe Deposit Box \$150 yr \$12.50 monthly	\$	125.00	Paid May 2015					
PO Box Rental \$98 yr \$8.17 monthly	\$	81.67	Paid May 2015					
Website hosting \$148.24 \$12.36 monthly	\$	37.08	Paid Dec 2015					
Freedom Voice Phone line	\$	8.23						
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Activities Game Day

We have the games, YOU bring the SKILLS!

What's Happening: Activities Game Night...In the Afternoon!

Date: April 30, 2016

Time: Starts at 2:00pm until 6:00pm-ish

Where: Colonial Park United Methodist Church In the Fellowship Room (5330 Park Ave, Memphis, TN 38119)

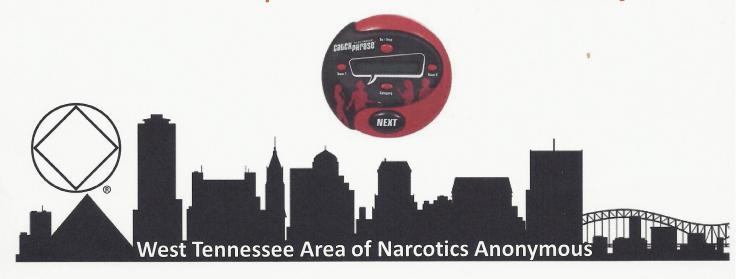


Cost: \$5.00 NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY

We will be providing Food and Refreshments.

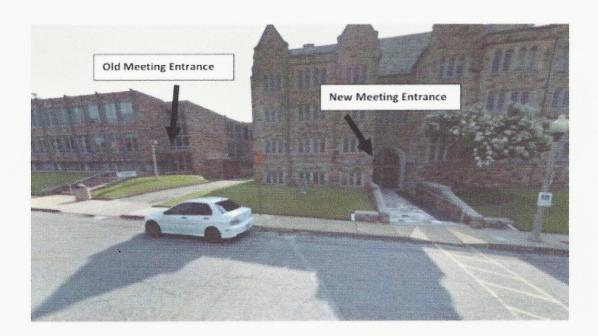
There will be a Catch Phrase Tournament, Spades, Cards Against Humanity and more...

No clean time requirement to come out and have fun!



For more information, Ask Tayler D., Kate G. or Laughlin T.

HEY HEY! Simplicity is the Key has moved!!



Everything else is still the same except we are now meeting in the Church's Fellowship Hall. Walk straight through the double doors to the new entrance and you can't miss us.









SERVICE LEARNING DAY



WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 9th, 2016 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4488 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38117 Room 406-408

WHY: TO PROMOTE AND INFORM ADDICTS ABOUT SERVICE WORK IN THE WEST TN AREA

FOOD AND DRINKS MADE AVAILABLE BY: SIMPLICITY IS THE KEY

ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

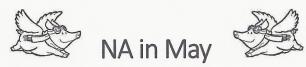
ALL PROCEEDS GO RIGHT BACK TO KEEPING OUR BASIC TEXT

\$5.00 FOR GROUPS!!!

NO ADDICT TURNED AWAY

PRESENTATIONS BY:
PUBLIC RELATIONS
HOSPITALS & INSITUTIONS
AND OUTREACH
ALSO A ¿¿¿MYSTERY SPEAKER??





Campvention & BBQ Competition- May 20th-22nd

Online registration and more information available at: www.nainmay.org









Bringing addicts together since 1989!

Weekend Registration:

\$40- includes meals & bunkbed or camping space (Friday dinner, 3 meals Saturday, Sunday breakfast)

\$10 discount* if you:

- 1) Register before April 1st
- 2) Come from over 50 miles away
- 3) Are on a registered team

*One discount per person.

Children under 12 are \$20.

Day passes are available at the event.

No addict turned away.

Don't forget: bed linens/sleeping bags, pillows, towels, bath products, sunscreen, bug spray, camp chairs

Register as a team & compete!

This year the categories that we will be judging are:

Pork Shoulder

Pork Ribs

Beef

Poultry

Sauce

Beans

Cakes & Bakes

Team Spirit/ Showmanship



No additional fee to compete- just register & cook enough to share on Saturday night.

Speaker meetings... workshops...AUCTION... fireside meetings...

