

# NEWSLINE

## GROUP REGISTRATIONS: IS NA DYING?

Once upon a time in a faraway area, Joe and Josephine Addict went to the ASC meeting. Both were group service representatives and had to attend. They both picked up literature for their groups and found out when and where the local dance would be held. Among the paperwork they were given by the ASC chairperson were NA group registration forms.

Joe Addict took the literature, dance flyers, H&I sign-up sheets, and the NA group registration form to his group's meeting. He dumped everything on the literature table. A little while later, a newcomer asked an older member for his phone number. He grabbed the nearest piece of paper--the NA group registration form--off the literature table, wrote his phone number on it, and gave it to the newcomer. The newcomer took it home, copied the oldtimer's phone number into his phone book, and threw the form away.

Josephine Addict took all of her group's information home, remembering to take the literature and dance flyers to the next meeting. She put the NA group registration form in the trash, saying to herself, "What good does this do our group? It's just more busywork for me, the area, and the World Service Office. Besides, we're in the regional meeting directory."

Six months later, Joe and Josephine Addict decided to go on vacation together. They traveled all over, spending a few days at a seaside resort before moving on to a large city where Josephine's mom lived.

On their first full day in town, Joe looked at Josephine and said, "Hey, let's go to a meeting tonight."

Josephine said, "You're on! Let me call the phoneline." Josephine called directory assistance only to discover that the NA phoneline had been disconnected and there was no new number. "Now what do we do?" she asked.

"Call the World Service Office," said Joe.

The special worker who answered the phone at WSO first provided the phoneline number for the city Joe and Josephine were staying in.

"It's disconnected," Josephine said. "Can't you just look up a list of meetings and find out where they are?"

"Well," the special worker replied, "I'm real sorry, but we don't have any meeting information for that area."

"But you've got to!" exclaimed Josephine. "It's a huge city with hundreds of thousands of people. They've got to have NA meetings!"

"Well, we're sure they do, but no one has registered them, so we don't know where they are," the special worker sighed.

As she hung up, Josephine looked at Joe. He looked as stricken as she felt. Each was remembering a little piece of paper they hadn't filled out six months before. "What if a newcomer hit bottom tonight and wanted help?" Josephine whispered. "How would they find us?" She looked at Joe, as if for an answer. He didn't know either.



We present the preceding in order to illustrate the most important reason for groups to register with the World Service Office. Joe and Josephine are, of course, fictional characters, but they represent real people experiencing a real problem that happens all the time.

We at the World Service Office want to be able to help addicts get to meetings. We know that if you're reading this, your group is probably registered, but you can still help. Wherever you go--meetings, dances, campouts, conventions--please announce the importance of group registrations. Sending us your area or regional meeting directory is not sufficient. In addition to the meeting's location, we need both the contact person and mailing address. Please use the form on page 2.

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**NA GROUP REGISTRATION AND UPDATE FORM**

Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if the meeting is open  or closed 

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood \_\_\_\_\_

State/province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this group offer?

Wheelchair accessibility?  yes  noASL interpreter?  yes  noSight-impaired services?  yes  no

The following information is necessary for any communication with your group. Please list the information for the contact person or group postal box. Check here  if this is a postal box used only by your group.

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_

ASC or contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO WSO, BOX 9999, VAN NUYS, CA 91409 USA****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY UPDATE**

The Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust, approved at the World Service Conference last year, describes how NA's trademarks and recovery literature are to be protected by the World Service Office. The trust makes a distinction between recovery literature and service materials. Recovery literature is defined as "any Narcotics Anonymous book, booklet, or pamphlet intended primarily for use or distribution within the context of an NA recovery meeting." Service material is defined as "those materials intended primarily for use within the context of an NA service board or committee." Use of recovery literature is protected under the trust, but service material isn't.

The FIPT allows for service handbooks such as the *Temporary Working Guide*, *A Guide to Public Information*, and the *H&I Handbook* to be adapted and reproduced locally to meet the needs of each NA community. The WSO board had discussed and decided that, at least until a new class of literature is designated in the trust, some service materials, however, should be given the same kind of protection prescribed for recovery literature in the FIPT. These are six booklets and pamphlets that are produced and distributed in much the same way as the recovery-oriented booklets and pamphlets you'll find on the literature tables at the meetings you attend:

- *PI and the NA Member*
- *NA: A Resource in Your Community*
- *The Group (pamphlet)*
- *H&I and the NA Member*
- *Twelve Concepts for NA Service*
- *The Group Booklet*

The WSO Board of Directors will discuss this issue further at its November 1994 meeting. The board invites members of the fellowship to share any ideas about this subject they would like the board to consider. All such input should be received at the office by 1 October.

