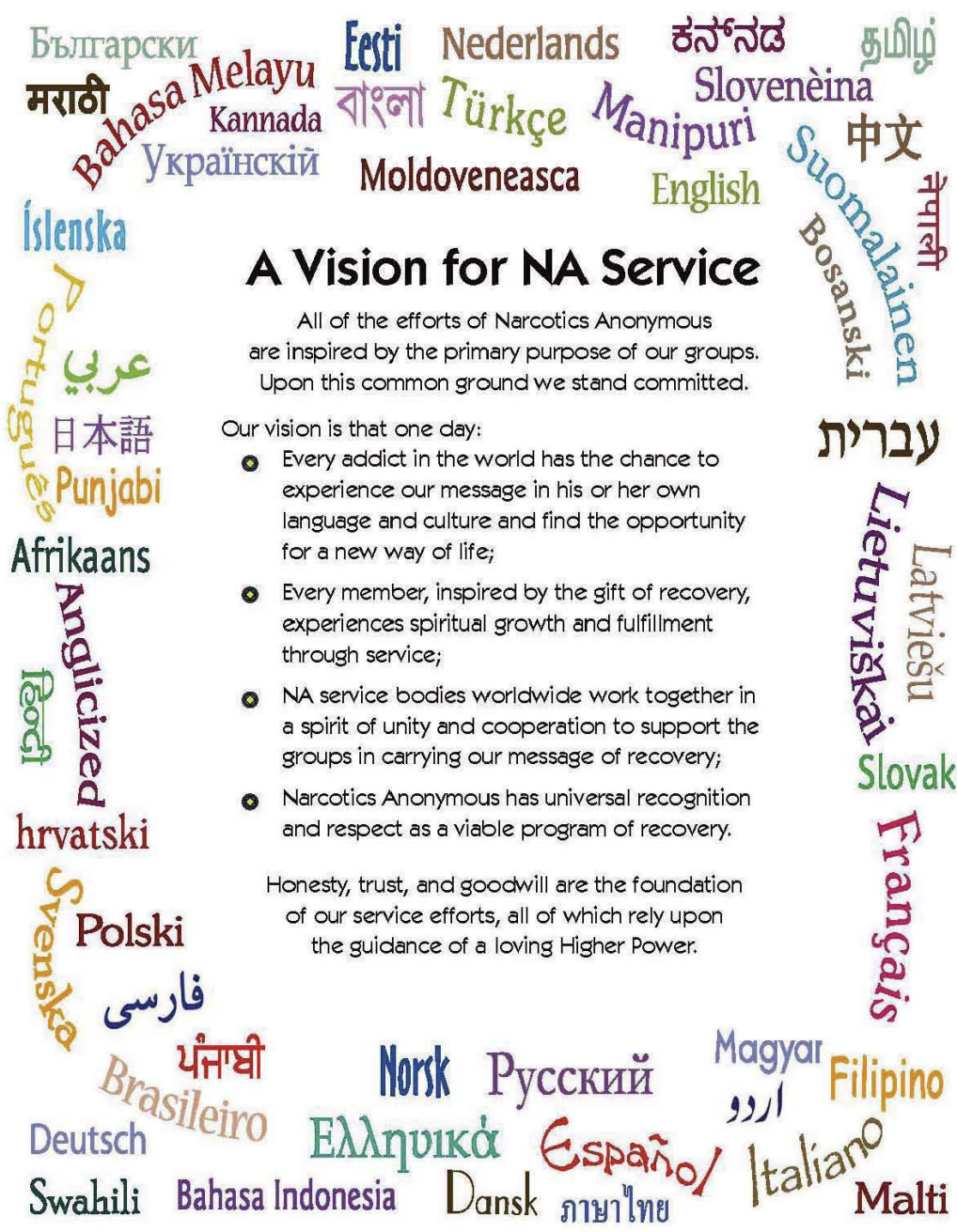


# A History of NA





## A Vision for NA Service

All of the efforts of Narcotics Anonymous are inspired by the primary purpose of our groups. Upon this common ground we stand committed.

Our vision is that one day:

- Every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture and find the opportunity for a new way of life;
- Every member, inspired by the gift of recovery, experiences spiritual growth and fulfillment through service;
- NA service bodies worldwide work together in a spirit of unity and cooperation to support the groups in carrying our message of recovery;
- Narcotics Anonymous has universal recognition and respect as a viable program of recovery.

Honesty, trust, and goodwill are the foundation of our service efforts, all of which rely upon the guidance of a loving Higher Power.



# US Federal Narcotics Farm at Lexington, KY



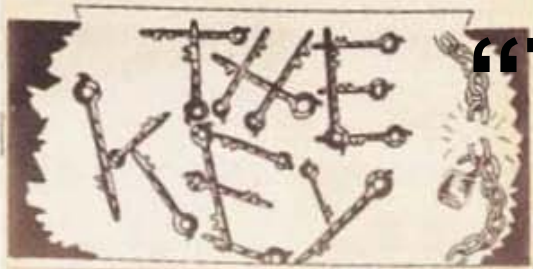


# **NA in 1940's and '50s**

- **1946 – Introduction of what would become the Twelve Traditions in AA**
- **1951 – Formal Adoption of the Traditions by AA**
- **1947 and 1949 – Danny Carlson in and out of Lexington; starts NA in New York**
- **1953 – Jimmy K. et al start NA in Los Angeles**
- **Other variations, including *Addicts Anonymous* begin to pop up, most have some connection with Lexington; none survive**



# “The Key”



U.S. Public Health Service Hospital  
Leavenworth, Kansas

MARCH-APRIL  
1942



*[Faded text from the magazine pages, including the title 'Twelve Steps To Destruction' and the author's name 'W. H. Murray' visible at the bottom of the right page.]*



Two ex-addicts—called "Dan" and "Don" in the story—talk with a Narcotics Anonymous group at the McBurney Y.M.C.A. in New York. Dan, the group's founder, was hospitalized eight times for addiction.

# These Drug Addicts Cure One Another

By JEROME ELLISON

A new approach to a tragic social problem—drug addiction—has been found by the ex-addicts of Narcotics Anonymous. Here's how they help users out of their horrible habit—as in the cases of the mining engineer, the hot musician, the minister and the movie actor.

**T**OM, a young musician just out of a job on a big-name dance band, was pouring out the story of his heroin addiction to a small gathering in a New York City Y.M.C.A. He told how he started three years ago, "fooling around for thrills, never dreaming to get a habit." His band

pharmaceutical names and others street names such as yellow jacket, red devil and goofball.

Addicts work up to doses sufficient to kill a non-addicted person or an addict with a lesser tolerance. In New York recently, three young addicts met and took equal portions of heroin. Two felt no unusual

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Narcotics Anon

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# A Saturday Evening Post article on Danny's NY "NA"



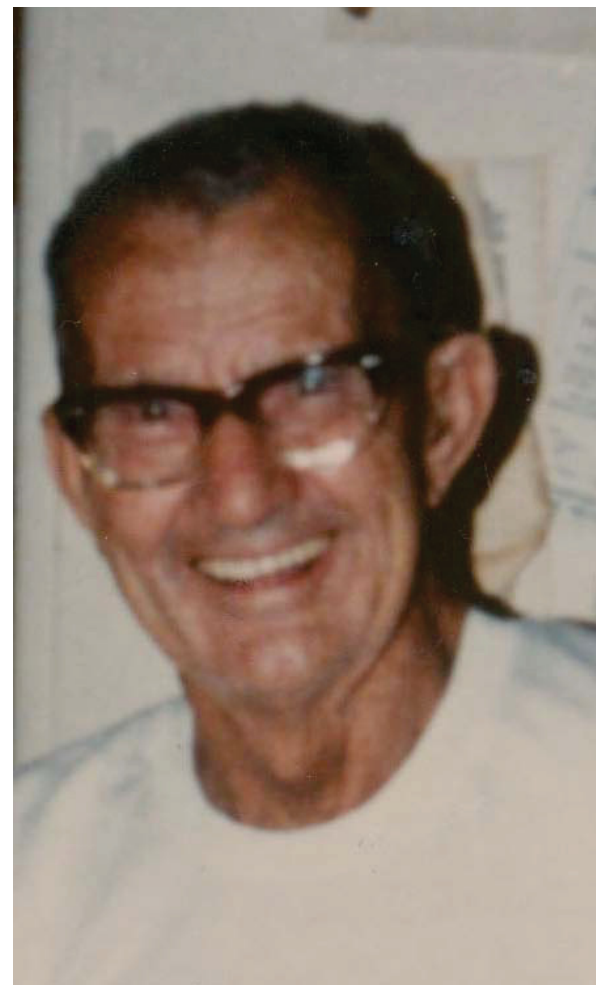
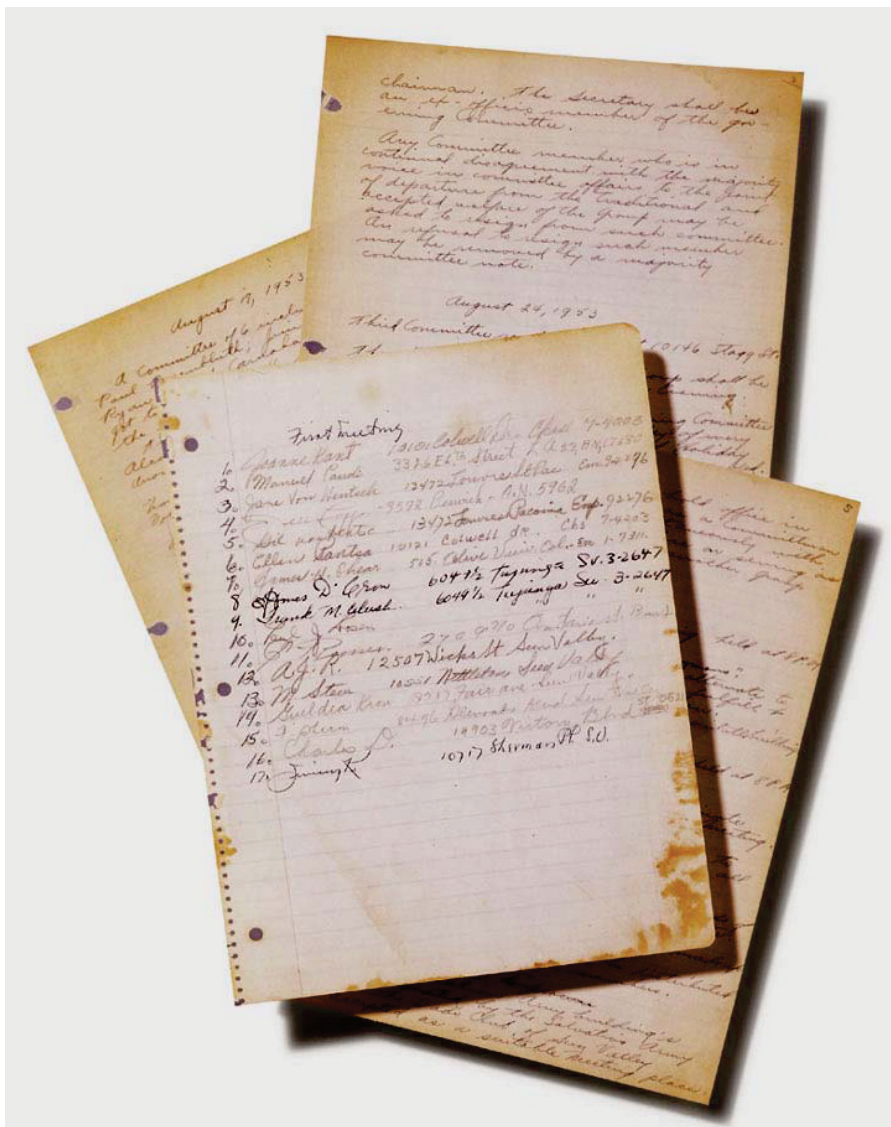
# Frank & Doris' home

## Summer 1953 planning meetings





# Copies of hand-written notes from NA's earliest moments



Jimmy K



# Flyer for the first NA meeting, Oct 5, 1953

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

## OUR PURPOSE

This is an informal group of drug addicts, banded together to help one another renew their strength in remaining free of drug addiction.

Our precepts are patterned after those of Alcoholics Anonymous, to which all credit is given and precedence is acknowledged. We claim no originality but since we believe that the causes of alcoholism and addiction are basically the same we wish to apply to our lives the truths and principles which have benefited so many otherwise helpless individuals. We believe that by so doing we may regain and maintain our health and sanity.

It shall be the purpose of this group to endeavor to foster a means of rehabilitation for the addict, and to carry a message of hope for the future to those who have become enslaved by the use of habit forming drugs.

STARTING MONDAY NITE OCT. 5, 1953 EACH MONDAY NITE THEREAFTER  
AT 8:30 P.M.