FOOD * FELLOWSHP * FUN

Meeman- Shelby Forest State Park
Piersol Group Camp
910 Riddick Road
Millington, TN 38053
(Approx. 13 miles N of Memphis)

Event information:

Chad R. 901-846-3313 chair@nainmay.org

Registration information:

Christine J. 901-270-0205 registration@nainmay.org

Mail registration forms to: WTASC- NA in May PO Box 111105 Memphis, TN 38111

Name:	Phone:	Clean date:
Address:	City	State: Zip:
Email:		
Early registration(s) x \$30	Long distance registration(s) x \$30	Team member registration(s) x \$30
Regular registration(s) x \$40	Children(s) registration(s) x \$20	Newcomer donation
Total:	CASH CREDIT/DEBIT CHECK	





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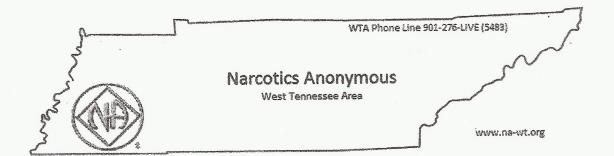
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ANGELA R.

423-664-3990

Registration Chair SHERI F.

423-838-8911

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W.T.A. Newsletter

Issue 2

Cover Story

By: Terry F.

The last thing on my mind when I came in the door was to stay clean. After spending several months in jail east women, the judge told me that I could stay another 5 years or go to treatment.... So off I went. It took me a while to want to "want to" stay clean. The basic text and NA in Memphis was in its infancy, we received the gray manuscript in treatment, and it had not been published yet. I could feel the hope all around me but it was still a struggle to let go of the only way I knew to live. Even when I sort of made the decision that I would try this way of life I was pretty sure I was not going to be able to do it, failure was my middle name. That thought would plague me for many years but I kept coming back.

I have grown up in Narcotics Anonymous, from being a diehard NA purist, angry Mohawk crazy bitch, mother of an awesome daughter, college graduate, successful career woman, wife and mother to a great stepson to what I am today. Wouldn't change any of it. There has been a lot of really good and really, really bad decisions along the way but I always knew you guys would be

there when I was ready to ask for help.

Currently I have 33 years clean, over the years I have done a lot of the same things to stay clean. Going to meetings has kept me clean when nothing else could, talking to other addicts, service work and surrounding myself with this program has been invaluable. But what changed the person I am is the 12 steps of Narcotics Anonymous. The first 5 showed me who I was and 6 through 12 guide me to be the person I can be. The one result of most of this that I recognize in my life is a dependent relationship with my higher power. Living the steps is completely changing my life and the person I am, having trust and faith and living in this moment is an adventure.

Always in Gratitude, Terry F

Step Two

By: Paul M.

We came to believe in a power greater than ourselves Could restore us to sanity.

The subtlety in this step can be easily missed when we presume that its main focus is on a higher power. I realized this as I was in the middle of one of my many struggles being clean. You see, I'm insane. Well, at least I can be. I can be very insane when it comes to my crippling defects. The Basic Text says that our best ideas got us here. I cherish that thought because it helps me know that what I think and believe might not always be the best for me. This is why I need the fellowship. I need to bounce ideas and thoughts and beliefs off the people I confide in so they can give me their experience, strength, and hope

When I first got clean, most of my beliefs were insane. Take for instance: I believed that drugs were somehow going to fix what was wrong with me. I went through most of my teenage years believing that if I could just find the right combination of drugs or took enough of them I would no longer be plagued by my own inner demons. Truth is, I didn't even know what was wrong to begin with so I was already playing with half a deck. Second, looking for anything and I mean anything outside of myself, to fix what is wrong on the inside will never work. This was at least part of my insanity and that's the first thing that this step wants us to know. We are insane. All of

us. Even clean. No, maybe not all the time, but we are addicts and part of our disease is the illogical and often dangerous beliefs that we cling to because we have convinced ourselves that they still work.

What this step is asking us is simple: we need to change what we believe in. I can no longer continue living holding on to the beliefs that have caused so much of the misery I've wallowed in. However, in order to change my beliefs, I need to first find something better to believe. Something that works. This is when the idea of a Higher Power comes into play. A Higher Power can literally be anything that helps me change from a destructive belief to a positive belief. Can a doorknob be a higher power? You damn right it can! If that doorknob opens to a meeting where I receive love and compassion, when I believed that no one could ever love me then it can most certainly be my Higher Power. Obviously, that may not sustainable but a Higher Power doesn't have to be one thing, nor does it have to be etched in stone, never to change. The Basic Text says that what we know is subject to revision, especially what we know about the truth. That means that if my Higher Power isn't working to change my life, then, I can always revise what I know and form more positive beliefs.

I heard a speaker say once "If what you believe isn't making a difference in your life, then it doesn't matter what you believe." This idea has helped me move away from the lies I believed in my whole life. "You'll never be good enough." "If they find out who you really are, they will never love you again." These beliefs are slowly being removed from my character with the help of my Higher Power and The Second Step.

Tradition Two

By: Mark V-B

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.

