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Welcome

Welcome to the 34th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous in San Diego, California! California holds a special spot in WCNA history for a few reasons. In addition to the fact that the Narcotics Anonymous we know today had its roots here in California, the first seven world conventions were held in various California locations between 1971 and 1978. Since then, WCNA has taken place in 24 cities, 14 states, 6 countries, and 3 continents around the globe, including celebrating 50 years of Narcotics Anonymous history here in San Diego in 2003. Now the World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous is back in San Diego once again to celebrate our recovery, our message, our freedom—all *In the Spirit of Unity*.



Just as WCNA has traveled the world, so has the message of Narcotics Anonymous. All over the world, in all of the different languages and cultures in which we share recovery, one thing never changes: Recovering addicts worldwide work together *In the Spirit of Unity* and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery. We have come together in San Diego to celebrate that unity of recovery and our freedom from active addiction. We are also here as examples for the suffering addict, sharing our message of hope with recovering addicts from around the globe.



Registration

Why Is Registration Required?

In our ongoing efforts to make the world convention a better experience and make responsible use of fellowship funds, we continue to listen to your suggestions and look for ways to improve the world convention. This year we had tiered discounts available for earlier pre-registration dates, and we have moved to a registration-required event. This is not something that we decided lightly or easily. This is in response to the fact that successfully organizing and executing an event of this scale requires planning ahead. We have learned from past experience, it is not prudent to attempt to plan a convention for those who may or may not show up or for those who will choose not to register. The costs for meeting room rental and sound and video so people can hear and see the speakers are huge in a convention center. We felt forced by past experience to plan an event in a more responsible way.

Our hope is that all who show up in San Diego to share in this celebration of recovery will also choose to help us be fully self-supporting by sharing in the financial obligations that come with holding this event.

You're Registered, But What about Your Friends?

Many of us who are already registered understand why registration is important. We hope the following information answers any questions you or your friends may have about why registration is important, and why the cost of registration at the world convention is higher than at most regional or area conventions.

Why Is the Cost of Registration at WCNA Higher Than at Other Conventions

The World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous is a unique celebration of recovery for us in that it is one that truly belongs to our entire worldwide fellowship. As of the time of printing this convention program, members from more than 42 countries from all around the globe have registered. We strive to do our best to make this event one that is both welcoming to all and responsible with fellowship funds. One common question we hear about WCNA is why it costs more than most area and regional conventions. This information should help answer that question.

The simplest explanation is that there is an order of magnitude of difference between a world convention and the vast majority of local conventions. WCNA requires the use of a major convention center and an assortment

of hotels, while most area and regional events are held in a single hotel. Looking at the price of a world convention next to the price of a local convention is simply not an equitable comparison.

The core expenses for this world convention will exceed 1.5 million dollars. With 13,100 registered those expenses are \$111 each, a difference from the actual registration costs of \$99 onsite and \$89 or \$79 for pre-registration. Of that \$111, the core expenses for the convention break down as follows. We spend \$42, the largest proportion (38%), on registration and activities—all of the information distributed about the convention in advance, the registration packets, dances each night, and the entertainment for the two coffee houses and the festival, all of which are included with your registration. Over a third of the expenses (37% or \$40) go to facilities—the rental of the convention center, set-up, tear-down, clean-up, security, and audio-visual support.



WCNA 34 Core Expenses

with 13,100 registrants @ \$111 each

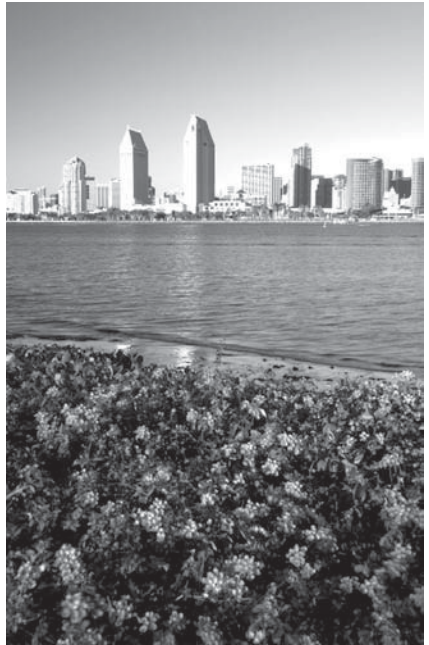
Registration	\$42
Facilities Expenses	\$40
Administration	\$14
Program	\$13
WCNA Workgroup	\$2



The next largest expense is administration—credit card fees, travel, equipment—which accounts for 13% of the core expenses (\$14). Program is 11% (\$13) and includes speakers travel, translations, unity day, and convention center staffing. Finally, only 2% of the registration monies (\$2) cover expenses related to the help of a fantastic WCNA workgroup. The gap between the actual cost of the convention and what is covered by the price of registration is made up by revenue from sales of merchandise and event tickets.

We've always done our best to project potential attendance at each event by carefully considering past attendance numbers. Because so many other factors are involved in whether members decide to travel to a particular city in a particular year, we continue to emphasize the importance of pre-registration. We have made it our goal to put our constant focus on convention registrants. And why are we telling you all of this? Because we want you to understand the cost of registration is priced as it is because the cost of putting on the convention is indeed high. It seems irresponsible to spend the fellowship's funds on costs for those who choose not to register. We try to accommodate those who are new by providing thousands of newcomer registrations for those with thirty days clean or less, with the help of members who register and those who make newcomer contributions.

Registration badges are required in order to gain entry to or be inside of any



of the special events, as well as to access the convention center itself beyond the registration lobby. You can help us enforce this.

And the Most Important Question...What's in It for Me?

The cost of registration is what helps make the world convention possible. The space for all of the main meetings and workshops costs a great deal of money, and while it would be nice if the convention could be paid for entirely by registration fees, we still have not reached that point. The difference is made up through revenue from merchandise sales and ticketed events. Your convention registration badge gives you admission to the coffee house events, the Friday Night Festival, and dances. All other events require a ticket to attend. And as we mentioned earlier, you must wear your badge both to enter any of these events and to participate in them. Anyone not wearing a badge will not be able to enter the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC), which is where these special events covered by registration, most of the convention workshops, and all of the main meetings will be held.

At this convention we are offering access to the merchandise room in Ballroom 6 of the convention center for **pre-registrants only** on Thursday, the first day of merchandise sales. Only those with pre-registration badges will be allowed entrance to the store during these hours. The merchandise room will be open for all others on Friday.



