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This is the first issue of a new Narcotics Anonymous Newsletter. It is one of the functions of the World Service Office. Several years ago a few of our members got together for the same purpose. The first attempts to publish a regular N.A. Newsletter failed after 3 issues due to lack of support. Again we have come to a crucial point in the growth of Narcotics Anonymous. New groups are springing up across the United States and also in several other countries. In order to survive we must grow to meet our needs. Lines of communication must be established between these new groups to N.A. as a whole. The World Service Office is publishing this Newsletter for that purpose. Are YOU willing to help us make this possible? We cannot do it alone.

We need: Information and articles from your area concerning your activities, progress, and plans. Also poems, jokes, prayers, cartoons, slogans, anything pertaining to addiction & recovery.

Only YOU can make this Newsletter a success-- In order for your World Service Office to serve N.A. as a whole, we need contributions and support from N.A. everywhere!

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REMEMBER...Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon N.A. unity. This Newsletter is your link with N.A. all around the world. It's a chance for you to let fellow members know what's happening in your area.

GET INVOLVED

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MEMORANDUM

TO: [Illegible]

The NA Club is done at the club, before NA was established to be run by NA members who volunteered their time. The club was picked up the mail at the PO Box in San Valley and... of NA's leaders. Most of the time the work that had to be done was more than a few people could handle, but they took care of it and NA grew. Since the growth of NA became great, we needed to centralize our efforts to meet these growing demands. Thank to the success of the National Anonymous 1971 Convention held in Nov. of '71, it was then possible to open a central office with staff. It was opened on January 1, 1972.

My name is Julie and I'm the one and only staff member of your NA World Service Office. It is located at:
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The Office is in a small room on the first floor of a two-story house. The rest of the first floor is a meeting place for NA members to meet. The rest of the upstairs is NA's quarters. The Office is open for information, literature, referrals, or just to come and hang out some play. We print the pamphlet, Narcotics Anonymous, the Southern California Directory, and this Newsletter is handled at this Office. Phone calls and letters requesting help or information are answered here. Articles and material for new pamphlets and the NA Big Book are collected and sifted here.

OUR PAMPHLET, NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, IS BEING TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH & GERMAN

The office equipment consists of a nice big wooden desk with typewriters, ones that scraped up a little little machine which works really fabulous - some call it like old-fashioned which are out of sight and 5 of the 6 swivel desk chairs. We are not collecting on behalf of our own club but we hope to be able to help and help and swivel desk chairs. Thank you for your interest in NA and help.

There are meetings on...
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WORLD SERVICE OFFICE cont.

Communication & Unity

Through its efforts, the World Service Office trying to build on the communication and unity of NA as a whole. Sharing our experience and ideas as a group with other groups- and members with other members is our strength. Instead of a few groups or members communicating with each other, we hope by centralizing all meeting information and articles etc. from all over the world, we can hear about and exchange our progress and problems as a whole. -"We only keep what we have by giving it away"- The WSO provides us with a place where we can send those things we want to share with other members. We must stand united.

WE ARE ALSO PUTTING TOGETHER A NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING DIRECTORY FOR THE WORLD

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OUR WSO NEEDS:

SUPPORT: There are some secretaries of NA meetings that when they've paid off the expenses of a meeting such as coffee etc. with the money taken from the 7th, there is usually money left over and this they donate to the WSO. Here is a question to those secretaries that aren't putting the excess money back into NA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THIS MONEY? We suggest that this money be donated to the WSO so that we can further serve you. We need support from OUR NA group.

MATERIAL: information from here & there- What's Happening in Your area?

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ATTENTION BROCKINGHAM.

Through a Newsletter, printed by the NEWARK, West Virginia woman's prison, we have learned of the progress of it there. Thank you for your kindness & sending us a copy. I enjoyed hearing from those new members with enthusiasm. Fantastic- keep up the good work!

ATTENTION NA MEMBERS.

C.B.C. Thank you for send of your Newsletter. I read and it was great. For Brockingham, we're still looking for good material. We'll be glad to see it.

NA... ..

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The birth of Narcotics Anonymous was here in Southern Cal., and in that time since 1955 we have grown in number of groups and membership. As needed. With the growth of N.A. there has also been a greater responsibility placed on those addicts that are staying clean, to carry the message, and to give leadership and direction where needed.

The number of addicts staying clean through the program of N.A. has been tremendous, compared to those of earlier days when we were feeling our way. It was necessary for us of N.A. to find some identification and examples that we could follow in our recovery. For those of us that kept coming back, and tried to work the program to the best of our ability, there was recovery being witnessed by their example and help.

Southern California being the starting place, we probably have the most clean addicts, with longevity, through the N.A. program, than any other place in the world.

"What's Happening" an old addict by-line in southern California:

Last year we had our first convention that was quite a success. We hope to have another this year with greater success.

This year, like year before, we are having our annual 4th of July Picnic. There's food and fun for all! This year we will have a live band and dance and games, plus fireworks at Rancho Cienega Park.

our St. Patrick's Day dance at the T was very good.

After the picnic on the 4th, we will start having our regular week-end beach bust to frolic in the sun and joll in fellowship.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: meets on 1st Wed. of each month. It has been somewhat lacking in support. It seems that once addicts get clean, they have time to enjoy those activities but none to help out with the work that goes into an Activity! Usually a few people end up doing all the work.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE: Meets same time as the Activities Comm. We are trying our best to collect material for printing, but its kinda hard to collect when so few of the tribbling pay. This program was given to NAA. We have only by giving it away. Give away your program if you article & send to us for all.

ENCLOSURE FROM THE ...

WANT HAPPY?

INSTITUTIONAL ...

We need YOUR help! There are many suffering addicts locked up. They would like to hear from YOU! What better way is there to carry the message?

In southern California many public agencies are referring people to N.A. They have seen results.

On Sat. afternoons, from 2-4pm, we are having taping sessions. We have had many requests for tapes of meetings and general subjects concerning the program and steps and recovery. They are coming along good. These tapes will be for sale. We will have a list of tapes available and send them to each group.

Bob B.

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I ask for strength,
not to be superior
to my brothers,
but to fight my greatest enemy,
Myself.

- NA member

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Thanks be to God, Today is Sunday.
Just for Today, it is Sunday again.
Glory of Love be His that made the world for me -
Where the sea & sky meet, He has written my name -
For they are we & I am them, a whole of God's creation.
If I can let Him -
He can guide me,
Through roads & make me content.

Na member

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Everything is a Gift

Warden blocks between the doors,
Bells to touch my feet,
Walls go up & nooses across,
To hold my body warm,
With windows for my eyes -
In use is a out -
All hands white to help them out -
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