CORNER OF CANTARA & CLYBOURN, SUN VALLEY, CALIF.  
DIRECTLY BEHIND SUNLAND LUMBER COMPANY



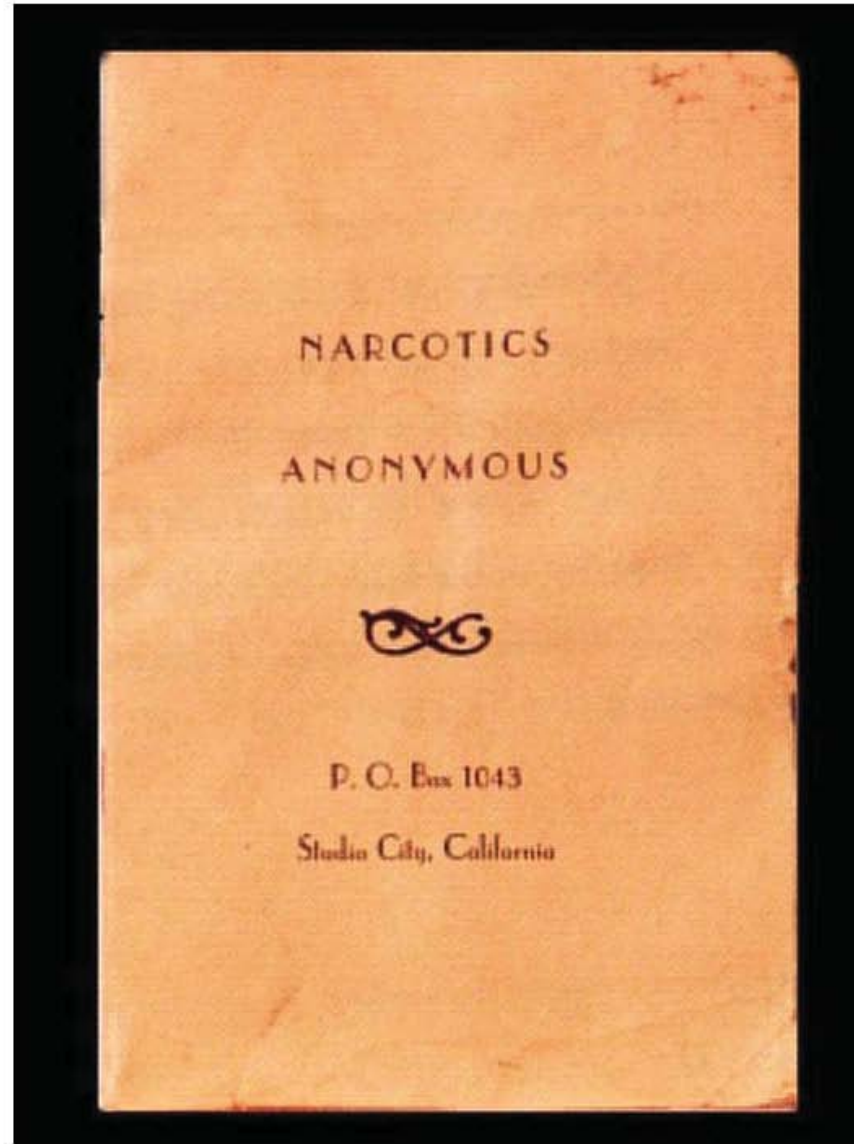
# Cantara & Clyborn aka “Dad’s Hall”

## Site of first NA meeting in 1953

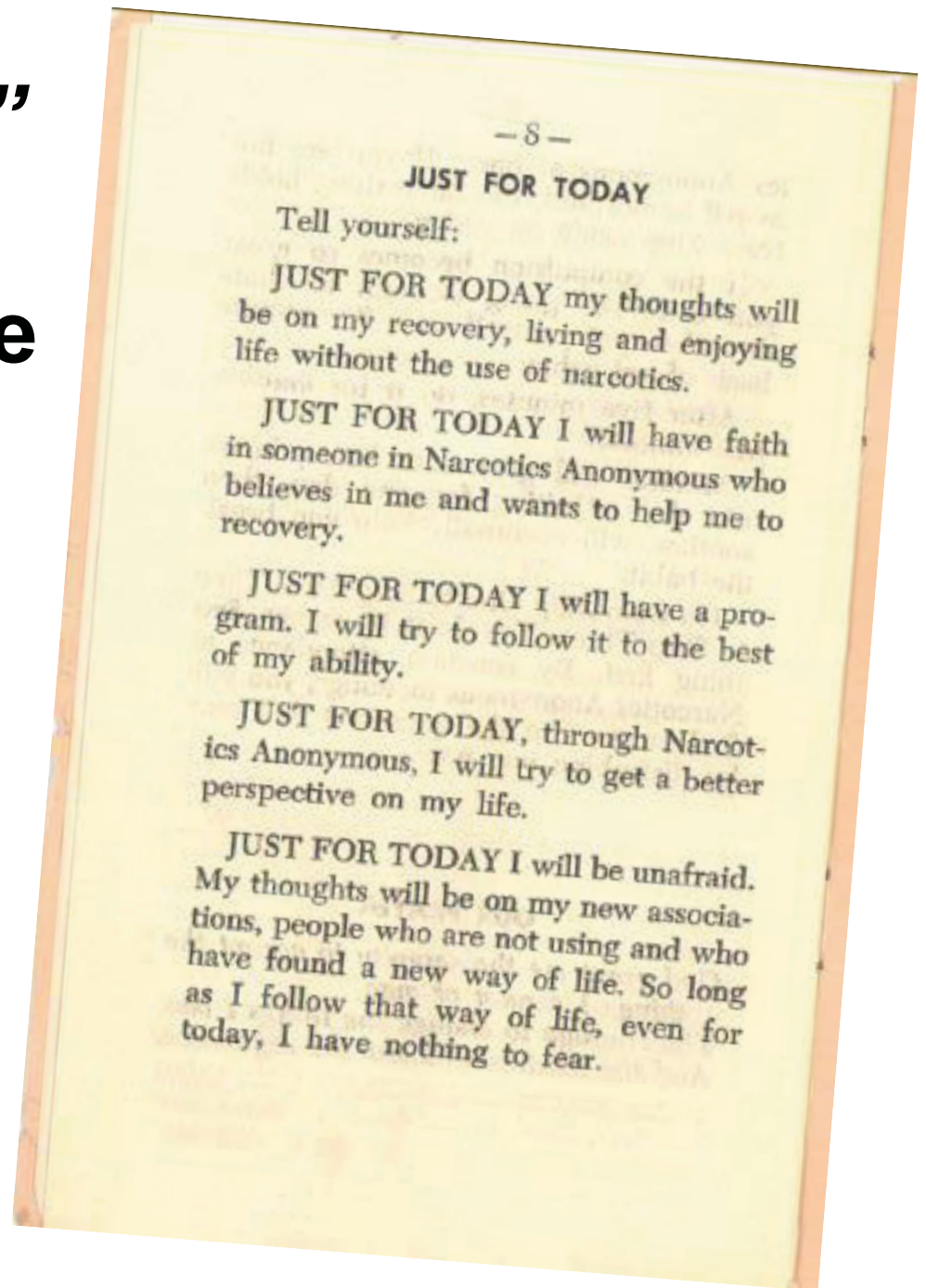
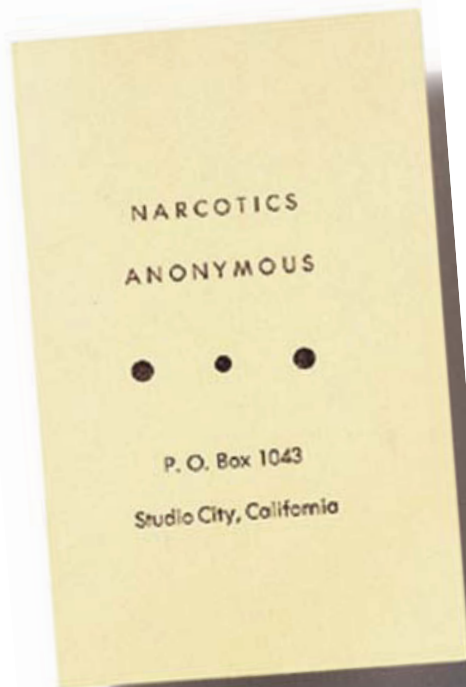


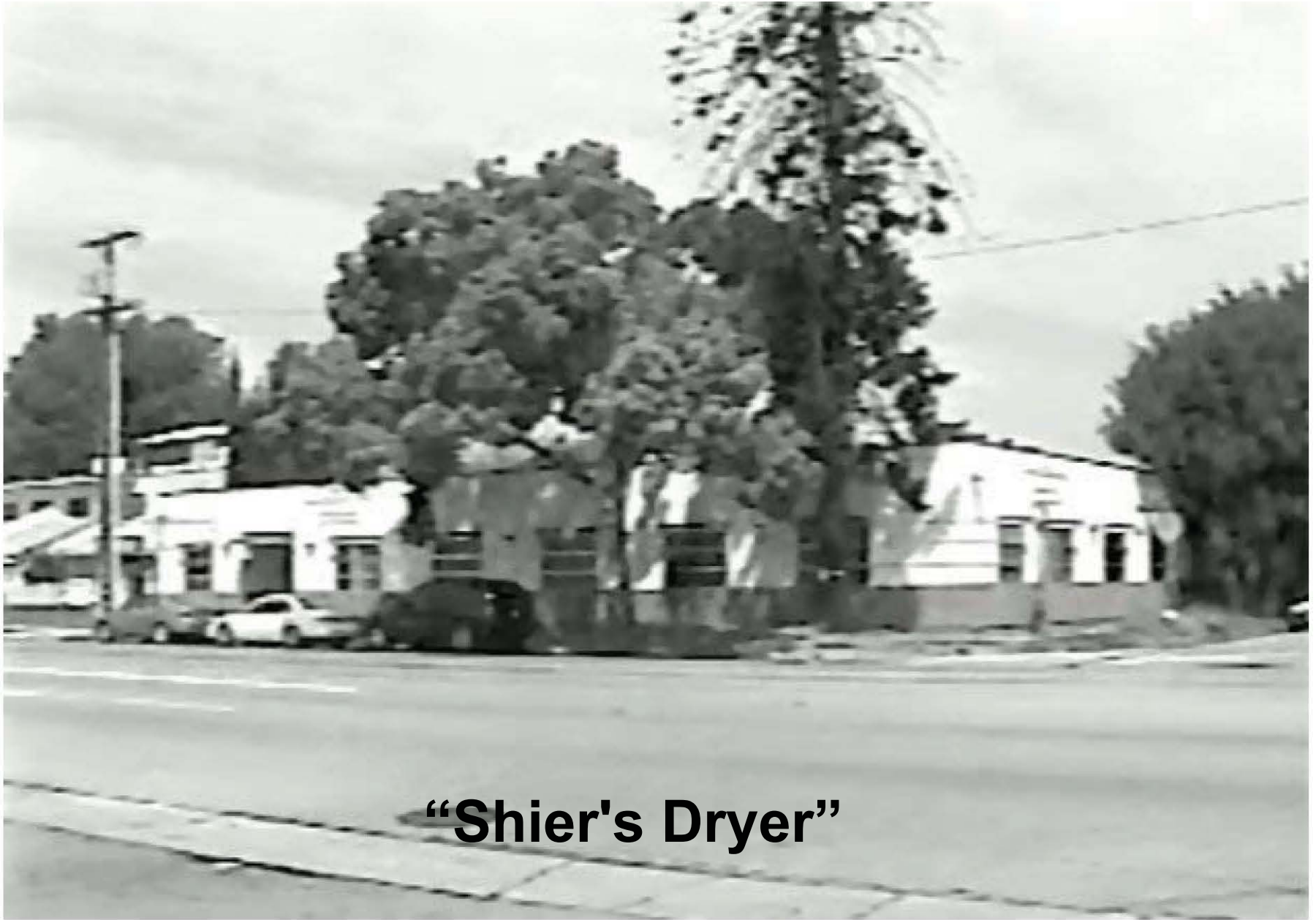


# 1954 - The very first printing of “pocket recovery”



**“Just for Today”  
Virtually  
unchanged since  
the beginning**

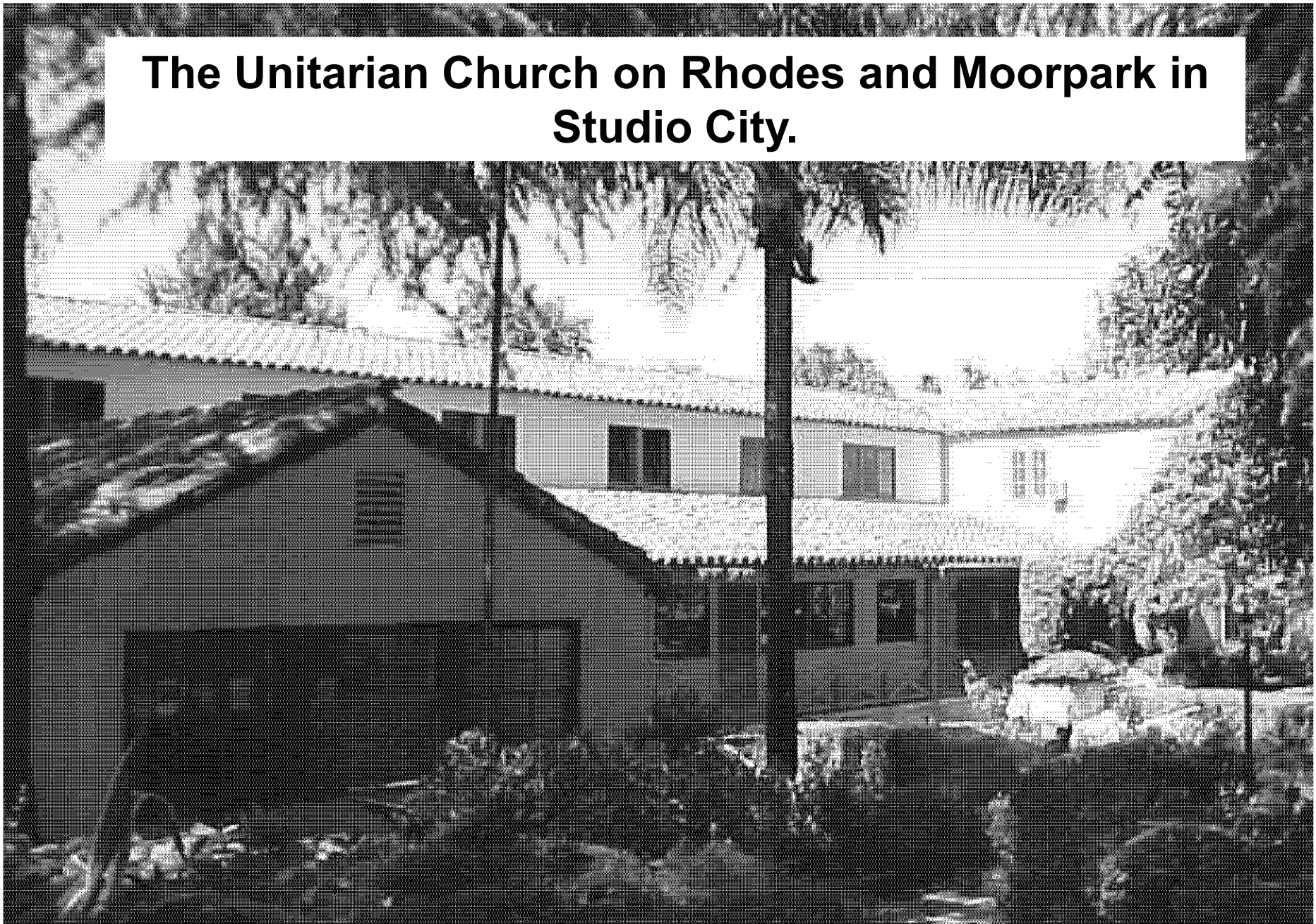




**“Shier's Dryer”**



# The Unitarian Church on Rhodes and Moorpark in Studio City.



# Early Meeting Format - included the reading of the Twelve Traditions

## FORMAT FOR "ARCHITECTS OF ADVERSITY"

This is the regular Monday night meeting of Narcotics Anonymous, "Architects of Adversity" meeting.