Children

Children age 13 and under are eligible for specially marked child badges at no charge, but they must also be accompanied by an adult at all times during the convention. Children over the age of 13 must have a registration badge to gain access to the Friday Night Festival, the coffee house events, and dances. In addition, they must have a ticket to enter all ticketed events. We ask for your support and cooperation with the volunteers who are working the doors of events.

Smoking

In accordance with San Diego Convention Center policies and WSC policy, all meeting facilities will be nonsmoking throughout the convention. Smoking is only permitted outdoors. In the front of the convention center, we are

asking that you only smoke in designated smoking areas in order to be considerate of other attendees. Cigarette receptacles will be available at all entrances to meeting facilities. Please help us by smoking only in the designated smoking areas.



First Aid

A first aid office is available in Room 7A on the upper level of the San Diego Convention Center.

While basic first aid services are available at this location, there are also courtesy phones in the convention center for use in case of a serious emergency. There is a small sign at the courtesy phones that gives the security phone number for emergencies.



Volunteer Information

If you would like to volunteer to be of service, or if you have already volunteered and want to be directed to your assigned area, please go to the convention information booth in Lobby Hall C on the ground level of the convention center. If you have yet to volunteer, please consider how much help is needed to keep everything running smoothly. Volunteering to serve is a wonderful way to meet people and enhance your convention experience.

World conventions always rely on the efforts of the local fellowship and volunteers before and during the convention. The NA communities of San Diego and surrounding regions, and especially the Support Workgroup, have continued this tradition of service to make WCNA 34 a success. We take this opportunity to thank them.

We Need Your Help

The World Convention is a time of great joy and celebration. We are grateful to the city of San Diego, which has graciously welcomed thousands of addicts to come and celebrate their recovery. However, the convention's sizable attendance also presents a challenge: Our behavior affects others and reflects upon NA as a whole. Please monitor your own behavior, and keep an eye on others, too. Our Basic Text, *Narcotics Anonymous*, suggests that we need to be "each other's eyes and ears. When we do something wrong, our fellow addicts help us by showing us what we cannot see." After all, we can easily get so carried away in our excitement

and celebration that we lose track of how we might be affecting others. Perhaps more importantly, the public at large will form an opinion about Narcotics Anonymous based upon what they see and hear our members do and say at a world convention. We ask you to gently remind people that our individual behavior, good or bad, reflects on NA as a whole. If you see someone behaving inappropriately, we encourage you to lovingly call that member's attention to it. NA World Board, NAWS staff, and Support Committee members will be reminding us all to maintain an atmosphere of recovery throughout the weekend. Please carry the message by setting a recovery-oriented example! Doing so will help us make WCNA 34 a safe and memorable experience for everyone.

Press Statement

As our Eleventh Tradition says, "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." The primary purpose of our public relations effort is to tell the story of Narcotics Anonymous and what our program offers to the still-suffering addict. We do not disclose our last names in the media as identifiable members of Narcotics Anonymous. If members of the press approach you, please direct them to the convention information booth in Lobby Hall C on the ground floor of the convention center.

Membership Survey

At every WCNA since 1996, we have conducted membership surveys. We conduct these surveys to improve information about our membership in order to help strengthen our public relations efforts and to learn more about how and where we carry our message. At the Friday night main meeting, a questionnaire will be on every seat. Please help us fulfill this priority by completing a survey and giving it to an usher or putting it in the boxes placed by the exits. After that meeting, surveys will also be available at the NAWS onsite office as well as online at www.na.org. Remember, this survey is conducted anonymously, so no names are needed. We encourage all attendees to complete this form, but please only complete one survey per person.



General and Handicapped Parking at WCNA 34 Parking at the Convention Center

On-site private vehicle parking is available at the San Diego Convention Center's 1,950-vehicle underground garage located below the building. Enter the parking garage on Harbor Drive between First Ave. and Fifth Ave.

The daily rate at the San Diego Convention Center is \$10. **Payment is due upon entry, and there are no in-and-out privileges. No overnight or RV parking is permitted.**

Convention Information

If you get lost, dazed, or confused or just don't know where to go, WCNA volunteers are here to help answer questions, arrange handicapped-accessible transportation, provide directions to an event, help you get around town to hotels or restaurants, and more. Please visit the convention information booth located in Lobby Hall C on the ground level of the convention center. The booth will be open during the following hours:

Wednesday	11:00 am to 9:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am to 7:00 pm 9:30 pm to 12:30 am
Friday	9:00 am to 7:00 pm 9:30 pm to 12:30 am
Saturday	9:00 am to 6:00 pm

The convention information phone number is 619-525-6217 and local helpline is 619-525-6218.

Housing Needs

The housing bureau will have a desk in Room 16B on the mezzanine level of the convention center. Those people who have not reserved a room for the convention and wish to do so, or who need help resolving problems with confirmed reservations, can stop by the desk for assistance. Hotel rooms are based on availability and may not be located within walking distance of the convention center. The housing bureau desk is open during the following hours:

Wednesday 11:00 am to 6:00

Thursday 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

Saturday 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

San Diego CVB Tourist Information Booth

The San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau will have staff available during all hours of the convention at a tourist information booth located in Lobby Hall C on the ground level of the San Diego Convention Center. The SDCVB staff can answer any questions you may have about the city of San Diego. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to the staff of the SDCVB for all their support and assistance in the planning of this convention.



NAWS On-site Office, Historical Displays, and Literature Sales

Located in the SDCC Room 15A/B, the NAWS on-site office is the place you can pick up select WSO inventory items and see a part of the fellowship's service center in operation. Members of the World Board and NAWS staff will be available to answer questions about world services and NA's growth worldwide. There will also be a coffee stand set up in this area. Across the way in room 16A you'll find unique displays of our fellowship's history and memorabilia from our worldwide fellowship.

Thursday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Additional Needs

If you have additional needs, please visit the convention information booth located in Lobby Hall C on the ground level of the convention center. Volunteers are available throughout the convention to assist those with additional needs in a variety of ways. While all convention facilities are wheelchair-accessible, special seating areas identified for those with additional needs may vary from facility to facility. Please ask volunteers posted at the doors for direction and assistance to the designated areas. Line monitors will be helping disabled persons to the front of all lines, and we will try to provide those with additional needs with separate entrances. Please be patient with volunteers as they attempt to assist those who require special assistance.

