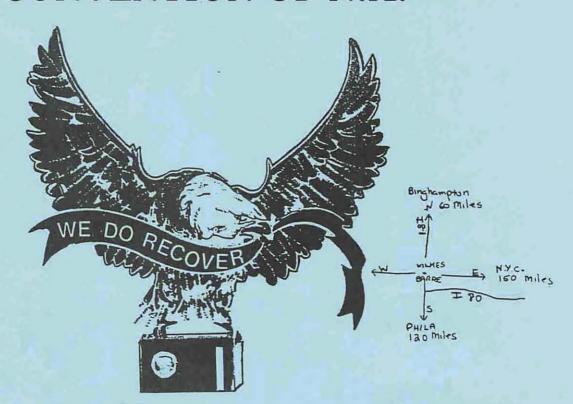
2nd BEE HIVE AREA BIRTHDAY CONVENTION OF N.A.



November 28 — December 1, 1991

AT THE

Ramada

Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Come Experience Pure Recovery the NA Way! CALL HOTEL FOR RESERVATION • (717) 824-7100

Hotel Rates:

Single \$55

Double \$60

Triple \$65

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- Make sure to mention N.A. Convention.
- Hotel shuttle available to & from Wilkes-Barre-Scranton Airport.
- Greyhould & Trailways Bus Terminal opposite hotel.
- Special Buffet on Thursday for those wishing to spend Thanksgiving with us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL:

675-3283 - day

Pam B. 825-6959 - evening

Vito L. 654-5140 - day

693-3681 - evening

SEND REPLIES TO:

Bee Hive A.S.C. Conv. Comm. P.O. Box 291 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18703

Make Checks Payable to 2nd BHBCNA Name. Address City_ State_ Zip Telephone No. Number of people attending

PACKAGE COSTS

Registration & Dance \$15 Saturday Banquet \$25 Sunday Buffet \$15 **Full Package** \$55 TOTAL

Thursday Buffet \$15

· Only those registered will be admitted to dance



WILKES-BARRE, PA.

How It Works

If you want what we have to offer, and are willing to make the effort to get it, then you are ready to take certain steps. These are the principles that made our recovery possible.

- 1. We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable.
- 2. We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- 3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
- 4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- 6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
- 7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
- 8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- 9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- 10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
- 11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
- 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Why We Identify as Addicts

When our members identify as "addicts and alcoholics" or talk about "sobriety" and living "clean and sober" the clarity of the N.A. message is blurred. The implication in this language is that there are two diseases: that one drug is separate from the pack, so that a separate set of terms is needed when discussing it. At first glance this seems minor, but our experience clearly shows that the full impact of the N.A. message is crippled by this subtle semantic confusion.

It has become clear that our common identification, our unity, and our full surrender as addicts depends on a clear understanding of our most basic fundamentals: We are powerless over a disease that gets progressively worse when we use any drug. It does not matter what drug was at the center for us when we got here. Any drug we use will release our disease all over again. We recover from this disease by applying our Twelve Steps. Our steps are uniquely worded to carry this message clearly, so the rest of our language of recovery must be consistent with those steps.

As a Fellowship, we must continue to strive to move forward by not stubbornly clinging to one radical extreme or the other. Our members who have been unintentionally blurring the N.A. message by using drug-specific language such as "sobriety," "alcoholic," "clean and sober," "dope fiend," etc., could help by identifying simply and clearly as addicts, and using the words "clean," "clean time," and "recovery" which imply no particular substance.

Who Is An Addict

Most of us do not have to think twice about this question.

We know! ! Our whole life and thinking was centered in drugs in one form or another, the getting and using and finding ways and means to get more. We lived to use and used to live. Very simply an addict is a man or woman whose life is controlled by drugs. We are people in the grip of a continuing and progressive illness whose ends are always the same: Jails, Institutions and Death.