This is a closed meeting for addicts.

Introduce self-"My name is-----."

Ask members to introduce themselves by first name around table.

Have a volunteer read "Who is an addict"

Have a volunteer read "What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program"

Have a volunteer read "Why we are here"

Have a volunteer read "How It Works"

This is a Fifth Step Type of meeting, which enables us to talk at gut level. There is no cross-discussion. We try here to keep our talk to the past weeks happenings and try to communicate primarily with ourselves.

Ask if any newcomer in their first "30 days." We ask this not to embarrass you but to get to know you after the meeting.

We ask to keep your pitches to five minutes or less so that as many who wish to talk can do so. Altho we would like all to participate, you may pass if you wish.

At end of meeting leader will read, "TWELVE TRADITIONS."

Then have secretary give report.

Seventh Tradition. (Pass basket.)

Leader will ask someone to lead a prayer of their choice after a moment of Meditation.

# 1962 - The Little White Book w/ 12 Traditions

when you realize that the need for drugs has in some way been lifted from you. You have stopped using and have started to live.

## THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF N.A.

We keep what we have only <sup>for</sup> with vigilance and just as freedom ~~from~~ the individual comes from the Twelve Steps so freedom for the groups 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.
2. For our Group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our Group conscience, our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
4. Each Group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other Groups, or N.A., as a whole.

5. Each Group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
6. 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 non-professional, but our Service Centers may employ special workers.
9. N.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. N.A. has no opinion on outside issues; hence the N.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal



NARCOTICS  
ANONYMOUS

San Valley, California  
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# **NA behind the Walls**

- **1958 – San Jose State Study of Soledad groups**
- **1961- first acknowledged H&I Meeting in Tehachapi**
- **1962 – CRC opens in Norco**
- **1963 – Walla Walla experience**

A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF A NARCOTICS  
ANONYMOUS PROGRAM IN AN ADULT PENAL INSTITUTION

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W. T. Kiepura  
June, 1958

A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF A NARCOTICS  
ANONYMOUS PROGRAM IN AN ADULT PENAL INSTITUTION\*

x months ago a report was drafted covering the organization and initial development of the Narcotics Anonymous group at the California Correctional Training Facility. Comments were received from many individuals not connected with a penal institution and these raised many new questions. The layman found that he was not familiar with the terms used nor did he understand the procedures used with the institution of the "foreign" material, the reader found that he could easily misinterpret the data offered. Many of the questions were of a nature that could best be answered by an addict and in the second part of this paper you will find eight problems presented to the members of the NA group. The section you are now reading will progress of the organization during the past six months and will explain some of the methods used in the confinement facility.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF AN NA PROGRAM

turn of the year the total membership was relatively stationary. The constant turnover to transfer to other institutions, parole and usual attrition caused by lack of interest was balanced by the new members gained through active recruiting. A survey determined the reason for the drop-outs and the tentative conclusion drawn was due to the inability of the inmates to participate in the meetings. The meetings were large to permit the average attendee to have a chance to express his own feelings and since he could not take part, boredom ensued. A second factor mentioned by many was the too frequent appearance of the same group of individuals or speakers who formed a type of clique and prevented the unexperienced individual from active participation. The program chairman was selected by the steering committee for each session. He was an active member of the committee or a friend of a member, for under normal conditions the pressure exerted by the committee was the primary factor that would gain the agreement to serve for the evening. As it was his duty to select the speakers for the evening, he in turn, would pressure his friends. The end result was the appearance week after week of the same individuals since they were the ones who were not afraid to talk before a large group. Quite naturally, this meant that we were hearing the same story over and over.

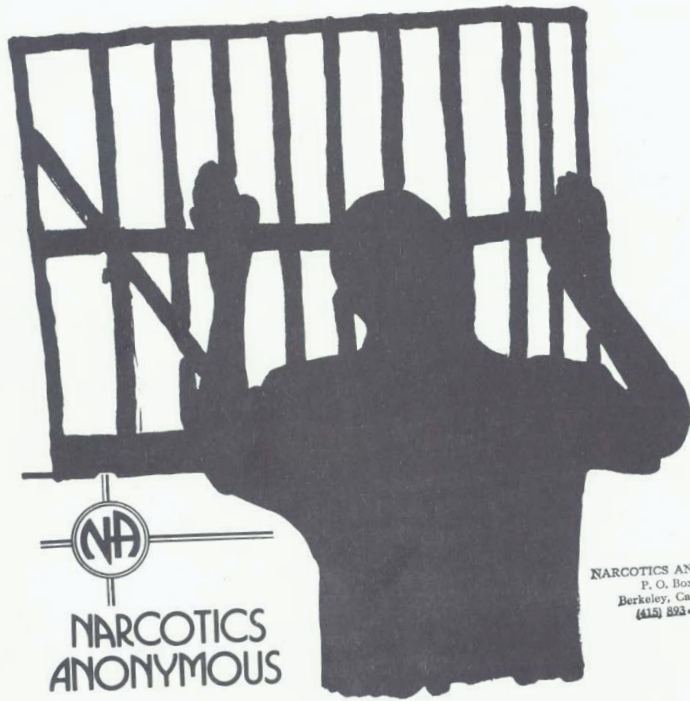
The problem of generating more interest and activity in the addict group required many conferences between the institution staff and the steering committee of the NA. The inmates made the suggestion that four small groups be formed of approximately 40 members each. The institution initially believed that this would prove unsatisfactory because of the conflicts with other evening activities. For a trial all new members were separated from the large weekly meeting. Within two months it was found that they were making more progress, more men were developing confidence in their forensic abilities, therefore permission was granted for the new plan to be placed in operation.

Since space could not be found for four groups on the one night, plans were laid for two groups to meet on Monday and two on Thursday. There were many other activities which required attendance on these nights so each man was polled as to his group preference.

A study conducted at the Correctional Training Facility at Seward under the direction of the Classification and Treatment Staff and also as a project in the Department of Sociology of San Jose State College under Dr. T. C. Esselstyn.

\* Formation of a Narcotics Anonymous Group in a Penal Institution, W. T. Kiepura

N A NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL & INSTITUTION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT



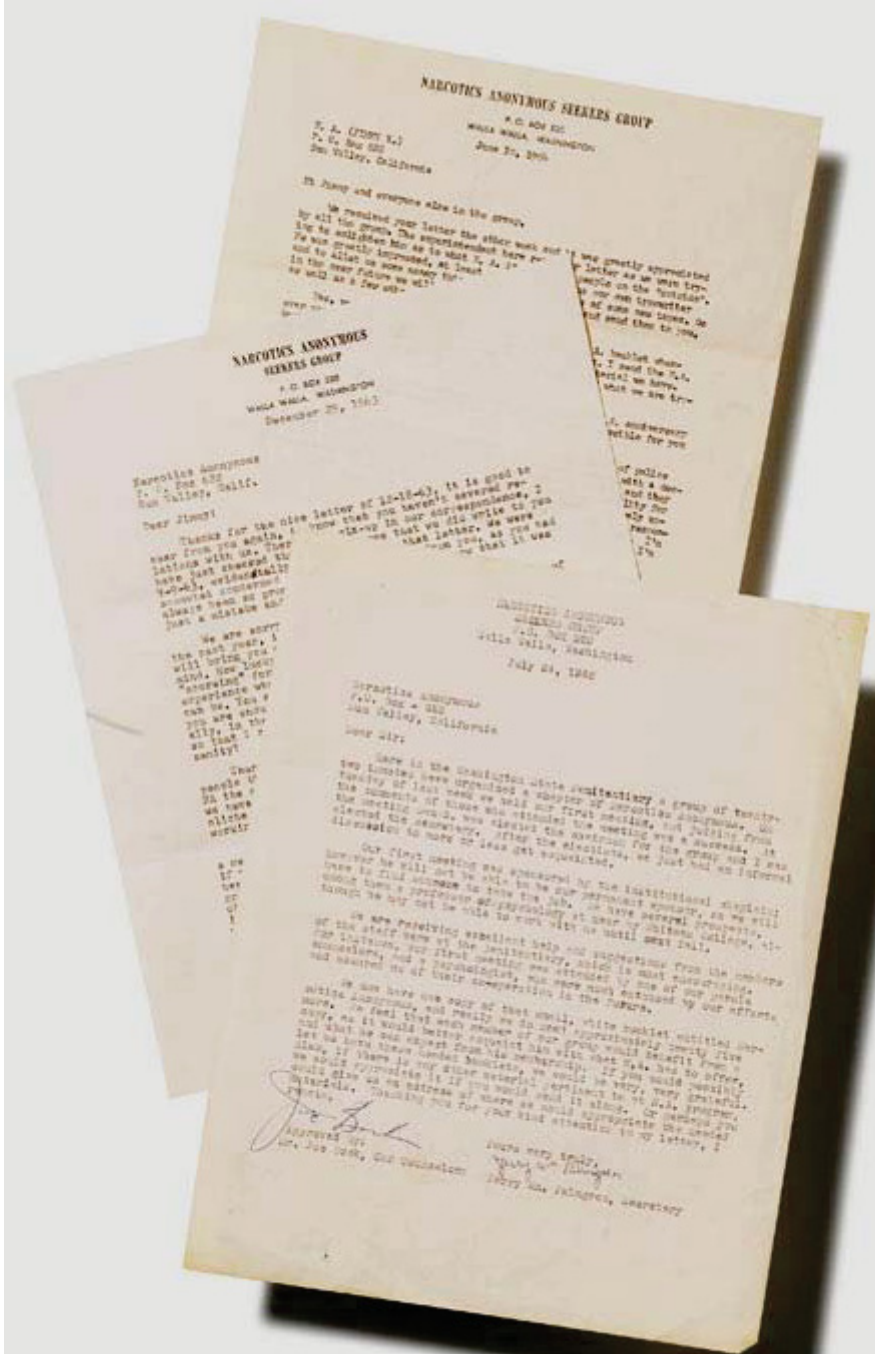
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
P. O. Box 76  
Berkeley, California  
(415) 893-2686