Reserved seating will be available at all main meetings and events for those with additional needs. However, we are required to provide those with additional needs with *equal access* to meetings and events within the physical constraints of the venue. In order to make this possible,



designated seating may **not** be located in the front rows of main meetings and ticketed events. When designated seating in the front is full, ushers or volunteers will direct you to the next available designated area. In most cases, space will be based on availability and on a first-come, first-served basis. For ticketed events with assigned seating, you will know where you are sitting in advance when you get your tickets at convention registration. Please know that this type of seating allows for only one companion to be seated with you. The ushers will take you to your assigned seat.

Elevators

Elevators are for those who cannot take the escalators. We ask that elevators be reserved for those who are disabled or for those with strollers. Please refer to the facility maps in this program for the locations of all elevators or ask any of the convention staff or volunteers for assistance.

Scooters and Wheelchairs

WCNA 34 is not coordinating scooter/wheelchair rental. Members who wish to rent a scooter or a wheelchair can contact Scootaround Mobility Solutions at **1-888-441-7575** or submit an online rental request by visiting <http://www.scootaround.com/rentals/n/na>.



ADA Shuttles

A special shuttle will be available to transport members with scooters or wheelchairs back and forth from hotels to the convention center only. This transportation will be available on request during the following hours:

Wednesday 9:00 am to 1:00 am

Thursday. 9:00 am to 1:00 am

Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 am

Saturday. 9:00 am to 1:00 am

Sunday. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Seat Planners will have a service desk in the convention center lobby for members with scooters or wheelchairs. They can be reached at 619-921-0173.

Hotel Shuttle Transportation

Shuttle services will not be provided by WCNA 34.

Transportation in and Around San Diego

San Diego Trolley – Trolleys run approximately every 8-15 minutes **during normal times** (posted at the trolley stops). Times on either the Blue Line or the Orange Line run from early morning to late evening, depending on the destination. All trolleys are wheelchair accessible, with lifts and positions for wheelchairs available nearest the doors. Trolley fares are \$2.50 each way. Day Tripper passes are available for up to four consecutive days with unlimited rides. The cost ranges from \$5 to \$15.

All tickets and day passes (except five-day passes) can be obtained at each trolley station ticket kiosk. These tickets are also good for the MTS public buses that run throughout San Diego and go to such attractions as Sea World, San Diego Zoo, Old Town, and much more.

For additional information, call the MTS office at 619-233-3004. Hours of operation for the MTS office are:

Monday – Friday. 5:30 am to 8:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday 7:00 am to 7:00 pm



On-site and Pre-registration

Pre-registration pickup and on-site registration will be located in Hall D of the convention center during the following hours:

- Wednesday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Thursday 9:30 am to 6:30 pm
8:30 pm to 10:00 pm
- Friday 9:30 am to 6:30 pm
8:30 pm to 10:00 pm
- Saturday 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

We are not responsible for the replacement of lost convention registration badges; we will not give you another badge if yours is lost or stolen. There are no refunds on registrations or special events.

Newcomer Packages

We would like to thank all of you who made a donation for the newcomer, as the number of packages we can offer is contingent upon the donations received. In the belief that we can only keep what we have by giving it away, we offer this opportunity for members to make this special donation

to pay for the convention registration of newcomers with 30 days cleantime or less.



Newcomer registration packages are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The money collected for newcomer donations determines how many newcomer packages we can distribute. Hours for newcomer badge pickup will be posted in Hall D located on the ground level of the convention center.

Payment by Checks and Credit Cards

WCNA 34 accepts the following credit cards: VISA, MasterCard, Diners Club, Discover, and American Express. All payments by check must be preapproved at desks outside the merchandise and registration areas.



WCNA 34 Merchandise

The merchandise room is located in Ballroom 6 of the San Diego Convention Center. The times below are subject to change based on sales volume and traffic. However, any changes will be posted outside the merchandise room.

The scheduled merchandise hours are as follows:

Thursday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
(open to pre-registrants only)

Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
(open to all)

Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
(open to all)

Speaker CDs and MP3s

The official vendor for selling speaker CDs and MP3s is Sound Images. They are selling CDs and MP3s for individual meetings as well as the entire event in Lobby Hall C on the ground level of the convention center during the following hours:

- Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 am
- Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 am
- Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 am
- Sunday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Jewelry Sales

The official WCNA vendor selling NA and convention jewelry is Parable Designs. They are located in Room 5A/B on the upper level of the San Diego Convention Center. Hours of operation will be posted on-site. The jewelry vendor is not limited to pre-registrants at any time, but will be open to all registrants for the duration of the convention.



Alternative Merchandise

SDCC Ballroom 6

Sunday. 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Groups, areas, and regions from around the world will be selling leftover merchandise from their own events. This is the time for you to see many different items that represent a truly worldwide fellowship. The alternative merchandise store will be held at Ballroom 6 on Sunday. Only approved NA service bodies may sell their merchandise in this room. No private vendors are permitted. In order to be approved to sell in the store, the area or regional service committee must have a WCNA approval certificate.

To obtain a certificate you must have submitted an application in advance. Please pick up your approval certificate at the operations office located in Room 16B on the mezzanine level of the convention center by noon on Friday, 2 September. Everyone must also follow all established regulations regarding loading merchandise into Ballroom 6, as required in our facility agreements. These regulations are described in the alternative merchandise registration packet. WCNA is not permitted to make exceptions to these procedures. **No applications will be accepted on-site.**

The sale of merchandise by anyone in any convention facility or hotel is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to immediate removal.

Speaker Check-in

Upon arrival at the convention, all main and workshop speakers should check in *as soon as possible* at the program office in Room 11A/B on the upper level of the convention center. In addition, all speakers and chairpersons should report to their respective meeting rooms 15 minutes before the start of their scheduled meeting or workshop.

Clarity Statement

We are presented with a dilemma when NA members identify themselves as “addicts and alcoholics” or talk about “living clean and sober”—the clarity of the NA message is blurred. To speak in this manner suggests that we have two distinct diseases, or that one drug is somehow separate from the others and requires some kind of special recognition. Narcotics Anonymous makes no distinction among drugs. Our identification as addicts is all-inclusive and lets us concentrate on our similarities instead of our differences.