Hospitality Suite — Conference Room "A"

Merchandising - Suite 225 Store Hours -

Thurs. - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Fri. - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm 10:00 pm - 12:00 am

Sat. · 12:00 pm · 1:00 pm 4:00 pm · 6:00 pm 10:00 pm · 12:00 am

*Sun. · 12:00 pm · 2:00 pm

Betsy-Jefferson Room

* All Areas and regions who have merchandise to sell should check-in with the Merchandising Committee.

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Marathon Meeting Starts - Conference Room "B" 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day Meal - Betsy Ross Room 8:00 p.m. Thanks Day Speaker - Betsy Ross Room 9:30 p.m. Talent Show

FRIDAY 3:00 to 4:30

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"Unconditional Love" Franklin Room "A" "Recovery The Journey Continues" Franklin Room "B"

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"My First Convention" Franklin Room "A" "Relapse and Return" Franklin Room "B"

8:00 p.m.
"OPENING MEETING"
BETSY ROSS ROOM

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10:00 to 12:00

"Public Information"
Franklin Room "A"

"Hospitals and Institutions"
Franklin Room "B"

DANCE - WASHINGTON ROOM 10:00 to 2:00

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SATURDAY

8:00 to 9:30

"Foundation of Recovery"
Steps 1,2,3
Franklin Room "B"

"Living the Solution"
Jefferson Room

"How To Get Along With Each Other"
Traditions 1,2,3
Franklin Room "A"

10:00 to 12:00

"Clean Up My Act"
Steps 4,5,6
Franklin Room "B"

"Balance In Recovery"
Jefferson Room

"Why Are We Here"
Traditions 4,5,6
Franklin Room "A"

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1:00 to 2:30

"Facing Reality"
Steps 7,8,9
Franklin Room "B"

"Desire For Change"
Jefferson Room

"What We Are About"
Traditions 7,8,9
Franklin Room "A"

3:00 to 4:30

"Maintaining Recovery"
Steps 10,11,12
Franklin Room "B"

"One Disease One Program"
Jefferson Room

"Stability In Our Living" Traditions 10,11,12 Franklin Room "A"

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BALLROOM 6:00 p.m. "BANQUET"

(Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.)

8:00 p.m.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
STATE COUNTDOWN
AREAS IN THE REGION COUNTDOWN
TOTAL CLEAN TIME
CLEAN TIME COUNTDOWN

BALLROOM 10:00 to 2:00 "DANCE"

10:00 to 11:30

"Relationships -Families In Recovery" Suite 425

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"The Importance Of A Home Group" Suite 525

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"SUNDAY"

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8:00 to 10:00 Betsy-Jefferson Room "BRUNCH" 10:00 to 12:00 Betsy-Jefferson Room Spiritual Speaker:

"CLOSE WITH A CIRCLE OF HUGS"

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JUST FOR TODAY

Tell Yourself:

- JUST FOR TODAY my thoughts will be on my recovery, living and enjoying life without the use of drugs.
- JUST FOR TODAY I will have faith in someone in N.A. who believes in me and wants to help me in my recovery.
- JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I will try to follow it to the best of my ability.
- JUST FOR TODAY through N.A., I will try to get a better perspective on my life.
- JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid, my thoughts will be on my new associations, people who are not using and who have found a new way of life. So long as I follow that way, I have nothing to fear.

The Twelve Traditions of N.A.

We keep what we have only with vigilance, and just as freedom for the individual comes from the Twelve Steps, so freedom for the group springs from our Traditions. As long as the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that would tear us apart, all will be well.

- 1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on N.A. unity.
- For our group purpose there is one ultimate authority a loving God as He may express Himself in or group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.
- 3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
- Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or N.A. as a whole.
- Each group has but one primary purpose to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
- An N.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the N.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
- 7. Every N.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- N.A., as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the N.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
- Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS



DANCE Sat., Nov. 30, 1991 **BHABCNA**

Spiritual Buffet Sun., Dec. 1, 1991 **BHABCNA**