**HELP US  
CARRY THE MESSAGE**

**NA H&I Meetings  
take place in  
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north of LA  
1961-62**

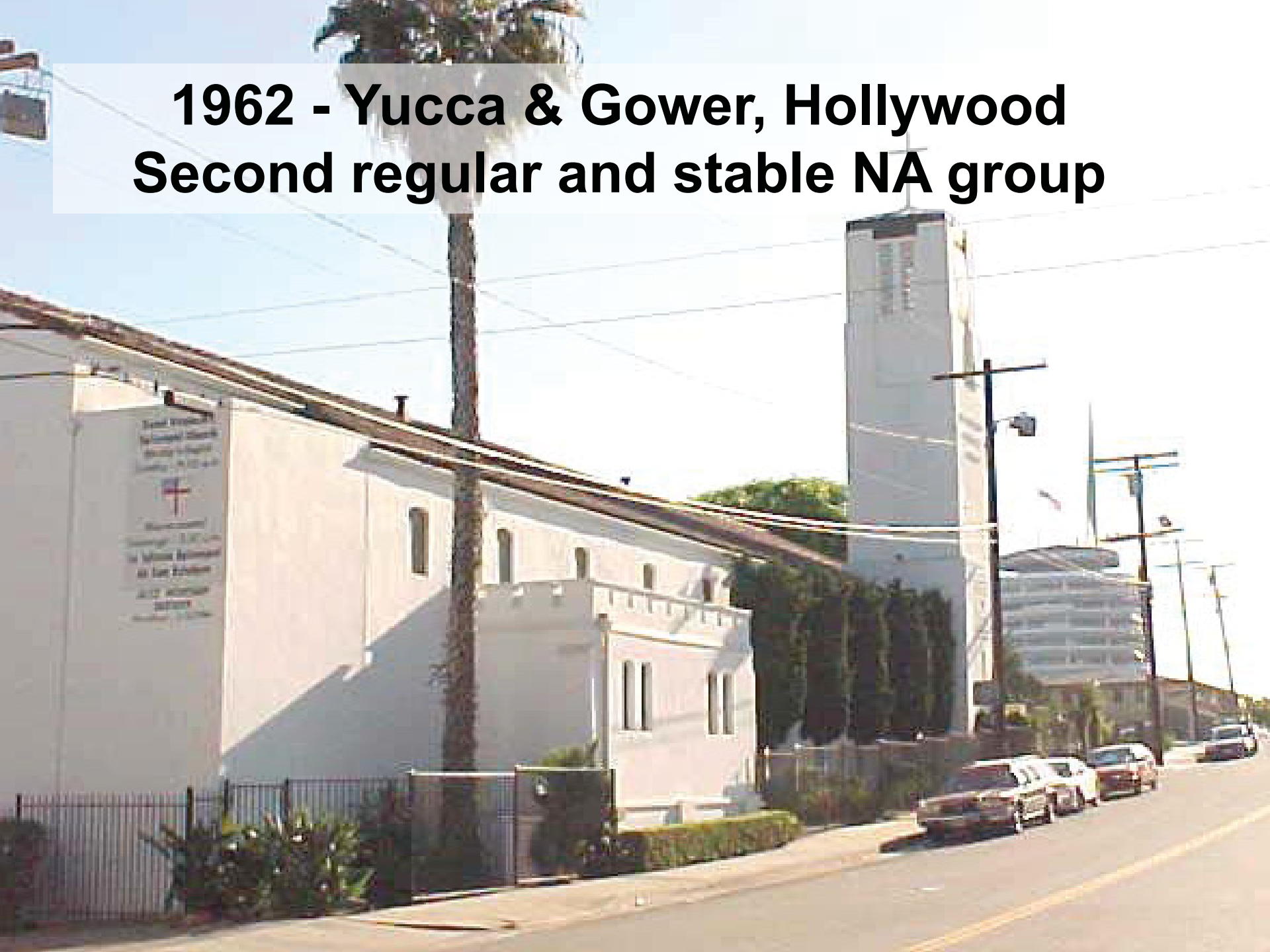


**First  
Institutional  
NA group  
communicating  
with Jimmy,  
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State Prison in  
Washington.**

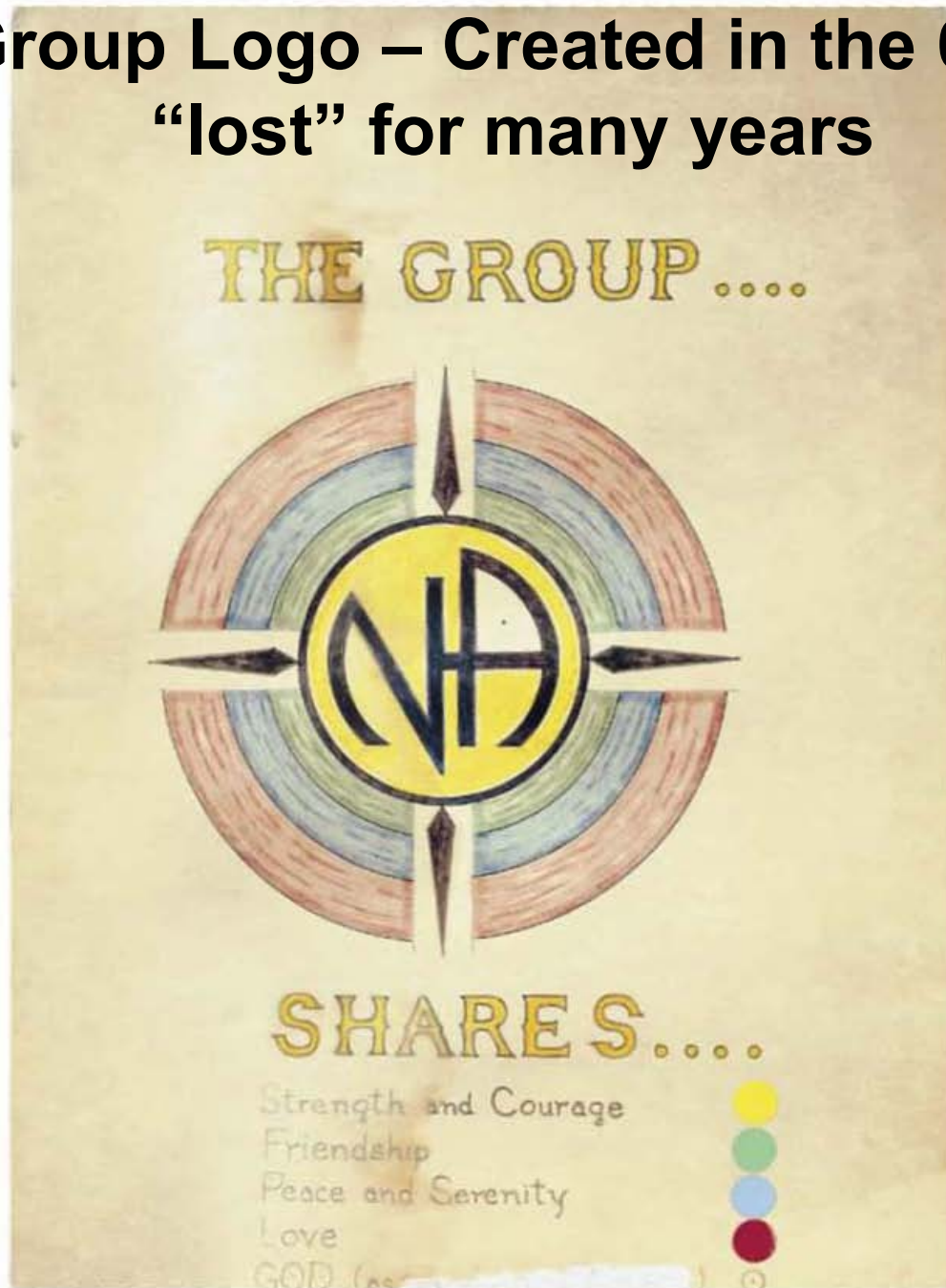


# 1962 - Yucca & Gower, Hollywood

## Second regular and stable NA group

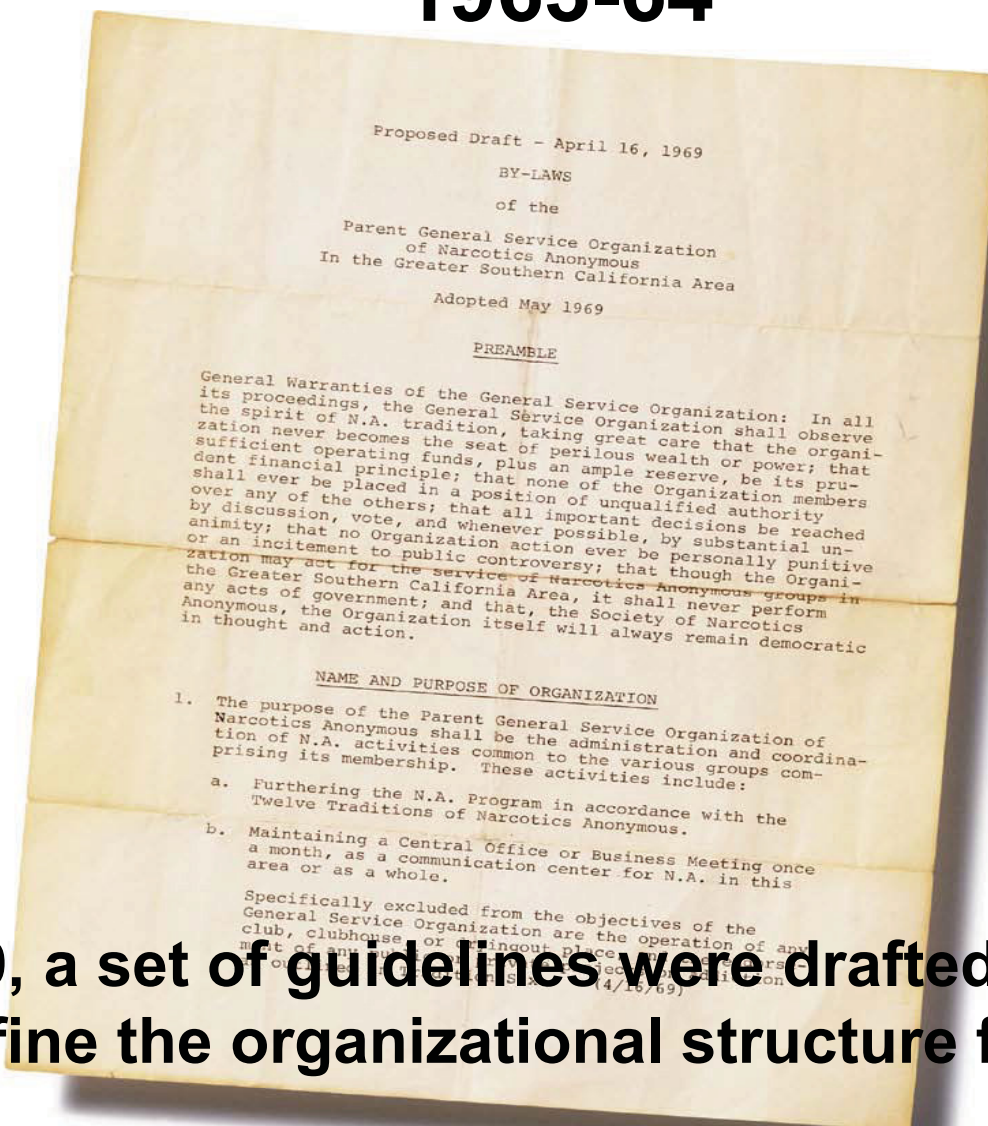


# The Group Logo – Created in the 60's and “lost” for many years





# Board of Trustees were first formed around 1963-64



In 1969, a set of guidelines were drafted to try and define the organizational structure for NA.





**Friday Nights in Manhattan Beach, California  
Meets at the same church since the mid 60's**





**Jimmy's design of our logo, around 1968**



**A precursor to  
The NA Way,  
The Voice was  
published by  
Jimmy thru  
early 1980's**

# THE VOICE OF N.A.

We would like to open this first copy of our N.A. paper with a paraphrase of our Second Tradition: For our purpose there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as he may express himself in the conscience of our members.

We wish this to be the voice of the whole fellowship, the expression of members of all groups, particularly our "Inner Groups" that we hear from all too seldom.

To have any kind of paper we will accept contributions of all kinds. Now is the time to write that letter, that short personal story, that anecdote you want to share, that pertinent saying you live and think would help others. In other words anything that will help you and us and the newcomer to N.A. in particular. This can be an extension of our 12th Step work and will perhaps "Carry the Message of Recovery" where we as individuals cannot reach. Give your contributions to your group secret for forwarding to us or address them to "The Voice" P.O. Box 823 Sun Valley, Calif. 91352

The anonymity of our contributors will be respected at all times

An optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty.  
A pessimist sees a difficulty in every opportunity

Excerpts from.....  
"Thirst For Freedom"  
Permission of Dr. D. Stewart.

"Any addict will tell you that medicine alone will not cure his illness. He may regain good physical health only to relapse. Many addicts report that they get in good shape the better to enjoy their next binge. Psychological insight, if it were the only required remedy, would enable addicts to resume their habit. The records show it is impossible for an addict to indulge with control, no matter how enlightened he may be about his emotional troubles and no matter how well he may control his feelings. Social adjustment similarly fails to bring recovery, if it thought that a suitable job, and harmonious social relations alone are the answer to -- the drug habit. They report they "never had it so good". Then they relapse.----- What the addict who wants to recover must strive for more than anything else, after he realizes he cannot be free alone, is a richer experience of personal freedom. This is far more important---than anything he may learn from medicine, psychology or sociology. It is of course true that scientific facts can help him in his pursuit of sobriety, provided he has already developed some desire for the freedom which sobriety will give him."

# 1969 - First NA meeting in Pennsylvania



**Eagleville Hospital**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**



# NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS CONVENTION

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PLACE            La Mirada Country Club  
                  15501 East Alicante  
                  La Mirada, California

DATE &         8 P.M. November 5, 1971 to  
TIME            12 Noon of November 7, 1971

Registration Fee    \$5.00 per person  
Banquet & Show    \$10.00 per person

If Hotel & Motel reservations are needed, please send deposit of \$5.00 per night

Purpose of Covention:

To establish a WORLD GENERAL OFFICE & hire a office manager

To insure quick return of Registration and reservation, return please, inclosed self addressed envelope to:

Narcotics Anonymous Convention  
P. O. Box 622  
Sun Valley, California

All are invited to attend, bring a friend. Join in fellowship and help support our WORLD SERVICE OFFICE.

The Registration Flyer for WCNA 1



# And from WCNA 2

WORLDWIDE  
CONVENTION

2nd  
annual

Narcotics  
Anonymous

September 1-2-3, 1972

PURPOSE OF CONVENTION '72

*Our common welfare should come first;  
personal recovery depends on N.A. unity.*

AMERICAN LEGION HALL  
5730 Cahuenga Blvd. / No. Hollywood, Calif.

"1972"  
N. A. CONVENTION  
*Welcomes You*

DONATION

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BUFFET

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
2nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saturday, September 2, 1972, 7:00 P.M.