Nar-Anon

In the spirit of cooperation, not affiliation, WCNA 34 has provided space for Nar-Anon to hold meetings throughout the weekend in Room 1A/B on the upper level of the convention center. There will also be more Nar-Anon information available at a Nar-Anon booth in Lobby Hall D.



Marathon Meetings

Manchester Grand Hyatt Gallery

Twenty-four-hour marathon meetings will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt beginning at 7:00 pm on Wednesday and ending at 10:00 am on Sunday. The marathon meetings will be located in the Gallery, an indoor/outdoor meeting room on the harbor with coffee stations right next to it.

Marathon meetings are closed meetings, open only to addicts or those who think they may be addicts. If you want to volunteer to chair a meeting, please go to the program office located in Room 11A/B on the upper level of the convention center.



World Service Forums

The World Board will be holding a variety of discussion sessions in SDCC Room 33 throughout the convention weekend. If you want to interact directly with the entire World Board, the World Board Open Forum is scheduled for Saturday at 2:00. The board will provide brief information about current activities, answer questions, and hear your ideas. There are eight other World Board forums, on some of the issue discussion topics (IDTs) for this conference cycle (*A Vision for NA Service*, *In Times of Illness*, and self-support), the Service System Project, and more.

Our Service System sessions will begin with a “Service System 101” workshop, followed by an interactive session that will further explain how local services might work, and then there will be a Q&A session about the project.

We will also have a session on the topic of social networking websites, and particularly how we can apply our principles responsibly when using social media. This session will cover some of the ideas included in the new service pamphlet out for delegate review, "Social Media and Our Guiding Principles."

Finally, we will hold a session to discuss another new resource, *Planning Basics*, which is meant to help our service bodies become more strategic and plan-driven in their efforts to support the groups and better reach addicts with our message of hope. Come and experience these interactive forums facilitated by World Board members. Please see the schedule for times and locations.

Public Relations Forums

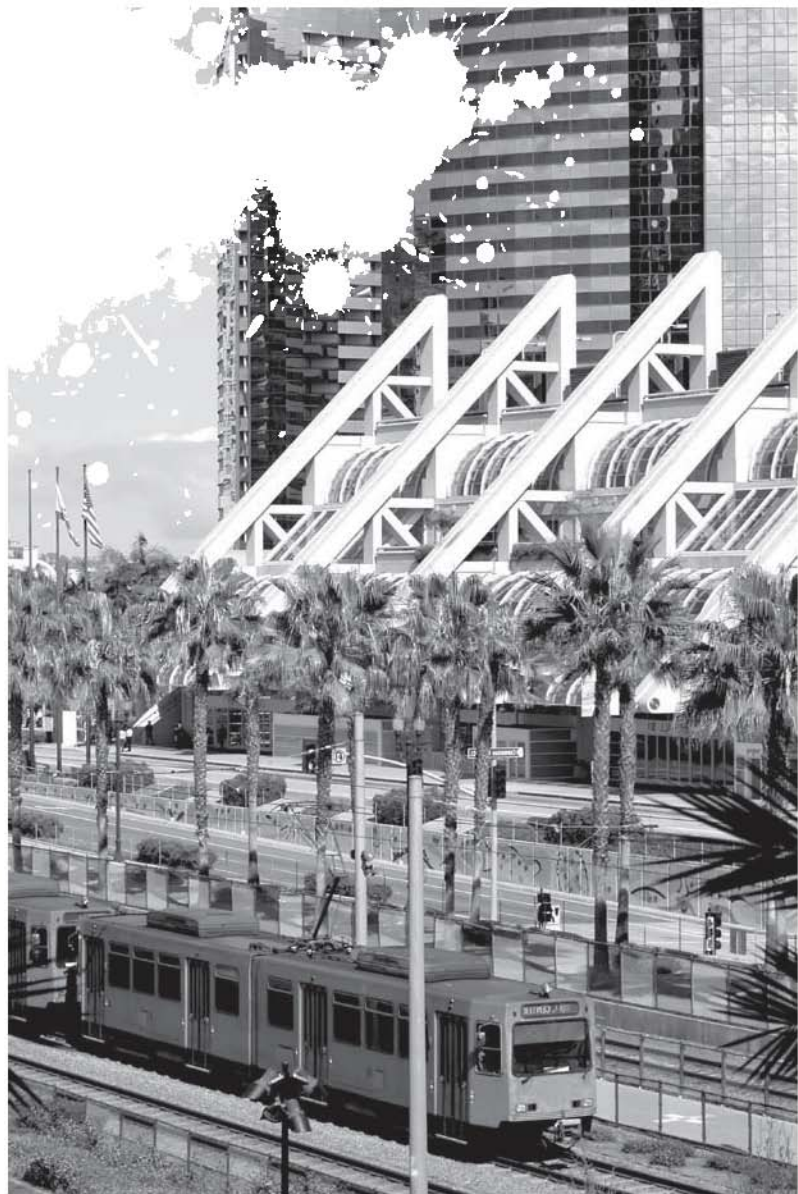
We will hold a series of Public Relations forums at this convention to provide insights and ideas, and to inspire discussion about PR service. Two of these forums will



address some of the newest service resources produced to help in local service efforts, including *PR Basics* and *H&I Basics*.

We will also hold two PR forums with panels of criminal justice professionals, including nonaddict professionals as well as NA members who work in that field. One panel will consist of rehabilitation directors for incarcerated addicts; the other will be composed of drug court professionals. Both forums will have a presentation of experiences and ideas about what NA is doing to build and maintain cooperative relationships with those outside of NA whose work routinely brings them into contact with drug addicts.

The Friday morning PR forum will be focused on correctional professionals. The panelists will include rehabilitation directors from the Texas and California departments of corrections. The Friday afternoon forum will be oriented toward drug court professionals, and the panel will include two California drug court judges, one from Santa Clara County and the other from the Los Angeles Superior Court. These panels are an opportunity to hear the perspective of these professionals directly and are not intended to express the view of NA World Services. This is an opportunity for us to have a dialogue with those whose professions affect the lives of addicts.





Common Needs Meetings

WCNA 34 is continuing the practice of providing a number of very specific workshops and common needs meetings. These include young people's meetings; gay and lesbian (LGBT) meetings; men's and women's meetings; as well as meetings on parenting, physical pain, illness, and relationships.