For specific information regarding use of NA intellectual property within the fellowship, please write the World Service Office and request Intellectual Property Bulletin #1.

**WORLD CONVENTION UPDATE**

"The Message is Hope" is the theme for the Twenty-Fourth World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous, being held 1-4 September in Baltimore, Maryland. Flyers are included with this mailing. Several hotels have already sold out: the Sheraton, the Hyatt, and the Days Inn. The remaining hotel rooms are selling fast, so make your reservations now. Tickets for all four boat cruises are also selling quickly; they're still available as of this writing, but we expect them to be sold out before the convention.

WCNA-24 features the music of the O'Jays and The Temptations at Saturday night's concert. Rita Rudner, who has appeared on HBO, Cinemax, and the Tonight Show, among others, will entertain at Friday night's comedy show. Tickets for both of these performances are still available.

The Twenty-Fifth World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous will be held 14-17 September 1995 at EuroDisney just outside Paris, France. In order to give everyone sufficient time to plan for this event, flyers will be available at this year's world convention. We are looking into a discount package which will include airfare from several large North American cities and a four-night stay at EuroDisney. We'll keep you posted as this develops.

**WSO FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

| PERIOD                | SALES            | EXPENSE            | NET            |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| January 1994          | 469,341          | (402,036)          | 67,305         |
| February 1994         | 650,028          | (552,042)          | 97,986         |
| March 1994            | 460,146          | (486,155)          | (26,009)       |
| April 1994            | 462,097          | (477,306)          | (15,209)       |
| <b>TOTAL YTD 1993</b> | <b>2,041,612</b> | <b>(1,917,539)</b> | <b>124,073</b> |
| MONTHLY AVG.'S        | SALES            | EXPENSE            | NET            |
| 1994 YTD months       | \$510,403        | (479,385)          | 31,018         |
| 1993 avg. months      | \$458,917        | (434,239)          | 24,678         |
| 1992 avg. months      | \$406,237        | (396,044)          | 10,193         |
| 1991 avg. months      | \$357,328        | (378,230)          | (20,902)       |
| 1990 avg. months      | \$370,665        | (401,011)          | (30,346)       |
| 1989 avg. months      | \$430,504        | (418,339)          | 12,165         |
| 1988 avg. months      | \$358,694        | (345,069)          | 13,625         |
| 1987 avg. months      | \$278,405        | (266,618)          | 11,787         |
| 1986 avg. months      | \$217,415        | (201,148)          | 16,267         |
| 1985 avg. months      | \$138,265        | (128,124)          | 10,141         |
| 1984 avg. months      | \$69,126         | (50,687)           | 18,439         |

Figures reflect combined WSO-Van Nuys, Canada, and Europe income statements for respective periods. "Sales" shows undiscounted total income plus other income. Discounts are included in the figures totaled in the "expense" column. 1992 and 1993 Canada and Europe data were converted into USA dollars each month at rates reflecting market conditions at the time accounts were closed. The 1993 figures are adjusted to reflect actual year-end closing figures.

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

### NA video approved by WSC

An NA video titled *Just for Today* was approved at WSC'94. It is a dramatization of one individual's life as she is touched and transformed by the NA program. The video follows the main character from the moment she first hears about NA to the time she takes a six-month key tag. The video conveys many aspects of the NA program, ranging from the concept of self-support to NA's distinction from other twelve-step programs. It can be used as an informational tool to communicate with those in the medical, drug treatment, educational, criminal justice, social service, and other helping professions.

The WSO Board of Directors is developing a marketing plan for the video to ensure that it is readily available to both professionals and local public information committees. As soon as it is available, we will notify you through the *Newsline* and other publications.

### New speaker tapes

The Tape Review Panel has approved twenty-four new speaker tapes. They will be available shortly from WSO. Look for more information about the availability of these tapes in future issues of the *Newsline*.