DONATION

\$2.00

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
2nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

PRIZES - DANCE - RAFFLE

Saturday, September 2, 1972



**The site of the second World Convention, 1972  
The American Legion Hall, North Hollywood**

# The NA service symbol, designed by Jimmy







**The first WSO - Bob B's home on Crenshaw**

**The WSO had many locations through  
the 70's, including this one**

**W.S.O. Inc.**  
**8061 VINELAND AVE.**  
**SUN VALLEY, CA. 91352**  
***EMERGENCY# 703-6618***



**WSO Inc**  
511 VINELAND AVE  
SAN VALLEY CA 94568  
TEL: 925 723 8818



Another of  
the WSO's  
“homes” thru  
the 1970's



**Jimmy's home on Sherman Way  
His garage also housed the WSO at times**



# WCNA 3 4 & 5

AGENDA  
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS  
WORLD CONVENTION  
SEPTEMBER 26-28, 1973  
RANCHO TROPICANA  
SANTA LIMA, CALIFORNIA

1. Registration  
2. Welcome  
3. Business Meeting  
4. Dinner  
5. Entertainment  
6. Social Activities  
7. Departure

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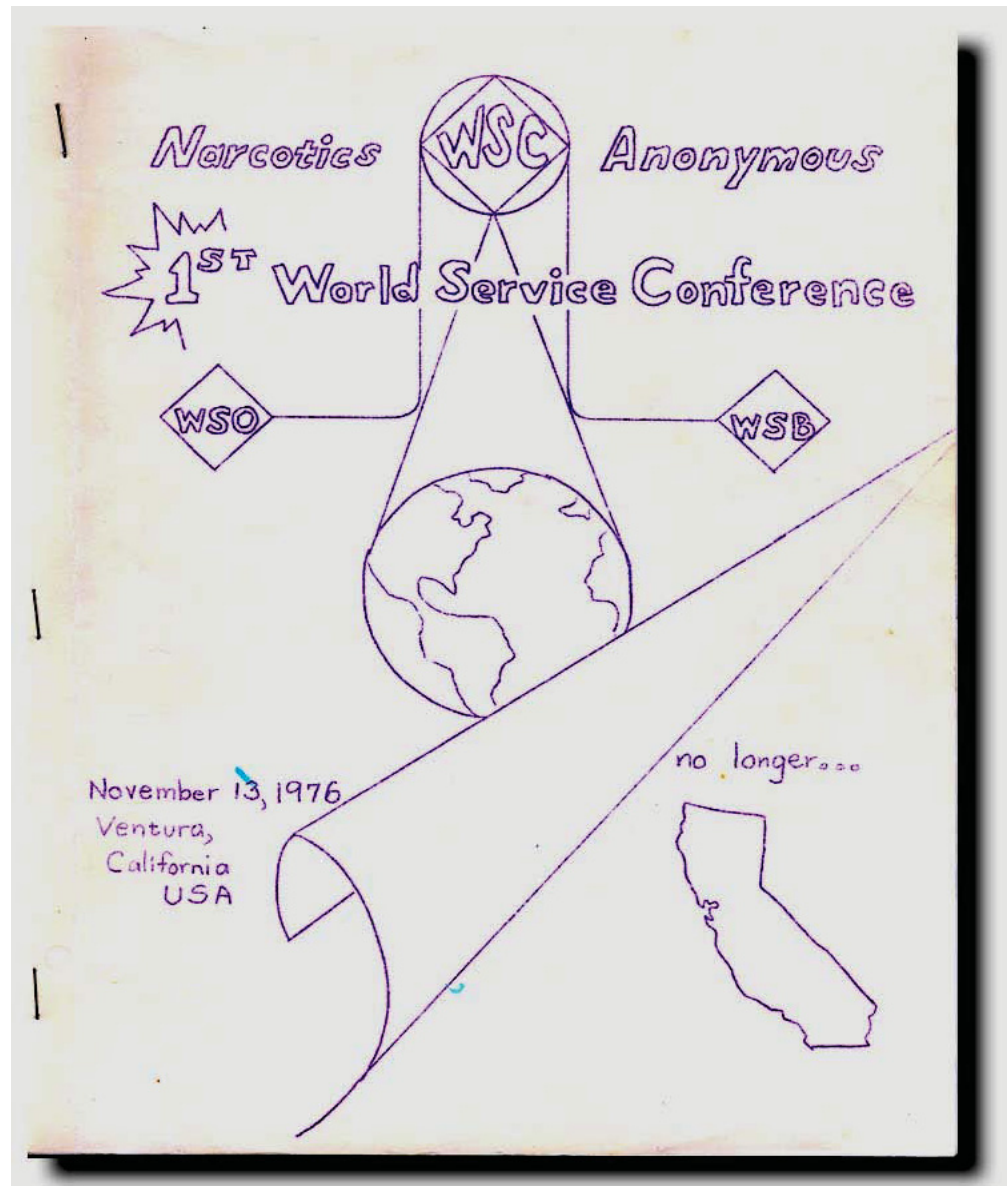
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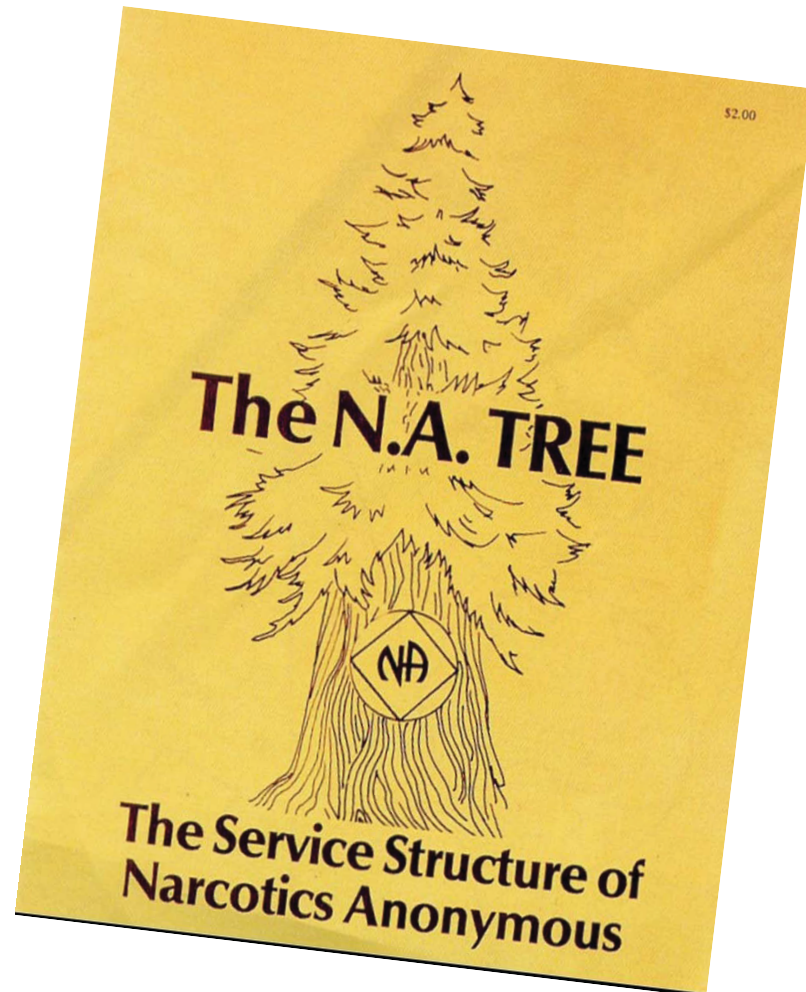


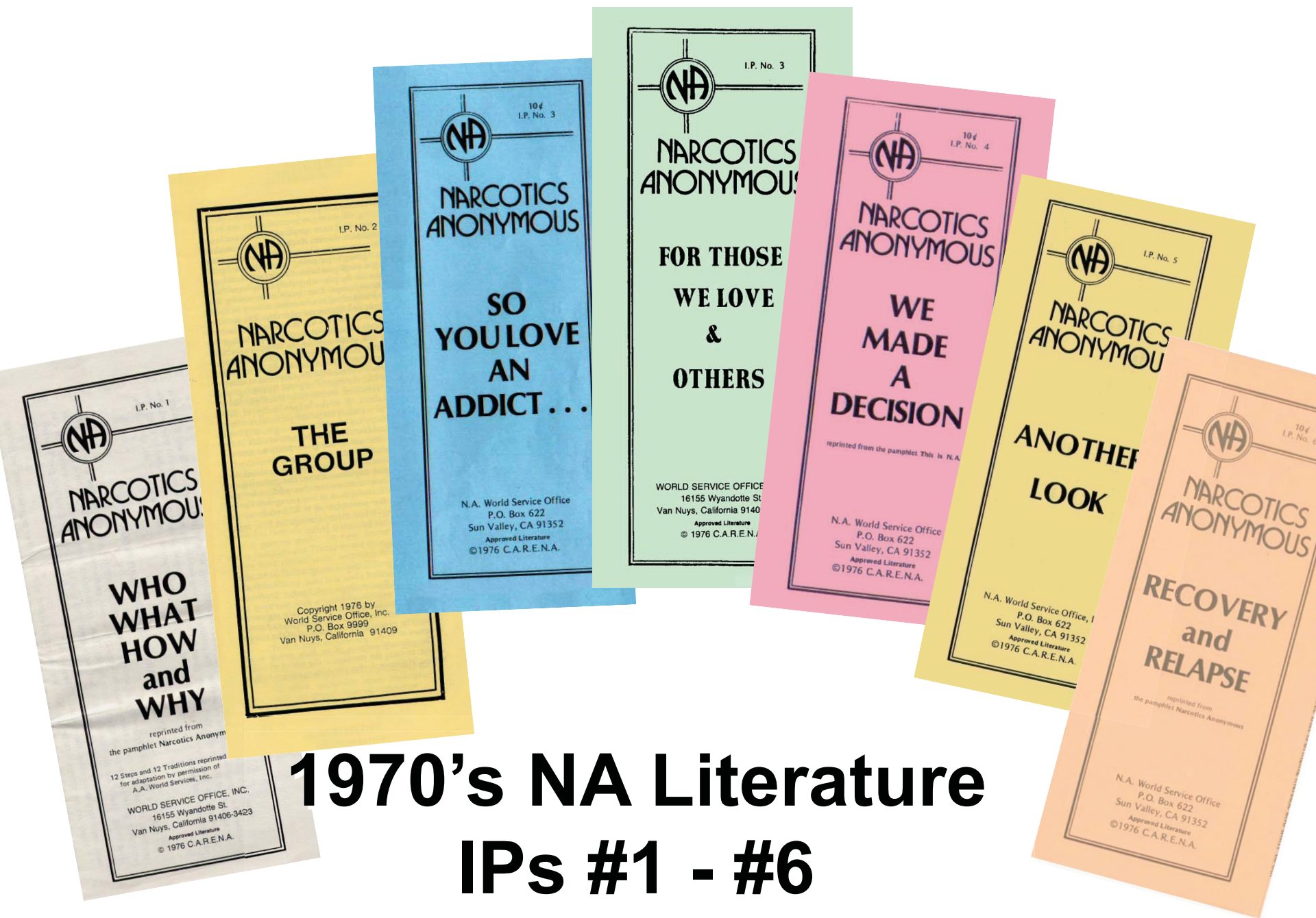
**This 1976 event in  
Ventura, CA  
identified itself as  
both the sixth  
World Convention  
and also the first  
World Service  
Conference.**



# The BOT adopted the NA Tree and presented it at the first WSC and presented it at the first WSC

**This early service manual envisioning a service structure for N.A. was written before such a structure actually existed.**





# 1970's NA Literature IPs #1 - #6





**The Little White Books of the 70's**

# IP #7 - 1978

## AM I AN ADDICT?

This question can only be answered by yourself. If you are an addict, before any progress can be made toward recovery, you must first admit and accept the fact that you have a problem with drugs.

This is not an easy thing for many of us to do. All through our usage, we told ourselves "I can handle it". This was true at the beginning, but it is not so now. The drugs handle us. Remember alcohol and marijuana are drugs.

The following is a list of questions written by a cross section of addicts in the worldwide fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous.

- 1) Do you avoid people and/or places that do not condone your usage?
- 2) Do you spend your money on drugs rather than food and other necessities?
- 3) Do you think that everyone in the world is crazy except yourself?
- 4) Do you wonder why some people don't want to use?
- 5) Does the thought of running out of drugs leave you with a feeling of impending doom?
- 6) Do you guard your supply?
- 7) Do you get more drugs when your supply is running low or as soon as you run out?
- 8) Do you like to use alone?
- 9) Have you tried substituting one drug for another, thinking that "one" particular drug was your problem?
- 10) Do you neglect your responsibilities because you'd rather get high?
- 11) Do you use because your family drives you crazy?

12) Do you con doctors for "legal" drugs, telling yourself that it's okay to use them because they aren't illegal?

13) Do you have more than one prescription at one time with different doctors?

14) Do you use something to help you get going in the morning, or to slow you down at night?

15) Do you use illegal or "hard" drugs and think there is nothing that can be done to kick the habit?

16) Have you ever been in trouble with friends, family, school, jobs or the law because of drug-related incidents?

17) Have you been arrested for drinking or drunk driving?

18) Do you steal drugs or money to buy drugs?

19) Do you have more than one hiding place for your drugs?

20) Do you have empty alcohol containers in your vehicle?

21) Did you smoke your plant before it was two feet tall?

22) Do you steal your friend's drugs?

23) Do you fight over the cotton shot, or the biggest line?

24) Have you ever shot or snorted your best friend's morning (wake-up) high?

25) Have you ever sharpened a needle on a match box?

26) Do you collect paraphernalia?

27) Do you take drugs that you don't prefer?

28) Do you do things while under the influence that you would not do while straight?

29) Do you hide your drugs, even if you live alone?

30) Have the good times gone from your using?

31) Have you searched other people's medicine cabinets?

32) Do you think you must be high to have a good time?

33) Do you ever question your own sanity?

34) Do you lie about what or how much you use?

35) Do you use drugs to overcome your fear of people?

36) Have you considered suicide?

37) Are you preoccupied with getting high?