We offer these meetings to help members connect with others who share specific common needs. These meetings at WCNA 34 are provided in the spirit of unity. We believe that it is important to try different ways to address issues specific to some of our members so that we can all see that we each have a home and a place to recover in Narcotics Anonymous. We do not believe these workshops alone are an answer, but they are one of the many things that we can do to better carry our message.



Headsets, Language Groups, and Translations

We have provided translators and headsets for translations of English into Spanish, Japanese, and American Sign Language (ASL) at this convention. These translations are available at all of the main meetings, as are Spanish-into-English translations for the Spanish meetings. If any language group wants to meet, there are rooms set aside for this purpose. Please go to the program office in Room 11A/B on the upper level of the convention center to request a meeting space.

If you require translation or can volunteer as a translator, please come to the program office located in Room 11A/B on the upper level of the convention center as soon as possible. In order to obtain a headset, you must provide a driver's license, passport, credit card, or other government-

issued picture identification. In addition to the simultaneous translations for the main meetings, there is the ability to translate workshops held in certain rooms in the convention center. Translations in these rooms will be based on requests and the availability of translators. If you have volunteered or wish to volunteer to provide translations, please sign up in the program office as soon as possible so we can coordinate our workshop translations.

American Sign Language interpreters will be available at all main meetings in a designated area. Additional sign language interpretation at other meetings will be based on the availability of interpreters during the convention. Please communicate your requests to coordinators in the program office in Room 11A/B on the upper level of the convention center.

Headsets for the hearing-impaired will be available for use in main meetings and in certain rooms at the convention center. Information about those additional rooms and meetings can be obtained when you pick up your headset at the program office in Room 11A/B. To obtain a headset, you will be asked to provide a driver's license, passport, credit card, or some form of government-issued picture identification.



Program Schedule

In the Spirit of Unity

WEDNESDAY

**6:00 pm to
7:30 pm**

Pre-convention Speaker Meeting

Marriott Hall
Debbie B, Florida © Gary B, Florida

**6:00 pm to
9:00 pm**

Dinner Boat Harbor Cruise

Departs from Marriott Marina Gate 3 Dock F
Irene C, Ireland © Robert J, California
Event Ticket Required

**9:00 pm to
10:30 pm**

Pre-convention Speaker Meeting

Marriot Hall
Jose M, Brazil

**10:00 pm to
2:00 am**

70s-80s Dance Party

Grand Hyatt, Elizabeth Ballroom
Registration Badge Required—*Open to all registrants*

(THURSDAY)

THURSDAY

**10:00 am to
11:30 am**

WORKSHOP

Continuity: Staying Strong and Committed

SDCC Ballroom 20A

Paolo S, Philippines © Caulda P, Washington

WORKSHOP

Newcomers: Diamonds in the Rough

SDCC Ballroom 20B/C

Joe M, Italy © Teri S, Nevada

WORKSHOP

Step 12—Make a Difference, Pay It Forward

SDCC Room 30

Marla E, Illinois © Tom D, Wisconsin

WORKSHOP

LGBT: Diversity and Sponsorship

SDCC Room 31

JL Louie P, Texas © Kerri T, California

**12:00 noon
to 1:30 pm**

KICKOFF SPEAKER MEETING

In the Spirit of Unity

SDCC Hall ABC

Alvin E, Washington, DC

**2:00 pm to
3:00 pm**

WORKSHOP

Grief/Loss: When Your Landscape Changes

Marriott San Diego Ballroom

Ronnie G, California © Lois V, Illinois

(THURSDAY)

2:00 pm to
3:00 pm
(continued)

WORKSHOP

Commitment: Persistence with a Purpose

SDCC Ballroom 20A

Jonas A, Norway © Charlotte S, Iowa

WORKSHOP

Acceptance: Deal with It!

SDCC Ballroom 20B/C

Elodie B-P, France © Danny C, Arizona

WORKSHOP

Pain and Medication: A Fork in the Road

SDCC Room 29

Jeff C, California © Pam T, Nevada

Workshop

Step 11—Seeking the Source

SDCC Room 30

Anne H, Arizona © Dave M, California

WORKSHOP

Youth: How Clean Is Your Clean?—A New Way of Life

SDCC Room 31

Gorang G, CA © Krista M, Canada

WORKSHOP

Spanish: Consistencia: rabajando los pasos y recuperación a largo plazo

SDCC Room 32

Arturo R, Puerto Rico © Laura K, New Jersey

(THURSDAY)

2:00 pm to
3:00 pm
(continued)

WORLD BOARD FORUM
A Vision for NA Service
SDCC Room 33

3:30 pm to
5:00 pm

WORKSHOP
Abstinence + Change = Recovery
Marriott San Diego Ballroom
Benjie W, Georgia © Anastasia K, Russia


WORKSHOP
Pain Is Certain—Misery Is Optional
SDCC Ballroom 20A
Kim M, California © Chris A, United Kingdom

WORKSHOP
Discovering the Truth (About Honesty)
SDCC Ballroom 20B/C
Terry C, Colorado © Stephen H, Wyoming

PR FORUM
PR Basics
SDCC Ballroom 20D

WORKSHOP
HP WTF (Higher Power—Where's the Faith?)
SDCC Room 29
Dennis Z, California © Joyce F, New Jersey

WORKSHOP
Step 10—Who We Are . . . Today
SDCC Room 30
Jenn G, Massachusetts © Louis H, Illinois



(THURSDAY)

3:30 pm to
5:00 pm
(continued)

WORKSHOP

**Service: (Im)perfect Miracles at
Work Together**

SDCC Room 31

Jim H, Canada ☉ Kitty I, Australia

WORKSHOP

**Spanish: Nuestro bienestar común y la
unidad en NA**

SDCC Room 32

Paola P, Panamá ☉ Emilo R, Perú

WORLD BOARD FORUM

Self-Support

SDCC Room 33

7:00 pm to
8:30 pm

Main Speaker Meeting

SDCC Hall ABC

Matt S, California ☉ Madelyn L, California

10:00 pm to
11:30 pm

WORKSHOP

Staying Connected—What's the Secret?

Marriott San Diego Ballroom

Greg G, New Mexico ☉ Genina A, Canada

WORKSHOP

Denial—When at the End of the Road

Marriott Hall

Ralph P, Illinois ☉ Kathy H, Pennsylvania

(THURSDAY)

**12:00 midnight
to 1:00 am**

WORKSHOP

Complacency—Paving a Road to Relapse?

Marriott San Diego Ballroom
Gilbert Z, California © Astrid J, Germany

WORKSHOP

No Matter What!

