

N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A.

Newsletter



We need your help to name our newsletter. To motivate your creativity, we are having a contest for the title. The winner will receive a free 1 year subscription to the Newsletter. Please write down your ideas and give them to your group's G.S.R. or send them to the editor. This is the last month so get it in gear and let us know before the February 28 A.S.C. meeting.

The next A.S.C. meeting will be on February 28 at Project Outreach in Warren. Come at 1:00 for the N.A. meeting. A.S.C. is at 3:00 P.M.

David J. wants to thank those who have volunteered to work the N.A. HelpLine. The phone is working well and has been receiving calls every day since the number was put in the Youngstown Vindicator.

NEW MEETINGS

Good Morning Monday: Discussion
256 Mahoning Avenue at 10:00 A.M.
First Presbyterian Church
Warren, Ohio 44483

We had our first meeting January 19.
10 people were in attendance and
Lucky Dog. The meeting went well.
We elected trusted servants:
Secretary-Treasurer, Kenny B.-
392-4825; G.S.R. Becky B.-392-4316;
Alt. G.S.R.-Joe S., 545-2853.
Hope to see you Monday morning.

First Boardman Group of N.A.:Speaker
Good Hope Lutheran Church
Southern Boulevard & Homestead
8:30 P.M. Friday

First meeting was held December 19.
Four addicts attended. Fifth meeting
16 addicts attended. Doing well.

KEEP COMING BACK

Lisbon Group and Lisbon Nar-Anon had their 6 month anniversary January 17. Marc B. from Akron spoke movingly of N.A. recovery. There was food, fun and fellowship. It's really great to party clean, the N.A. way. N.A. is like a redwood tree. It's growing so much its just fascinating. Thanks Lisbon N.A. and Nar-Anon groups.

WORLD LITERATURE CONFERENCE # 3
Memphis, Tennessee 1/31/81-2/8/81

OUR BOOK- It's up to us.

The literature movement began in earnest about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years and continues to snowball. Representatives from all over the country came to Memphis for one common cause: To have a basic text on recovery from the disease of addiction the N.A. way. Some of the prevailing themes were: Narcotics Anonymous can and in many areas does now stand alone as the program of recovery from the disease of addiction. We must share the miracle of recovery with addicts everywhere-You never need to use again; Our program works-We've never seen anyone Living the 12-Step suggested program relapse and die; the time for our Book-Narcotics Anonymous is now. Millions have died of our disease without knowing that recovery was possible; we are responsible for making recovery available to all who seek it; this Book will help provide the unity needed in our growing Fellowship to insure our ongoing personal recovery. WLC-3Memphis-has approved the review copy to be mailed out by March 1, 1981. Now it's up to us.

If a concept of God is hard to understand, just use the initials:

G ood
O rderly
D irection

We would like to thank every one who has contributed material for the newsletter. Keep it coming, like we love it.

CLEAN TIME:

Marc B.	2/18/79	2 years
Robin H.	2/20/80	1 year
Bruce M.	2/20/80	1 year
Tish J.	1/26/80	1 year
Bob A.	5/28/80	9 months
David J.	8/24/80	6 months
Rea	7/19/80	6 months
James H.	8/28/80	6 months
Kathy R.	8/8/80	6 months
David B.	11/11/80	90 days
Veronica M.	11/15/80	90 days
Joe B.	11/24/80	90 days

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! All the way with N.A.

FAITH

Have you a concept of a High Power?

If you do, and you should in order to continue your cleanliness. Because in order to keep clean you've got to have faith that your Higher Power is going to guide you in ITS best interest. That's the time when you must let faith guide you. One must accept this Higher Power of their own understanding and that's probably not too hard, but to blindly accept his will in my life-that's different. It's kind of like being blindfolded and allowing a stranger who can see to guide us a few steps across a level uncluttered floor. Once this happens a few times without incident-then we might trust this helpful stranger to guide us on a precarious mountain path. Still blindfolded. If you don't believe your Higher Power is working in your best interest-check him out- but always have faith.

love, Marc B., an addict from Akron

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

God has given us the things of this world to use for good purposes. When we let something become our master, as alcohol and drugs can do, even if it is only temporarily, we fail God and ourselves. He wants us to be master of what he has given us and not the slave. Only with God can we master it continually.

love, Deb, an addict from Youngstown

We-re growing!!!

The N.A. Way

We used to love things and use people.
Now we love people and use things

From hopelessly helpless
to hopefully helping

"God is Love"

"Love is God"

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once-
 And no man has the power-
 To tell just when the hands will stop at late or early hour-
 To lose one's wealth is sad indeed-
 To lose ones health is more-
 To lose one's soul is such a loss that no man can restore-
 The present only is our own-
 live, love, and toil with a will.
 So place no faith in tomorrow for the clock may then be still.

BREAKTHROUGH

How often we think
 it is we who are chopping the ice,
 shoveling the sand,
 to get through to God....
 when all the time,
 He has been melting the ice in our hearts,
 and blowing the sand from our eyes.
 He has been breaking through to us.

When times are tough-
 remember back,
 on how things were before.
 Remember how when we first
 walked thru the door.
 Remember too, the helping hand
 that reaches out firm and strong.
 Remember how when we got to hurtin',
 a new step came along.
 And remember all those times we didn't
 think we'd make it-
 we tried and prayed, and prayed and tried,
 and sometimes even faked it.
 Never once has God let us down
 Even tho sometimes he should've
 So when you're wired and just in a frenzy-
 Just tink of how it could've
 Remember now we're here to serve ourselves
 as well as others.
 It's something that we don't deserve,
 but we all must live as brothers.
 Then think of all those still crying
 from that pain-
 And maybe we'll be grateful once again.
 Jim F., an addict

Don't forget about the 2nd East Coast Convention! Send your reservations in soon. Also, the 11th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous is now being publisized and the earlier you send in your registration, the cheaper it is, so do it soon unless you have money to spare?????????

Reality is for those who can't handle drugs, and God won't put more on anybody than the two of them can handle together.

Keep a plug in the jug and your stash in the trash!!!

ALPHABET SOUP

- W.S.O.
- N.E.O.A.S.C.N.A.
- N.A.W.S.C.L.C.
- L.C.
- P.I.
- A.S.C.
- G.S.R.

What's the difference between- Conference and Convention
(Answers next month)

Thank you all very much for your contributions. Please keep them coming cause we're here for you. We're sorry that we can't print personal stories at this time. Send them to us anyway because the Rainbow Connection can print them, and we will send the stories to them. Who knows maybe your story is the one that a still suffering addict needs to read! Please send your material to:

Kathy R.
2864 Aldis Drive
Akron, Ohio 44312

Jim M.
38404 Miller Road
Leetonia, Ohio 44431

If you would like to contribute to our our area service committee, the address is:

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Box 588
Warren, Ohio 44502

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Party and dance to make the book real-February 28th-6:30p.m. to 2:00a.m.
Sharon, PA. Bring Covered Dish.