38) Have you tried to control your using?

39) Do all of your activities center around drugs?

40) Are you ashamed of your using?

41) Have you ever over-dosed?

42) Have you ever tried to quit and failed?

43) Do you choose your friends by the drugs they have?

44) Do you think you might have a drug problem?

45) Do you want to stop using, but can't do it alone?

Addiction is a disease that ends in jails, institutions and death. Many of us came to Narcotics Anonymous because drugs had stopped doing what we needed them to do. Addiction takes our pride, self-esteem, family, loved ones and even our desire to live. If you have not reached this point in your addiction, you don't have to. We found that our own private hell is within us.



# German Little White Book – Mid 1970's



NARCOTICS  
ANONYMOUS

## VORWORT

*Dieses Büchlein ist eine Einführung in die Gemeinschaft von Narcotics Anonymous. Es wurde für diejenige Männer und Frauen geschrieben, die wie wir, an einer scheinbar hoffnungslosen Abhängigkeit von Drogen und Sedativen leiden. Es gibt keine "Heilung" von der Abhängigkeit, aber "Genesung" ist möglich durch ein Programm einfacher geistiger Prinzipien. Es ist sicher nicht allgemeingültig, aber es enthält die wesentlichen Punkte, die wir in unseren persönlichen und gemeinschaftlichen Erfahrungen, als für die Genesung notwendig erkannten.*

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## GEBET UM GELASSENHEIT

GOTT... gib mir die Gelassenheit, Dinge hinzunehmen, die ich nicht ändern kann... den Mut, Dinge zu ändern, die ich ändern kann... und die Weisheit, zwischen den beiden zu unterscheiden.

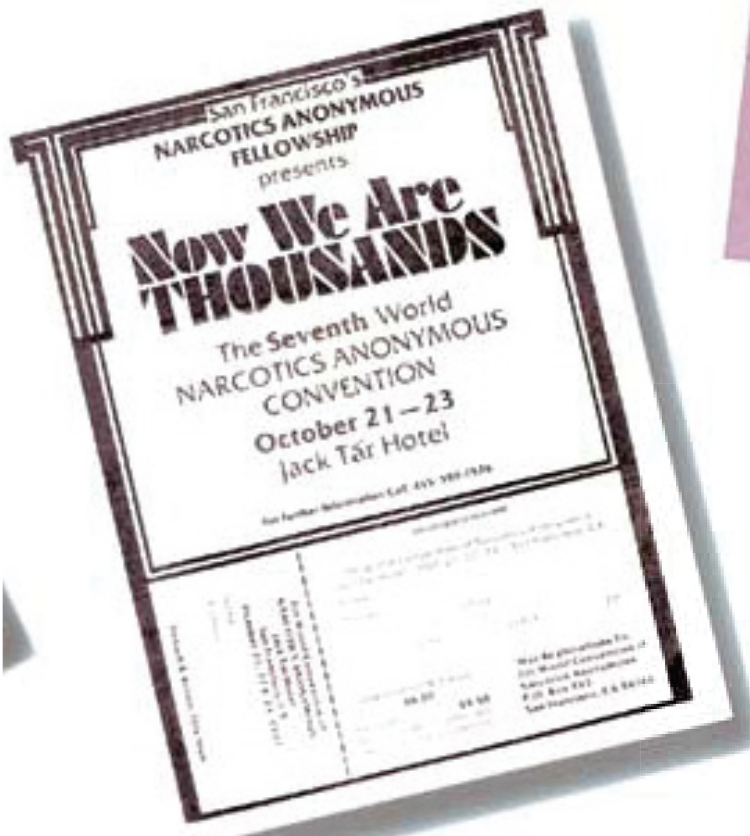
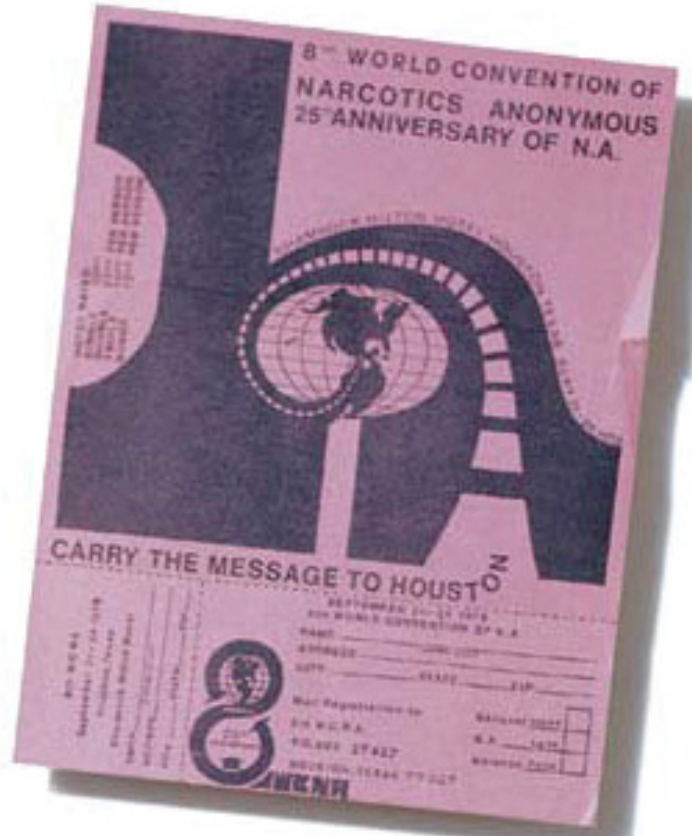
## WER IST EIN SÜCHTIGER?

Die meisten von uns brauchen über diese Frage nicht nachzudenken. WIR WISSEN ES. Unser ganzes Leben und Denken konzentriert sich auf Drogen in irgendeiner Form, sie zu beschaffen, zu verwenden und Wege zu finden, mehr zu bekommen. Wir brauchen sie zum Leben und leben, um sie zu gebrauchen. Einfach ausgedrückt, ein Süchtiger ist ein Mann oder eine Frau, dessen Leben von Drogen kontrolliert wird. Wir sind Menschen in der Gewalt einer fortschreitenden und progressiven Krankheit, deren Ende immer das Gleiche ist: Gefängnis, Institution oder Tod.

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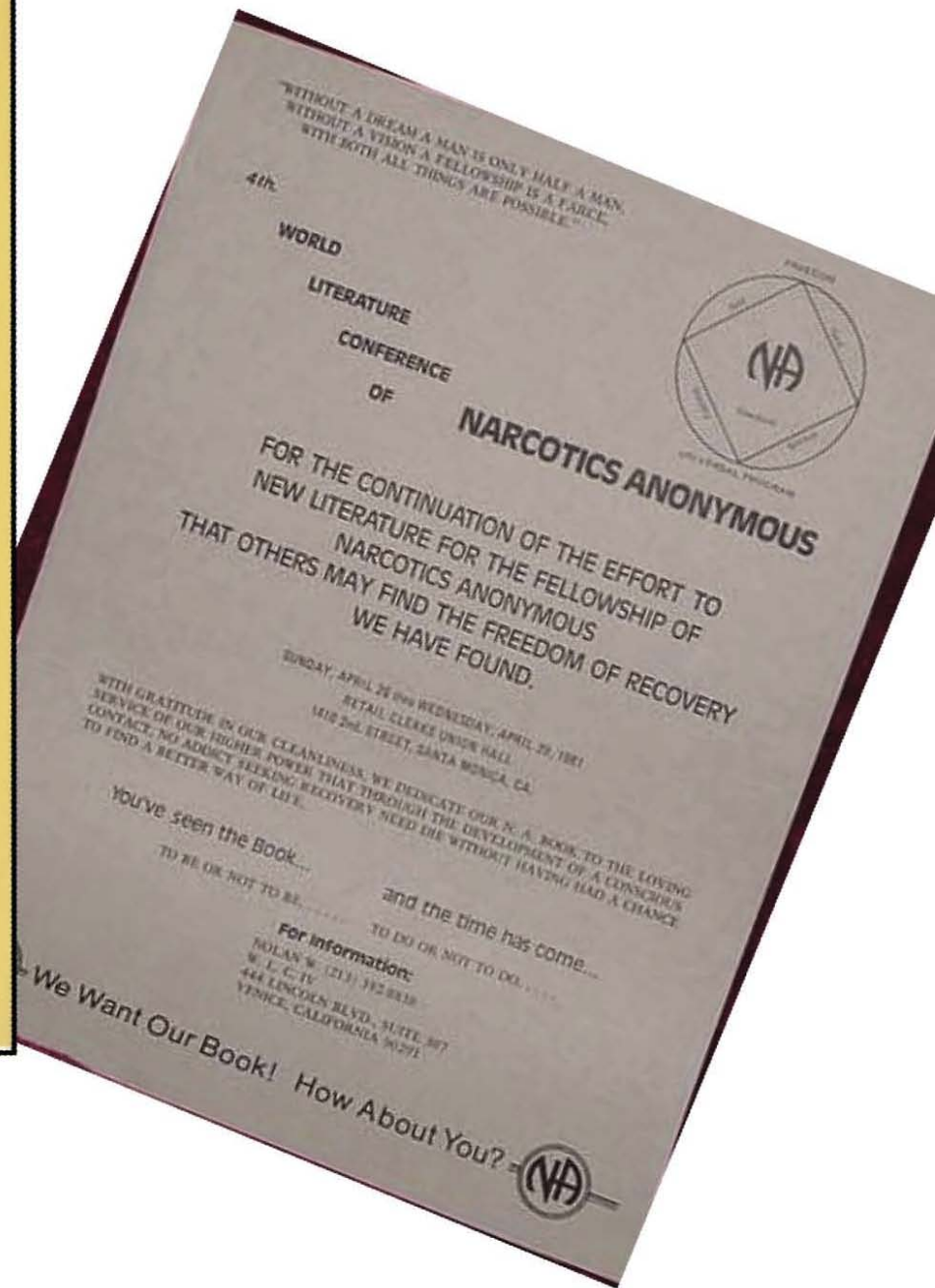
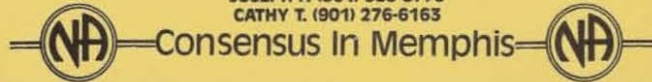
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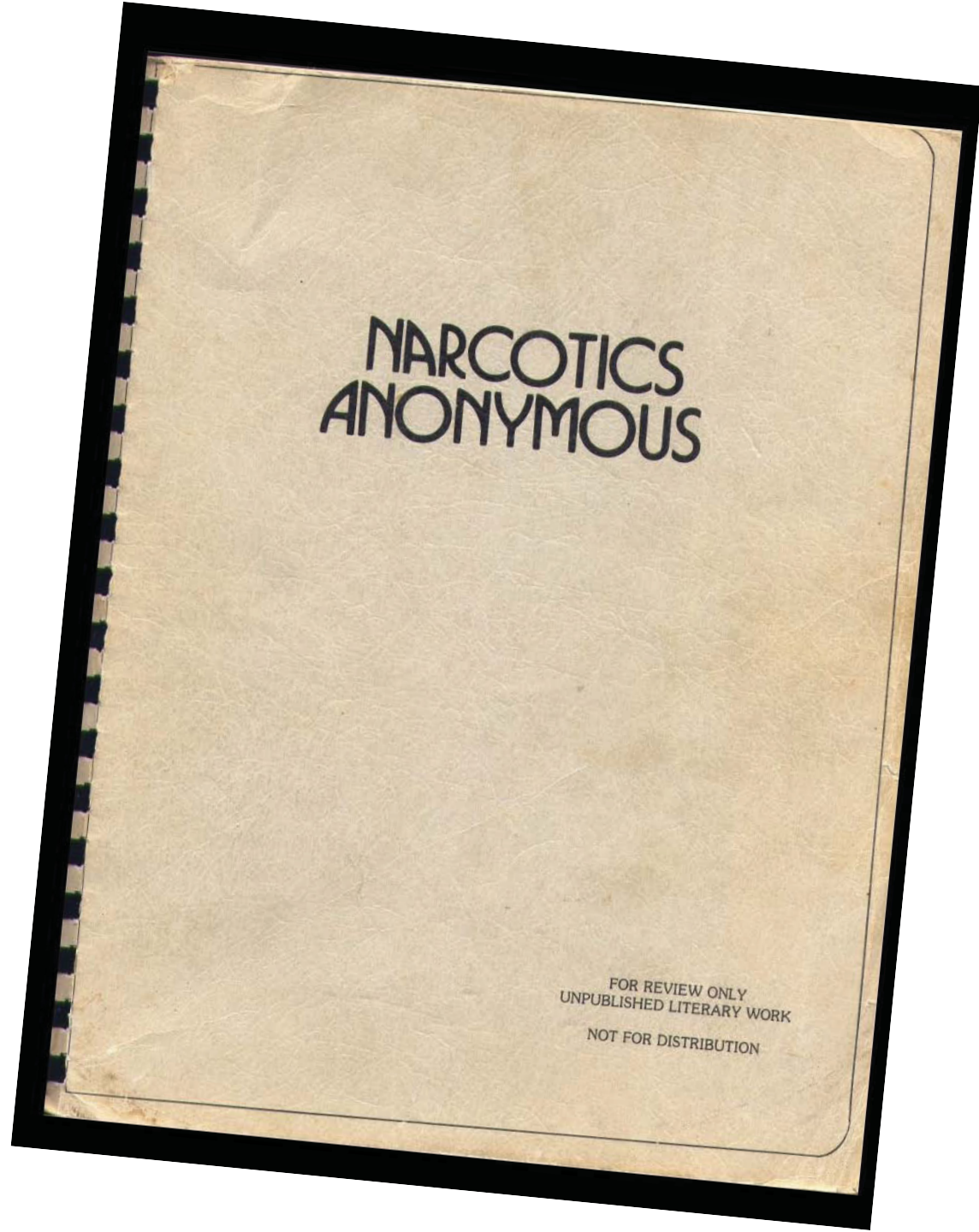


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Dear Fellow Member,

We invite you to read and evaluate this, the second part of what we have endeavored to assemble as the basic text of Narcotics Anonymous. These are the Personal Stories of Recovery that have been submitted to the W.S.C. - Literature Subcommittee.