Marriott Hall
Olaf J, Thailand © Nancy S, Nevada

**9:30 pm to
12:30 am**

(doors open
at 9:00)

Coffee House

SDCC Sails Pavilion
Featuring performers Blackout Blues, VIII Days
Clean, and Led Zepagain

Open to all registrants

**10:00 pm to
12:00 midnight**

Comedy Show

SDCC Hall ABC
Featuring the unique comedic stylings of Sinbad
Event Ticket Required

**10:00 pm to
2:00 am**

Salsa Cumbia Dance Party

Grand Hyatt, Manchester Ballroom
Registration Badge Required—*Open to all registrants*

**11:30 pm to
2:30 am**

Midnight Boat Cruise

Departs from 5th Avenue Landing, behind
Bayfront San Diego Hilton
Event Ticket Required

(FRIDAY)

FRIDAY

**10:00 am to
11:30 am**

WORKSHOP

Expectations: Letting Go and Living Beyond . . .

Marriott Hall

William T, Texas ⊗ Wendy D, New Jersey

WORKSHOP

Oldtimer's Meeting

SDCC Hall ABC

Steve B, California ⊗ Chuck G, California

Sally E, California ⊗ James D, Canada

Traci P, California ⊗ Norm S, California

WORKSHOP

Getting Out from Behind the Fear

SDCC Ballroom 20A

Chris B, Nevada ⊗ Sally B, Michigan

PR FORUM

Criminal Justice Professionals Panel

SDCC Ballroom 20D

WORKSHOP

**Steps 8 & 9—Accepting the Harm
We Caused**

SDCC Room 30

Daniel S, Israel ⊗ Mary Anne G, Massachusetts

WORKSHOP

LGBT: Self-Acceptance—New Beginnings

SDCC Room 31

George B, Washington ⊗ Sharon A, California

(FRIDAY)

10:00 am to
11:30 am
(continued)

WORKSHOP

Spanish: ¿Qué son estos pasos de los que todos están hablando?

SDCC Room 32

Rommy M, Chile © Armando R, Puerto Rico

12:00 pm to
1:30 pm

WORKSHOP

Benefits of Recovery—Living in the Miracle

Marriott Hall

Dora De La S, Brazil © Mark S, Canada

WORKSHOP

Just for Today—Living in the Moment

SDCC Ballroom 20A

Bob G, California © Patty G, Florida

WORKSHOP

Free from Judgment: Mental Health and Recovery

SDCC Hall 20BC

Shane M, Netherlands © Jill R, California

WORKSHOP

Hope—Not a Strategy, a Beginning

SDCC Room 29

Masaru Y, Japan © Marie A, Colorado

WORKSHOP

Steps 6 & 7—Them Changes

SDCC Room 30

Michael W, Indiana © Michelle S, Florida

(FRIDAY)

12:00 pm to
1:30 pm
(continued)

WORKSHOP

Intimacy, Trust, and Vulnerability—Why Are These So Hard?

SDCC Room 31

Mona Lisa M, Tennessee © Mark S, Australia

WORKSHOP

Spanish: Padrinazgo: la luz que brilla, guiando el camino

SDCC Room 32

Ruben R, Perú © Cecilia S, Florida

WORLD BOARD FORUM

Service System 101

SDCC Room 33

11:45 am to
3:00 pm
(music starts
at 1:00 pm)

Blues Luncheon

SDCC Sails Pavilion

Featuring Kenny Wayne Shepherd

Speaker: Amelia S, California

Event Ticket Required

2:00 pm to
3:30 pm

WORKSHOP

Living Clean—The Journey Continues

Marriott Hall

Tom L, New York © Monica A, Norway

Afternoon Speaker Meeting

SDCC Hall ABC

Mark B, Nebraska

(FRIDAY)

2:00 pm to
3:30 pm
(continued)

WORKSHOP

Recovery in (Geographic) Isolation

SDCC Room 30

John S, California ☉ Jody Z, Kansas

WORLD BOARD FORUM

**Service System Interactive Small
Group Session**

SDCC Room 33

4:00 pm to
5:30 pm

WORKSHOP

**CARENA: Compassion, Action, Respect,
and Empathy in NA**

Marriott Hall

Redmer Y, New Zealand ☉ Tammy S, Maryland

WOMEN'S MEETING

Girls Just Wanna Recover

SDCC Hall ABC

Debbie J, Maryland ☉ Debbie H, Arizona

MEN'S MEETING

**Men in Recovery: Learning to Put the
Seat Down**

SDCC Ballroom 20ABC

Elridge C, California ☉ Les C, Texas

PR FORUM

Drug Court Panel

SDCC Room 31

WORLD BOARD FORUM

Service System Q&A

SDCC Room 33

(FRIDAY)

**7:00 pm to
9:00 pm**

FRIDAY NIGHT MAIN MEETING

In the Spirit of Unity

SDCC Hall ABC

Mark H, New Zealand © Gina S, Connecticut

**10:00 pm to
11:30 pm**

WORKSHOP

Being a Sponsee: You Want Me to Do What?

Marriott San Diego Ballroom

Cynthia Z, California © Mahmoud C, Iran

WORKSHOP

Behind the Walls: Recovery in Prison

Marriott Hall

John H, California © Lisa D, Nevada

**12:00 midnight
to 1:00 am**

WORKSHOP

Forgiveness: Giving, Asking, and Getting

Marriott San Diego Ballroom

Paul E, Maryland © Kerry R, California

WORKSHOP

**Online Recovery: The Good, the Bad,
and the Ugly**

Marriott Hall

Lynne V, New York © John F, New York

**9:45 pm to
12:30 am**

(doors open
at 9:15)

Festival

SDCC Sails Pavilion

Featuring performers Trombone Shorty
and Ozomatli

Open to all registrants

(FRIDAY)

10:00 pm to
2:00 am

Clubbin' Around the Globe Dance Party

Grand Hyatt, Manchester Ballroom

Registration Badge Required—*Open to all registrants*

SATURDAY

10:00 am to
11:30 am

WORKSHOP

**The Program: Meetings, Steps, Sponsorship,
Service, and Prayer**

Marriott Hall

Karl B, Texas ☉ Liz S, Sweden

WORKSHOP

Love—Then and Now

SDCC Ballroom 20A

Steve S, California ☉ Francine B, Canada

WORKSHOP

Steps 4 & 5—Twist and Shout

SDCC Ballroom 20BC

Anindita B, India ☉ Raymond R, New York

PR FORUM

H&I Basics

SDCC Ballroom 20D

WORKSHOP

A Global Fellowship—The Big Picture

SDCC Room 29

Uzi M, Israel ☉ Tali S-M, Hawaii

(SATURDAY)

10:00 am to
11:30 am
(continued)

WORKSHOP

Open-Minded . . . Or Closed for Repairs?