### New gold-plated medallions

WSO has new deluxe medallions available. Plated in 22-karat gold, they cost \$10.00 each. We stock eighteen-month and one to twenty-five year medallions. You can special order twenty-six to forty year medallions, allowing four to six weeks for delivery. These new medallions do not replace the gold/rhodium-plated deluxe medallions.

### New key tags

At this year's WSC, the WSO agreed to produce two new key tags. The first, commemorating eighteen months clean, is a gray tag stamped with silver foil. The other key tag honors members who are "clean and serene for

multiple years of recovery." It is black and stamped with gold foil. The new key tags sell for 28 cents each.

## IN STOCK SOON

### 1995 Home Group calendar in production

Favorite comic strips with Slugg, Denilah, GSR Robert and the rest of the Home Group folks have been compiled for an all-new 1995 edition of the Home Group calendar. \$5.95.

### 1994 TWGSS

The *Temporary Working Guide to our Service Structure* (also known by its initials, TWGSS, pronounced like "twigs") is being updated to reflect actions taken at the 1994 World Service Conference. We expect the changes to completed and TWGSS'94 to be available for sale in late August.

## STAFF CHANGES

Since our last issue of the *Newsline*, several WSO staff members have left or been reassigned. Julie Kirkpatrick, a longtime employee, left the office in mid-May to pursue a career in medicine. Michelle Purdum, an editorial assistant with the Publishing Team, left in late May. Marilyn Scott, also a longtime employee, has been moved into the Administrative Team as Anthony Edmondson's assistant. Carol Kenney, who was hired at the office 1 December 1993, has been reassigned to provide staff support for the world services inventory. Susan Pines, who had been working with translations, left the office near the beginning of June. The WSO Management Team is evaluating the need for additional staff as part of the overall WSO development plan. It is possible that a recruitment effort for new staff members may include an announcement in the *Newsline*. We will keep you advised.

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# WORLD CALENDAR

## AUSTRALIA

**New South Wales:** Sep. 30-Oct. 2; Sydney Combined Area Conv; info 61-2-552-4354 or 61-2-365-3652; SCACNA, 72 Darghan St., Glebe, NSW, AUSTRALIA 2037

## CANADA

**Alberta:** July 29-Aug. 1; 5th Summer Campout; Innisfail; info (403) 342-1444

**British Columbia:** Oct. 28-30; 17th Pacific Northwest Conv; Vancouver; rsvns (604) 689-9211; info (604) 876-4055; PNWCNA-17, PO Box 43066, Burnaby, BC V6G 4S2

**Nova Scotia:** Aug. 5-7; 5th Nova Scotia Area Conv; Truro; info (902) 443-2428; NSACNA, PO Box 65, Halifax Central, NS B3J 2L4

**Quebec:** Oct. 7-9; 7th Quebec Regional Conv; rsvns (819) 822-1989; info (819) 563-7809; QRCNA-7, CP 463, Sherbrooke, Quebec J1H 5J7

**Saskatchewan:** Aug. 19-21; 10th South Saskatchewan Area Conv; Regina; info (306) 522-2937 or 924-0984

2) Sep. 2-4; 8th Central Saskatchewan Area Conv; info (306) 652-5216; CSANA-8, PO Box 9718, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 7G5

## IRELAND

**Dublin:** Nov. 11-13; 10th Irish Conv; Hotel Kilkenny; info Irish Convention, c/o Service Office, 4/5 Eustace Street, Dublin 2

## MEXICO

**Baja California Norte:** Oct. 14-16; 2nd Baja California Conv; Tijuana; rsvns (800) 333-3333; info US 011-52 (66) 80-90-80 or in Mexico (66) 80-90-80; CBCNA-11, 1329 3rd Ave #116, Chula Vista, CA 91911

## UNITED KINGDOM

**England:** Aug. 26-28; 8th UK Conv; England; info 071-272-9040; UKCNA-8, PO Box 1980, London, UK N19 3LS

## UNITED STATES

**Alabama:** Sep. 8-11; 1st Greater Birmingham Area Conv; Guntersville; rsvns (205) 571-5444; info PO Box 320818, Birmingham, AL 35232

**Alaska:** Sep. 23-15; 10th Alaska Regional Conv; Anchorage; info (907) 248-7955; 401 W International #18, Anchorage, AK 99518

**California:** Aug. 20; 2nd Eastern Inland Empire Unity Day; San Bernardino; info (909) 881-2361; Unity Day, PO Box 328, Colton, CA 92324