A World Literature Conference was held in Ivyland, PA on the weekend of January 15th through 17th to finish compiling these stories. We have 50 stories that we feel represent a good cross-section of the recovering addict. We regret the fact that we could not include all the stories that we received. Some of them required editing and rewriting which we were not at the liberty of doing, since these are personal stories. In cases such as these, the author was contacted by phone and asked to make the necessary changes. Most of these were technical changes, such as not mentioning brand names of drugs. Other stories lack sufficient details related to recovery. Since this is a program of recovery, and the book we're writing a basic text for recovery, these stories were omitted, as well.

As a committee we did not feel that we should be the ones to decide how many of these stories, or which ones, should be included in the Book. So we submit to you all of the approved stories that we now have. Once again, it's on you! Tell us what to do. Should we print 10, 20, 30 or all 50 of the stories? Which ones should we print? Please indicate your answer to these questions on the included form and return it to us as soon as possible.

There is one more section of the Book that still needs to be compiled, and we need your help with this, also. This section is to be the History of N.A. At this time we have a sketchy history, taken from the Gray Book Review Form. This version of the history of our Fellowship began with the first meeting in 1953 and went all the way up to February of 1981, but we found many gaps and omissions in it that need to be filled in. For instance, the first time that any state outside of California was mentioned was in the year of 1977. Our own experience tells us that N.A. has indeed been in existence in other parts of the country, and the world, before 1977. What we are looking for is any significant events which took place within the Fellowship, between

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## The Approval Form of the personal story section of the Basic Text





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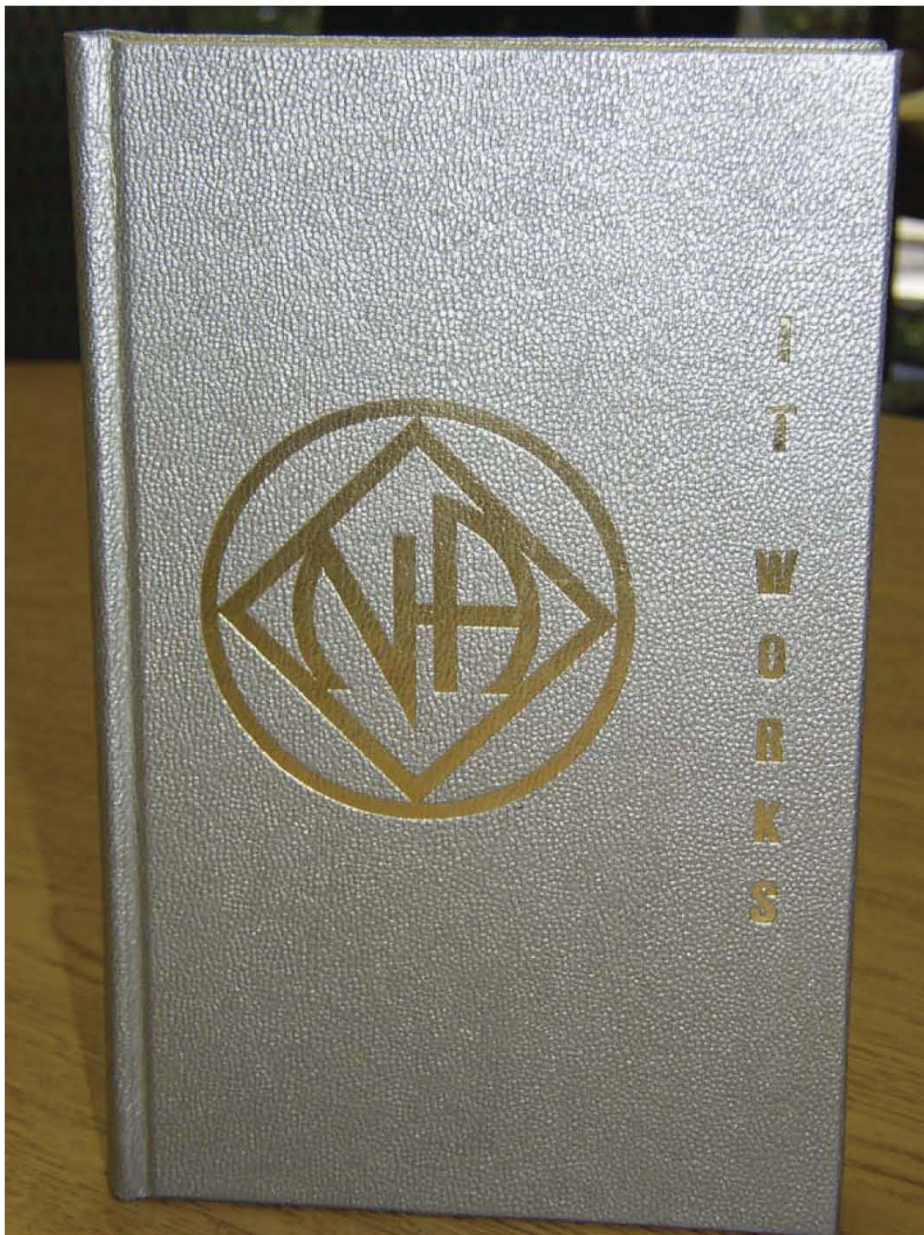
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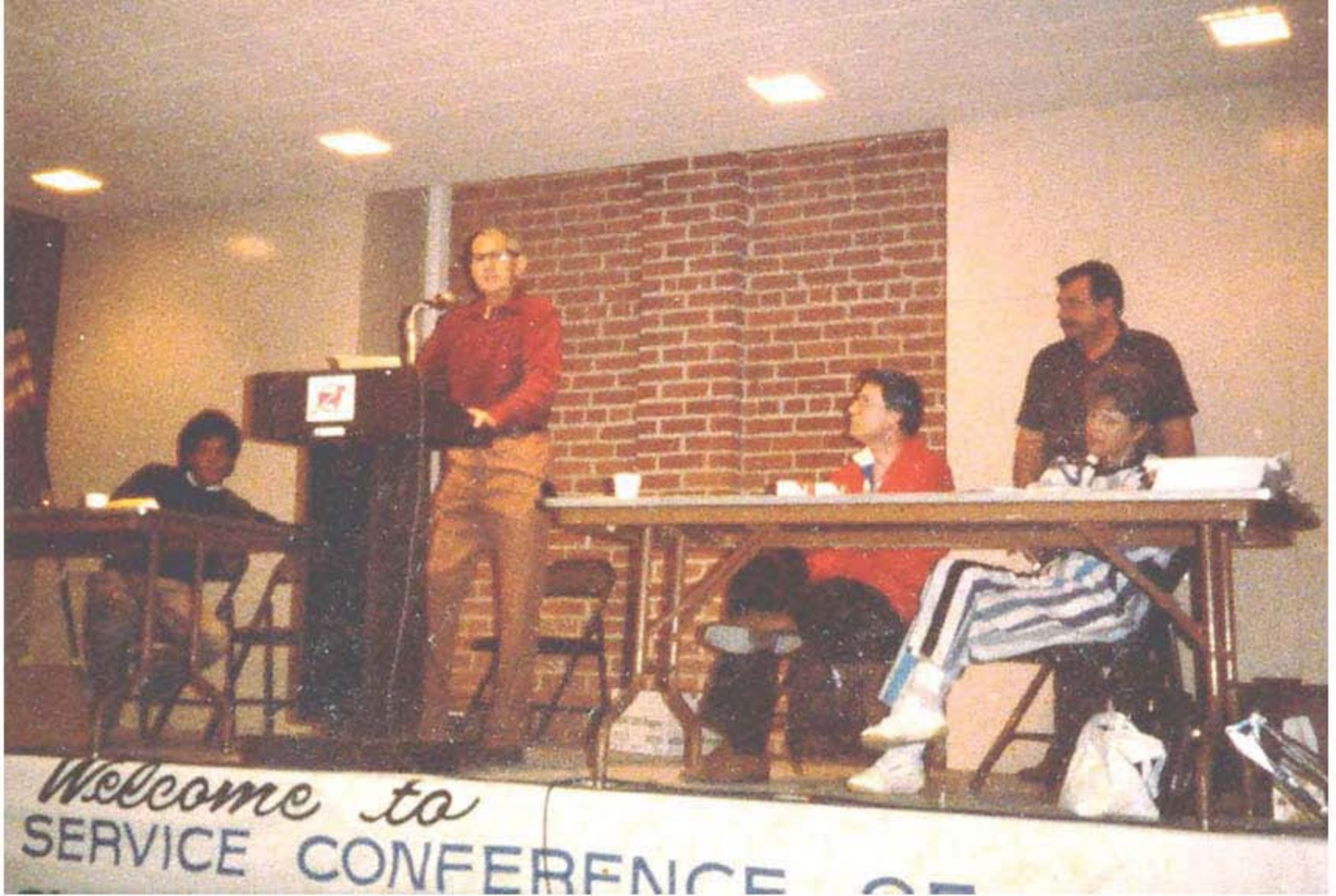
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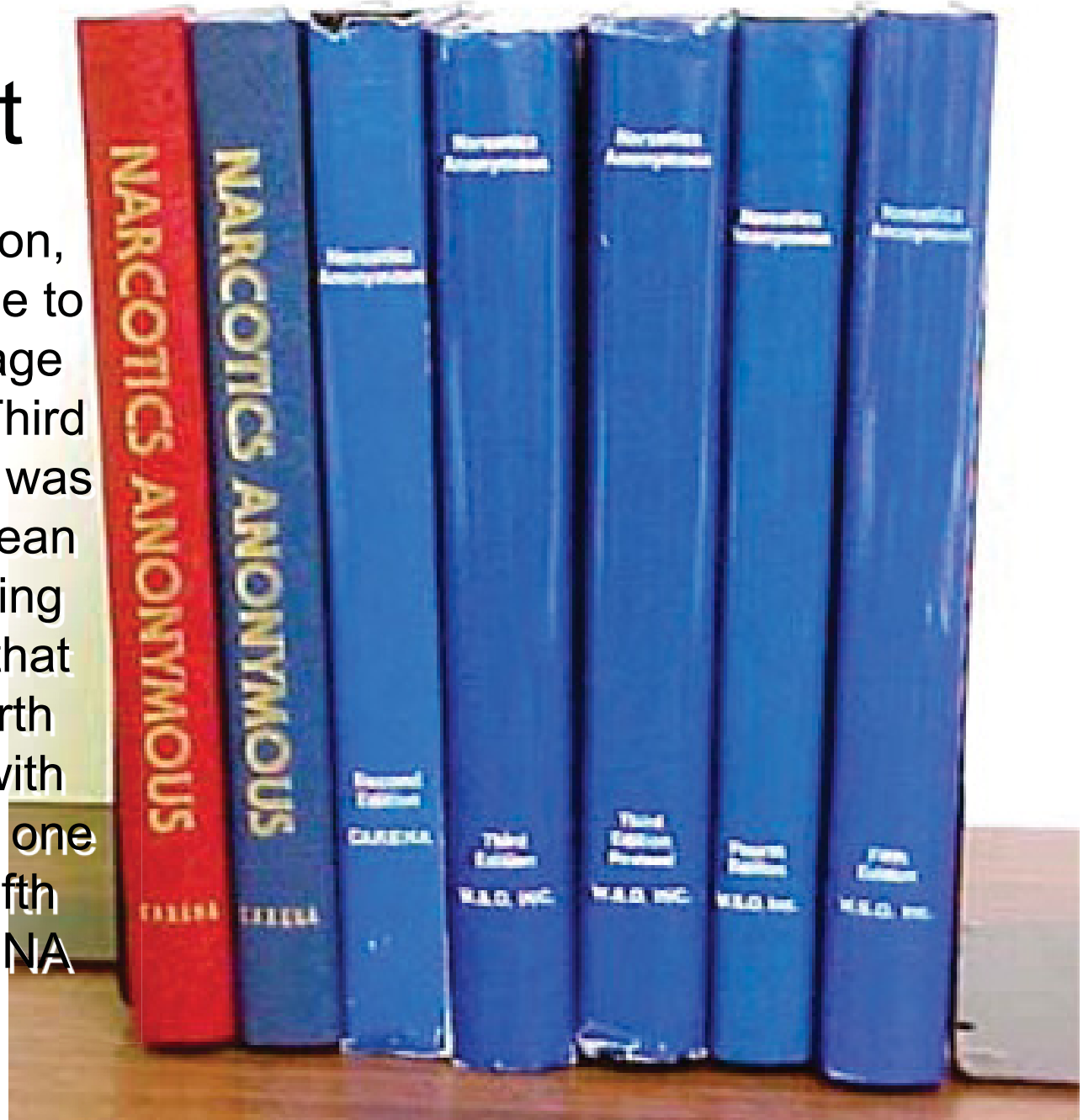


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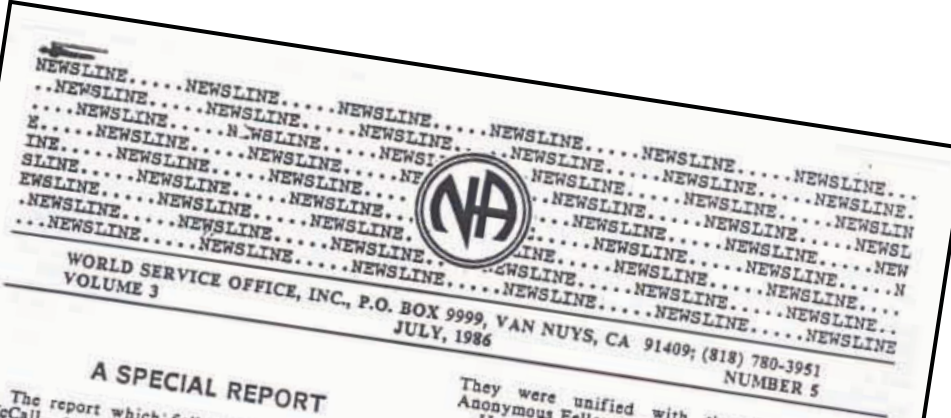


# Basic Text

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# NA in Japan



## A SPECIAL REPORT

The report which follows was written by Tom McCall, one of our Trustees assigned to the International Committee. This report, originally to the committee, is so moving and significant, we thought everyone would like to read it.