SDCC Room 30

Mike C, New Hampshire © Jenee T, Colorado

WORKSHOP

Youth: Stress the Dangers—Letting Go of Old Patterns

SDCC Room 31

Jessica G, Missouri © Rhys C, Canada

WORKSHOP

Spanish: Paso 11 y experimentar el contacto consciente

SDCC Room 32

Jose G, Florida © Jimmy B, Illinois

WORLD BOARD FORUM

In Times of Illness

SDCC Room 33

**9:45 am to
1:00 pm**
(music starts at
11:00 am)

Jazz Brunch

SDCC Sails Pavilion

Featuring Brian Culbertson

Speaker: Charlie D, United Kingdom

Event Ticket Required

**12:00 noon
to 1:30 pm**

WORKSHOP

**Surrender: Taking Direction,
Not Taken Prisoner**

Marriott Hall

Mark L, California © Denise B, Connecticut

(SATURDAY)

12:00 noon
to 1:30 pm
(continued)

WORKSHOP

Home Group: Planting the Seeds

SDCC Ballroom 20A

Brandon G, Texas © Jenny D, California

WORKSHOP

Steps 1, 2, & 3—The Addict's Waltz

SDCC Ballroom 20BC

Sherman H, Washington, D.C. © Dawn I, Wisconsin

WORKSHOP

Does the Road Really Get Narrower?

SDCC Room 29

Peter H, United Kingdom © Rhonda R, Maryland

WORKSHOP

Parenting: Applying the Lessons

SDCC Room 30

Daniel W, California © Shawn R, Finland

WORKSHOP

**Communication—Transmitting
and Receiving**

SDCC Room 31

Lutz B, Germany © Oma N, Florida

WORKSHOP

Spanish: Los Milagros Ocurren

SDCC Room 32

Victor S, Florida © Luchy G, Colombia

(SATURDAY)

12:00 noon
to 1:30 pm
(continued)

WORLD BOARD FORUM

Social Media and Our Guiding Principles
SDCC Room 33

2:00 pm to
3:30 pm

WORKSHOP

**Sponsorship: Wake from the Nightmare,
Share the Dream**

Marriott Hall

John G, Hawaii © Louisa R, Italy

Afternoon Speaker Meeting

SDCC Hall ABC

Susan W, Pennsylvania

WORKSHOP

**Getting Along: Our Common Mission
and Principles**

SDCC Ballroom 20BC

Nick R, Canada © Carol P, South Dakota

WORLD BOARD FORUM

Full Board Forum

SDCC Room 33

4:00 pm to
5:30 pm

WORKSHOP

Relationships: The Joys and the Dangers

Marriott Hall

Bob G, Florida © Cathy R, California

(SATURDAY)

4:00 pm to
5:30 pm
(continued)

WORKSHOP

The Basic Text: Phrases That Changed Me

SDCC Ballroom 20A

Michael McB, North Carolina ☉ Danielle N, Canada

WORKSHOP

Stop Using, Lose the Desire, and Learn to Live

SDCC Ballroom 20BC

Paul F, Egypt ☉ Gwen M, Illinois

WORKSHOP

Writing Steps: The Tale of the One-Ton Pen

SDCC Room 29

John C, Florida ☉ Kirma D, Kentucky

WORKSHOP

Youth: Moving Forward While Staying in the Moment

SDCC Room 30

Drew T, New York ☉ Erika P, New Mexico

WORKSHOP

Self, Society, Service, God

SDCC Room 31

Kaylum P, Utah ☉ Fawn B, Arizona

WORKSHOP

LGBT: A God of My Understanding

SDCC Room 32

Staci H, Texas ☉ Jason R, California

(SATURDAY)

4:00 pm to
5:30 pm
(continued)

WORLD BOARD FORUM
Planning Basics
SDCC Room 33

7:00 pm to
9:00 pm

SATURDAY NIGHT MAIN MEETING
In the Spirit of Unity
SDCC Hall ABC
Rami G, Egypt © Veronica B, Sweden
Andrey G, Russia © Ninnah R, Florida
Gustavo D, Colombia © Kaz T, Japan

10:00 pm to
11:30 pm

WORKSHOP
Relapse: Learning the Hard Way
Marriott San Diego Ballroom
Douglas L, Rhode Island © Kerry S, Hawaii

WORKSHOP
**Resentments—Keeping Me from My
Best Self**
Marriott Hall
Cary L, California © Valerie K, Missouri

12:00 midnight
to 1:00 am

WORKSHOP
**Beginning and Ending Relationships . . .
In the Rooms**
Marriott San Diego Ballroom
Cathy N, Texas © John S, Virginia

WORKSHOP
You Never Have to Use Again
Marriott Hall
Christine De A, India © Barry G, New Jersey

(SATURDAY)

**10:00 pm to
12:00 midnight**

Coffee House

SDCC Sails Pavilion

Featuring performers The Pledger Principle and
Con Funk Shun

Open to all registrants

**10:00 pm to
2:00 am**

West Coast Boogie Dance Party

Grand Hyatt, Manchester Ballroom

Registration Badge Required—*Open to all registrants*

Techno DJ Dance

Marina Ballroom, Marriott Hotel

Registration Badge Required—*Open to all registrants*

**10:30 pm to
1:00 am**

(doors open
at 10:00)

Main Concert

SDCC Hall ABC

Featuring rock legends Blue Öyster Cult and
opening act Vanilla Fudge

Event Ticket Required

SUNDAY

**10:30 am to
12:30 pm**

WORLD UNITY DAY

In the Spirit of Unity

SDCC Hall ABC

Craig R, Pennsylvania

*Translated into Spanish



WCNA 34 features a stacked lineup of top-notch entertainers . . .

WEDNESDAY

For early arrivals, there is a 70s-80s DJ dance at the **Grand Hyatt, Elizabeth Ballroom** starting at **10:00 pm**.

