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Press Statement

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. This is to protect the membership and the reputation of Narcotics Anonymous. We do not disclose last names, nor appear in the media as members of Narcotics Anonymous. No individual inside or outside the fellowship represents Narcotics Anonymous. If you are approached by members of the press, please contact Convention Information. They will be more than willing to assist you.

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 there are two diseases, that one drug is somehow separate from the rest requiring special recognition. Narcotics Anonymous makes no distinction between drugs. Our identification as ADDICTS is all inclusive allowing us to concentrate on our similarities, not our differences.

Responsibility Statement

Please keep in mind that your conduct is a reflection on NA. If you are unable to conduct yourself in a responsible manner, you will be asked to leave.

Shirts and shoes must be worn in all hallways and public areas at all times.

Please keep in mind not everyone stays up late nor all night. We need to have peace and quiet in the hallways between the hours of 11:00 pm and 8:00 am. Please keep the noise level in the rooms to a minimum. The Committee has provided hospitality suites for the convenience of group gatherings around the clock.

Our Message

"That an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live. Our message is hope and the promise of freedom. When it is all said and done, our primary purpose can only be to carry the message to the addict who still suffers because that is all we have to give."

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 NA 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 NA 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.

Third Paragraph of We Do Recover

When at the end of the road we find that we can no longer function as a human being, either with or without drugs, we all face the same dilemma. What is there left to do? There seems to be this alternative: either go on as best as we can to the bitter ends-jails, institutions or death-or find a new way to live. In years gone by, very few addicts ever had this last choice. Those who are addicted today are more fortunate. For the first time in history a simple way has been proving itself in the lives of many addicts. It is available to us all. This is a simple spiritual-not religious-program, known as Narcotics Anonymous.