The spiritual principle of humility requires this short article to begin with a disclaimer, and perhaps a relevant insight in itself. There may or may not be members of our fellowship who are "experts" on the Traditions; but in either case, I am not one. In NA, we share, not teach. So I merely offer some core thoughts on Tradition Two generated from reading literature such as "How and Why," interacting with other addicts who've shared their experience and the strength and hope they've gotten from honoring the Traditions, and attending literature meetings covering the Traditions, especially the old Thursday night study at Dopeless Hope Fiends.

Tradition Two is one of two that specifically mentions spiritual power, the other being Tradition Twelve. Tradition Two emphasizes that a Higher Power is the one ultimate authority over our groups, just as it is the foundation of our personal recovery; and we have a "conscience" that seeks, albeit never perfectly, to discern the will of that Higher Power. We all know that our recovery from obsession with earthly fear and circumstances, and the delusional icon of control as a solution, depends upon recognizing that there is a Higher Power and an order to the universe, in which we are precious participants but not holders of ultimate wisdom and solutions. Admitting that we are not our Higher Power reveals where our "best thinking" got us. Tradition Twelve compliments this critical truth in recognizing that the foundation of our program is spiritual, and that spiritual principles hold the real power of healing and thriving for us, not the self-will of personalities.

The spiritual power acknowledged in Tradition Two has practical importance as well. None of us are leaders imbued with divine knowledge. Governance of our groups, and for that matter ourselves and our entire fellowship, based on genuine efforts to collectively discern our Higher Power's will for us, is the only way for us to recover. Indeed, it is the essential requirement for the unity on which Tradition One teaches us that our personal recovery depends. The intrusion of personal egos, vanity, and the like into self-governance threatens deadly distractions that all too easily open paths for our disease to come roaring back. May God grant all of us the serenity to bar such distractions and thrive in our recovery.

Concept Two

By: Jamie E.

"The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups."

I'd like to begin by contrasting the wording of our 2nd Concept with that from the organization we adapted it from - AA. Theirs says "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs." That is pretty striking to me, and points out how in NA the group is always the source of Ultimate Authority.

If NA groups decided to gather together in an overwhelming number and overrule something our World Service Conference has decided there is nothing that the WSC or any other part of the service structure can do about it. God, as we understand Him, works through our groups. I do believe that our fellowship in spite of the many controversies and conflicts has been guided since 1953 by a loving God being expressed throughout our Fellowship. Somehow NA has managed to continue to grow and thrive. In NA we hold the group up as a point of authority, not our Board of Trustees, the WSO, or the Conference, even though the WSC is the main decision point

of any changes going on, and needs to be. The 2nd Concept protects the power of the group though, and I appreciate how the wording is simple, and succinct.

I'd like to relate a story that I heard about Joseph P, one of the members of NA who helped start meetings in Memphis when they finally took (the other attempts happening in the early and mid-1970s). He was at a convention in Alabama one year and walked into a workshop being held on the topic of our NA service structure. In that workshop was a display with the complete organization of the NA service structure, with the World Board, WSC, WSO all at the top and the various committees structured down from that to the group and then at the bottom the individual member. Joseph stood there for a moment studying the chart, then took it and turned it upside down, saying "There, that's better". I can't vouch for this story but it sounds like something he might do, and something I mightily approve of.

The Second Concept serves to remind us where any authority for carrying out service work comes from, our groups. Membership in a home group is vital to the function of our Fellowship. Be a Part Of, not apart from.

ILS, Jamie E.

A Parents Death in Recovery

By: Dave K.

The NA program saved my life twice, once when I first got into recovery, and then again when my father passed away back in 2011. I was asked to write an article about my father's passing away. This article is about how I used the principles of our NA program to not relapse, stay clean, and continue my recovery during this crisis.

My dad passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. Although I was shocked and in bad shape emotionally, I was able to find gratitude. I was grateful to those addicts who had shared experience, strength, and hope, especially about losing loved ones in recovery. I was grateful to my sponsor whose guidance through the steps has always been very helpful to me. I was grateful for our literature which is a great source of knowledge about recovery and dealing with crisis. I was grateful for myself, for making the right decisions to pursue recovery. And I was grateful for my higher power and the relationship I had developed with him.

By going through the steps, I was able to learn about the spiritual principles and gain experience living these principles before my dad passed away. One of these principles is faith. When my dad passed away, I was able to tap into my relationship with the God of my understanding, and benefit from my decision in step 3 to turn my life over to his care.

When my dad passed, I had already gained great experience in living the principles of surrender and acceptance I first learned about in Step 1. When my dad passed away, I had to surrender that

I had no control over what was happening and I certainly had to accept what was happening as well.