There will also be a **Dinner Boat Harbor Cruise** from **6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**, including dinner and a recovery meeting while floating in the breathtaking San Diego Harbor. **Event Ticket Required.**



Blackout Blues Band



Top: Led Zepagain Bottom: VIII Days Clean

THURSDAY

Rock Coffee House

Open to all registered attendees, the Thursday Night Rock Coffee House will provide everyone with plenty of reason to get up and get their feet moving. Starting off the night is **Blackout Blues Band**, a group of NA members who get the audience moving with just the right mix of old blues, sixties R&B, and seventies blues-rock. They will be followed by **VIII Days Clean**, a heavy rock band whose members have grown from homeless, self-indulgent junkies to a group with a message for the world. Finally, **Led Zepagain** will bring the night to a rocking conclusion with the heart and soul of classic Led Zeppelin tunes. The Rock Coffee House will begin at **9:30 pm** in **SDCC Sails Pavilion**.



Sinbad

Comedy Show

For our ticketed comedy event, we are delighted to feature the unique comedic stylings of **Sinbad**. The comedy show will take place in **SDCC Hall ABC** starting at **10:00 pm**.

Dance

A DJ dance at the **Grand Hyatt, Manchester Ballroom** starts at **10:00 pm**.

Midnight Boat Cruise

Come party on the San Diego Bay! Our DJs will blaze through an eclectic mix of rock, R&B, and hip hop while we cruise the harbor at 11:30 pm.

FRIDAY

Blues Luncheon

At this Friday afternoon ticketed event we will once again be treated to one of the brightest stars on the blues scene. **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**, boasting numerous accolades for his incredible music career, will grace the stage at our Blues Luncheon, beginning at **1:00 pm** in **SDCC Sails Pavilion** (doors open for lunch at 11:45).



Kenny Wayne Shepherd



Friday Night Festival

Entertainment will be provided for all registrants on Friday night at **9:45 pm** in **SDCC Sails Pavilion**, including food, fellowship, fun, and high-energy music to help us celebrate *In the Spirit of Unity*. **Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue** will kick things off with some "supafunkrock," followed by the electrifying fusion sounds of **Ozomatli**.



Top: Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue Bottom: Ozomatli

Dance

A DJ dance at the **Grand Hyatt, Manchester Ballroom** starts at **10:00 pm**.

Brian Culbertson



Brian Culbertson, bringing his very best from an impressive oeuvre of twelve albums and counting.

SATURDAY

Jazz Brunch

The Saturday morning ticketed event, starting at **11:00 am** (doors open for brunch at 9:45) in **SDCC Sails Pavilion**, features food, a meeting, and the legendary music of smooth jazz musician

R&B Coffee House

The Saturday Night Coffee House, open to all registrants, starts at **10:00 pm** in **SDCC Sails Pavilion**. The evening begins with the work of **The Pledger Principle Band**, composed of NA members and featuring the sultry vocals of Peggy P. After that, it's the romantic ballads and dance-party hits of legendary soul artists **Con Funk Shun**.

Left: Vanilla Fudge Right: The Pledger Principle Band

**Vanilla
fudge**



Main Concert

Our Saturday night ticketed concert begins at **10:30 pm** in **SDCC Hall ABC**. The night begins with classic American performers **Vanilla Fudge** and their signature "psychedelic symphonic rock," and **Blue Öyster Cult** will take the stage to rock stone cold classics and vibrant sound.



Blue Öyster Cult

Dance

A DJ dance at the **Grand Hyatt, Manchester Ballroom** starts at **10:00 pm**.

Techno DJ Dance

A Euro-themed techno dance begins at **10:00 pm** in the **Marina Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel**.

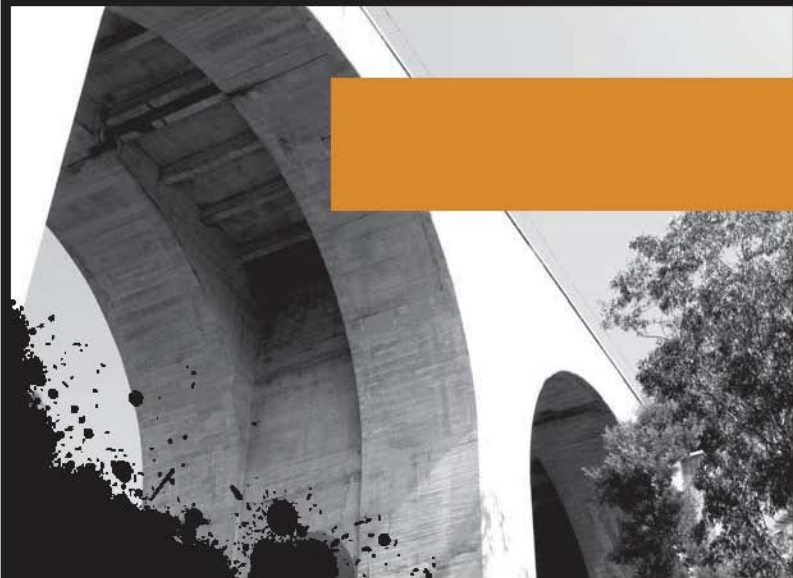
SUNDAY

San Diego Padres Game at 1:05 pm

Join more than 600 WCNA attendees to watch the Padres play the Colorado Rockies at the stadium directly across from the convention center.









Thank You

We are so grateful to each member who is able to join us for this celebration and for the members “back home” around the world who keep the doors open and the meetings full, every day of every year. We know that the freedom we celebrate today is rooted in the commitments we keep, in our home groups and in our lives. We leave here with a renewed sense of the breadth and diversity of our fellowship, and of the unity of spirit that makes us somehow all the same. Our warmest thanks go to the members and groups in San Diego, the regions in Southern California whose members helped make the WCNA 34 Support Workgroup a success, and to all of you who so generously and selflessly offered your time and service to make this convention possible. Our gratitude speaks in the San Diego Convention Center, but also in the quiet voice of one addict helping another, offering a message of hope in a smile of recognition. These are the moments that make this gathering so special—for our fellowship and for ourselves. Thank you.



Invitation

We would like to extend to you an invitation to the next world convention. WCNA 35—celebrating the 60th anniversary of Narcotics Anonymous—will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Flyers and information about the convention will be available in 2012, and the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau will have an information desk available in Lobby Hall C on the ground level of the San Diego Convention Center.

We hope to see you in Philly!