### TOKYO, JAPAN

Over the past five years the Fellowship has been aware that N.A. was alive and well in Japan. But only recently have we found out how alive and well.

Once a year a couple of Japanese members from Tokyo would come to Hawaii to visit. They spoke only Japanese, so with the help of interpreters, we were able to sketch a small picture of the N.A. community there.

For these members the experience of touching base with N.A. outside of Japan was like turning on a light. They would return to Tokyo with much enthusiasm about N.A. recovery.

In the fall of 1985 the only English speaking member from Japan was on his way to the U.S.A. He had a stop over in Hawaii and attended a meeting that night. After the meeting I asked him how long he was going to be in Hawaii. I said I would like to spend some time with him to find out all I could about N.A. in Japan. He said that he would love to do that, but he had to catch a flight in the morning. I asked him where he was going. He said to Philadelphia. The following weekend the World Service Conference was holding its workshop in Philadelphia. The International Committee would be meeting there.

When things like this happen in Japan, the Japanese say, "Ah Hiya Powa." From this point, the momentum has been rapid for Japan. They had translated the Little White Book a few years ago. It was the only piece of N.A. literature that they had. Communications between W.S.O. and Tokyo became very active, and as a result, the process of translating all our literature into Japanese began.

In the spring of 1986, Japan announced they would be sending a representative to the World Service Conference. To them that step was like turning on the light that turned on all the lights.

They were unified with the entire Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship once and for all time. Up until now no one from the W.S.O., W.S.C. or W.S.B. had been to Japan.

Over the past couple of years the members in Japan had asked me if I would come and visit Japan. I would always tell them that I would love to. They would bow their heads and say "good, we will wait." Politeness for the Japanese is sincerity.

Through Hiya Powa, that opportunity came about when I became eligible for a free round trip ticket to Japan. So, at the end of May I arrived in Tokyo. Four members who I had previously met were there at the airport to meet me.

The Japanese have only recently met Western custom of shaking hands. Acquired the bow to one another. To touch and hug openly in public is not a part of their culture. But addicts have never been known to follow the norm. So we hugged and embraced the N.A. No Mechi (the N.A. way).

As we neared the outskirts of Tokyo, I started seeing buildings—then more and more and more. They say Tokyo is one of the most densely populated cities in the world. Over twelve million people living within a thirty mile radius. More people than in the whole State of California.

The members told me officially that the Government does not recognize that the drug problem. There are no treatment programs, no detox centers, methadone clinics or therapeutic communities. There are only the jails, the prisons, the mental hospitals and Narcotics Anonymous.

There is not much heroin, cocaine or pot. It's there, but the laws are so severe that they have not become a widespread problem. But there is in just the City of Tokyo, there are plenty of addicts.

There is much wealth in Japan as well as poverty. The society is very diversified, with a mixture of traditional Japanese, European and Western influence.

The substances they use vary from prescription drugs, speed you can inject—to paint, alcohol and whatever else the inventive mind of an addict can discover.

Speed is generally the biggest problem. It was legal during the war and taken by the Kamakazie pilots and soldiers. Also during the reconstruction period of Japan and its industrial revolution, eventually the government began to regulate it, but from what the members told me, it is still widely



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- 1986 - The Anglicized IP#1 as well as IP#20 and 21, *H&I* and the *NA Member* and *The Loner: Staying Clean in Isolation* are published.
- 1988 - Two new English-language IPs are published this year, IP#23 and 24, *Staying Clean on the Outside* and "*Hey! What's the Basket For?*" as well as *Working Step Four in NA*.
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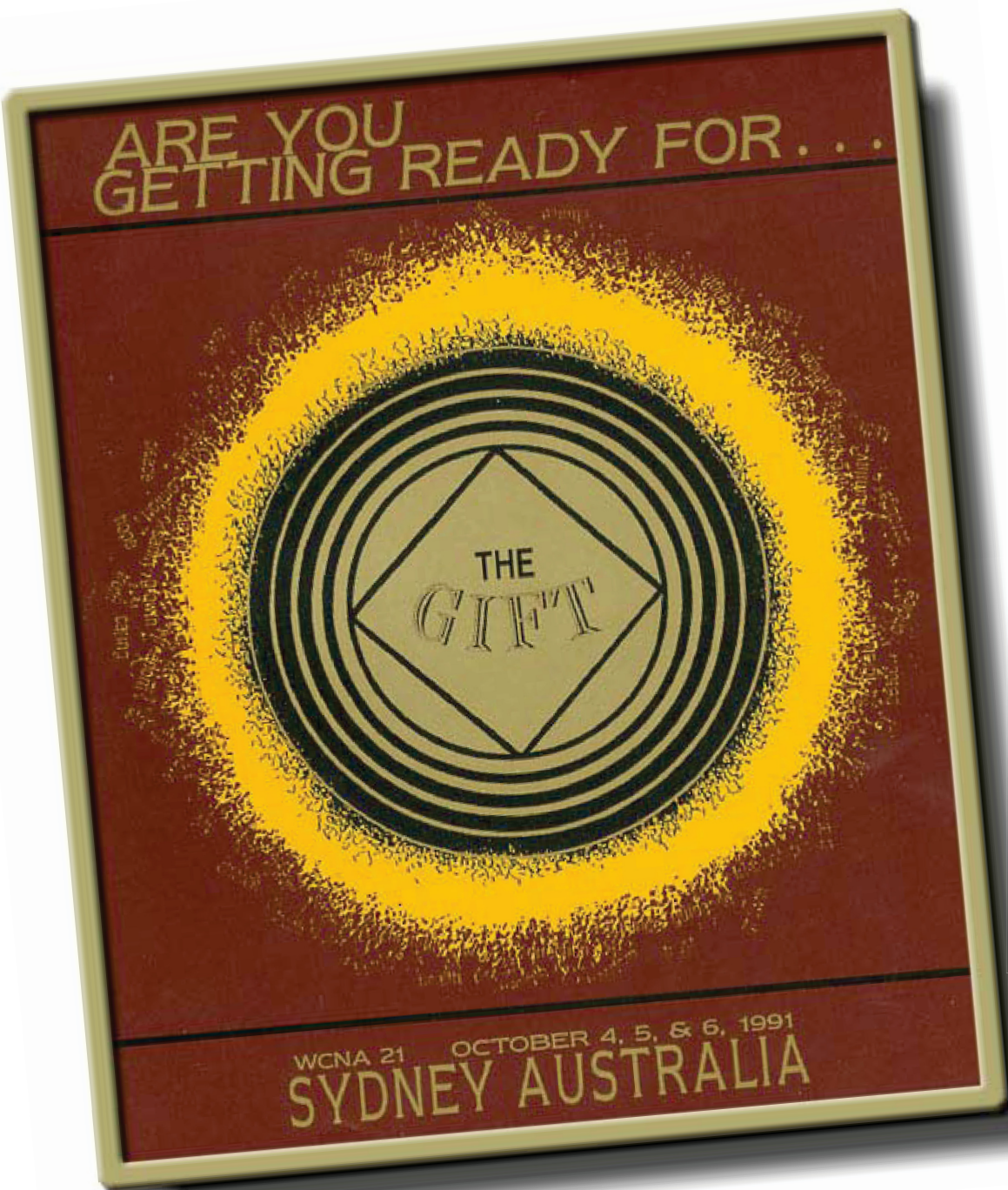
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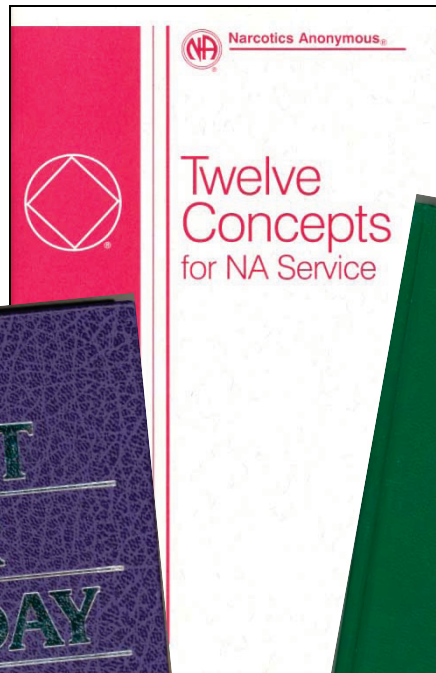






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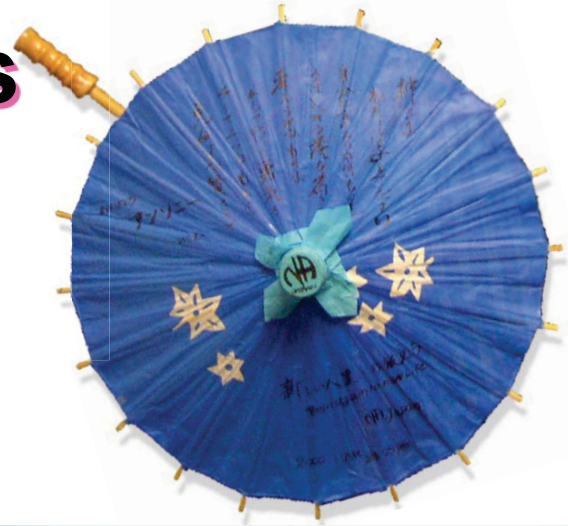


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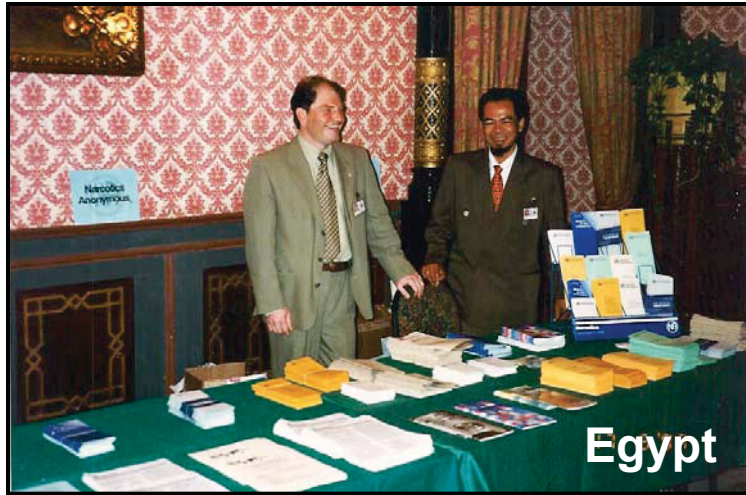




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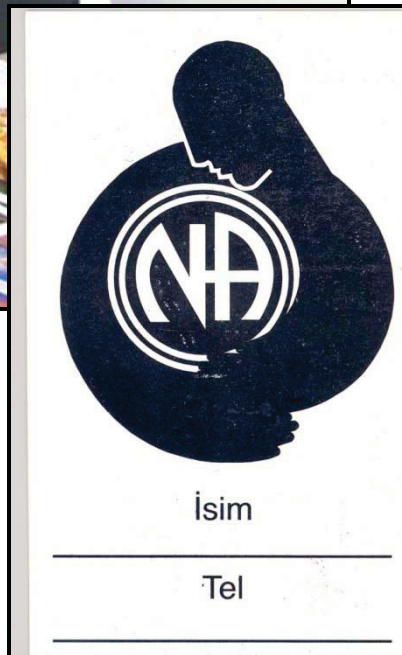


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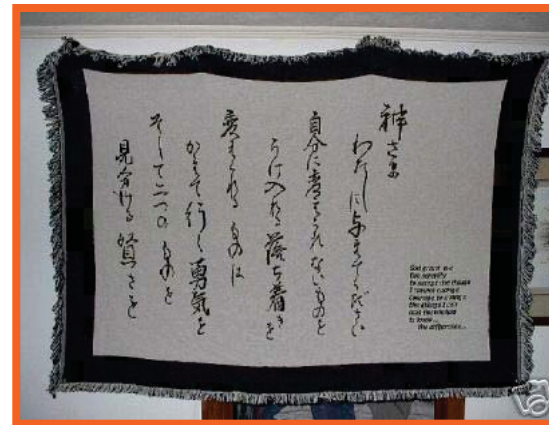
**The solicitation period for submittal of personal stories ran for almost a year and received over 700 personal stories from all over the world including:**

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Belgium	India	Netherlands	Saudi Arabia	Turkey
Brazil	Ireland	New Zealand	Singapore	United Kingdom
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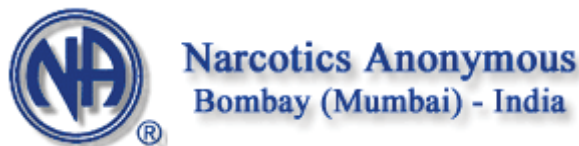




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