When my dad passed away, I had already gained great spiritual awareness, which I was not aware of when I first came to this program. This awareness has come to me from working and living the steps and learning about the God of my understanding. From this awareness, I believe my father is still with me spiritually. Since his soul is no longer constrained to a physical body, in some ways I feel that he is closer to me now than he was before.

One of the things that I learned is that gratitude is an action, which brings up the spiritual principle of service. If I am grateful for our program saving my life twice, I can take the action of doing service work. This is why I write articles like this for the newsletter, share at meetings my experience, strength, and hope about losing a loved one in recovery, and do other service work.

I have learned that I can't wait for a crisis to happen to react by going to meetings, and/or talking to my sponsor. Things happen that may be unpredictable. I need to remain strong and experienced with the spiritual principles at all times.

Finally, I have learned that life is an experience and it's possible for what's "bad" to have at least some "good". My father's passing helped me make my recovery stronger overall. It gave me the opportunity to help other addicts going through similar experiences. And it helped strengthen my relationship with a higher power. I don't wish anyone to lose a loved one, but I hope my experience is helpful to others.

Events

Conventions:

Fun in the Sun 38, 4/21-4/26, Panama City Beach, Fl., funinthesunconvention.org Recovery in Paradise 24, 4/22-4/24, Key West, Fl., floidakeysna.org ARVANA Women's Spiritual Retreat, 4/29-5/2, Lake Fort Smith, AR., arscna.org Daytona Area Convention, 17, 5/6-5/8, Daytona Beach FL., dacna.org NA In May Campvention, 5/20-5/22, Memphis, TN., nainmay.org LRCNA 34, 5/27-5/29, Lafayette, LA., larna.org

Birthdays/Anniversaries/Celebrations:

Catherine C., 1 yr, Apr. 16, Clean AIR Potluck Dinner and Meeting, Apr. 18 @ 7pm, High On Life Debbie F.H., 34 yrs, Apr. 23, Clean AIR

Christine J., 29 yrs., May 12, Thurday Nighters Geannie V., 21 yrs., May 25, Unity Kevin C., 17 yrs., May 28, Clean AIR

David A., 2 yrs., June 6, Harmony in Munford

"My Blood My Skin" By Kevin F. @ Lunch Bunch

"Surfing the waves of obsession"

Thoughts strengthened by compression

Ebbing, then the neat-o neap

Depressed guesses at lessons

Coasting and floating

Skimming and gloating

Plummeting and goading

Pummeled and provoking

Healing and stoking

Warming and awoken

Rushing and freshened

Paddling for a session

Surfing the waves of obsession

By John B. @ Thursday Niters

These Blue Eyes By Mira M. @ Lunch Bunch

Behind these blue eyes something inside of me cries out saying let me out of this nightmare. My voice can't come to say it, but my heart still bears it. These blue eyes have cried an ocean or two n or two, but somehow I'll pull through! See people think that I'm obsessed with school, but that's not entirely true. My blue eyes have known heart ache after heart ache, school is just a drug to numb my feelings, but drugs don't last forever so one day they'll come through. I hate to believe that the pain behind these blue eyes will rush in one day all at once like a hurricane just passing through. I guess that's what happens when you refuse to let your true pain through. So behind these blue eyes a place for light is just waiting to break through!



Chairperson's Note: I would like to thank Terry F., Mark V-B, Jamie E, and Dave K. for contributing articles to this issue of the newsletter. I would also like to thank Kevin F., John B., and Mira M. for contributing poems to this issue as well as Juan S. and Mary N. for all of their help. Without all of you this newsletter couldn't have been put together. If you would like to contribute an article, poem, cartoon, or puzzle please let me know by posting on the W.T.A. Newsletter Facebook page or sending me an email at heavyt2k12@gmail.com and we will work something out. Also don't forget to get me your suggestions for a name for the newsletter for the Name the Newsletter Contest, you have until April 30. ILS, David T.

OUTREACH SURVEY March 2016

The WTASCNA Outreach sub-committee would like your group's input. We are once again looking for ways that we can help the groups that are in need of support.

Please take this survey to your next business meeting and complete it. Then, return it the Outreach Committee at the next Area meeting.

what is your group name?
How many home group members do you have?
Do you know what resources are available to you?"
What is your average meeting attendance?
What problems does your group encounter?
Does your group ever have special events?
Would your group like assistance from the Outreach Committee?
 Help increase your meeting attendance. Assist with a special event your group will be having.

In the past, we have conducted a how to chair a meeting workshop a group. Would your group benefit from this sort of workshop?						
Please use this space to write your own comments or suggestions for the Outreach Committee:						

Any Questions? Marcus 901-649-6284 Marcus medorald 43@gmail.com