**Florida:** Aug. 12-14; 3rd Unity Weekend; Miami Beach; rsvns (800) 327-6363; info (305) 225-9250; Unity Weekend, PO Box 141514, Coral Gables, FL 33114

2) Sep. 30-Oct. 3; 10th Year Anniversary; Tampa; rsvns (813) 623-6363; info (813) 875-4357; Anniversary, PO Box 9730, Tampa, FL 33674

3) Oct. 6-9; 2nd South Florida Regional Conv; Fort Myers; info (813) 575-7751; SFRCNA-2, PO Box 70155, FT Lauderdale, FL 33307

**Georgia:** Aug. 4-7; Midtown Atlanta Conv; rsvns (800) 228-3000; info (404) 438-6504; MACNA-5, PO Box 1194, Stone Mountain, GA 30086

**Hawaii:** Oct. 27-30; 3rd Hawaii Regional Conv; Maui; info (808) 878-3444; Hawaii Convention, 190 Ali'iolani Street, Pukalani, HI 96768

**Idaho:** Aug. 5-7; 5th Snake River Valley Area Campout; Massacre Rocks State Park; Campout, PO Box 4342, Pocatello, ID 83204

**Iowa:** Sep. 2-5; 9th SWINA; Red Oak; info (712) 323-2309

**Kansas:** Aug. 12-14; 6th Just for Today Campout; Thunderbird Marina; rsvns (913) 238-5696; info (913) 762-5108; Crossroads NA, 119 W 7th, Junction City, KS 66441

**Louisiana:** Oct. 21-23; 2nd New Orleans Area Conv; New Orleans; rsvns (504) 523-0376; info (800) 824-3859; NOACNA-2, PO Box 52212, New Orleans, LA 70152

**Maine:** Sep. 9-11; 11th South Maine Area Conv; Alfred; rsvns (207) 633-2081; info (207) 882-6114; Convention Committee, PO Box 5309, Portland, ME 04101

**Maryland:** Sep. 1-4; 24th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous; info WCNA-24, PO Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409

**Massachusetts:** Sep. 30-Oct. 2; 2nd Cape Cod Area Conv; info (508) 255-1822; CCACNA-2, PO Box 684, Hyannis, MA 02601

**Missouri:** Sep. 9-11; 2nd Tri-Lakes and Branson Campout; Blue Eye; rsvns (417) 779-4154; info (417) 739-2550

**Nebraska:** Aug. 13; Wyo-Braska Area Unity Day; info (308) 783-2560; Unity Day, PO Box 262, Minatare, NE 69356

2) Sep. 16-18; 11th Nebraska Regional Conv; Bellevue; rsvns (800) 228-5151; info (402) 346-7535; NRCNA-11, PO Box 886, Bellevue, NE 68005

**New Hampshire:** Aug. 12-14; 1st Canoe Camp Trip; info Canoe Camp Trip, PO Box 652, Dover, NH 03820

**New Jersey:** Aug. 19-21; 4th Northern New Jersey Regional Conv; Parsippany; info (201) 676-4481; NNJRCC-4, PO Box 5064, S Hackensack, NJ 07606

**New York:** Aug. 26-28; 5th Mid-Hudson Area Conf; info (212) 691-9748

**North Carolina:** Aug. 19-21; 4th Carolina Regional H&I Awareness Weekend; Charlotte; rsvns (704) 392-1200; info (910) 273-4204

2) Sep. 30-Oct. 2; 3rd Central Piedmont Area Conv; Salisbury; rsvns (704) 637-3100; info (704) 892-7233; PO Box 282, Landis, NC 28088

**Ohio:** Sep. 9-11; Hamilton Area Conv; info (513) 829-3915 or (513) 422-3420; HAMASCNA, PO Box 8594, Middletown, OH 45042

**Oklahoma:** Aug. 6-8; Northside Stroll and Troll; Braggs; info (918) 744-0956

**Pennsylvania:** Aug. 19-21; 3rd Spiritual Retreat Campout; New Castle; info (412) 287-4161; BASC-3, PO Box 2657, Butler, PA 16001

2) Nov. 18-20; 12th Tri State Area Conv; info Call Collect (412) 322-5337; TSRSO, 24 Woodville Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15220

**Texas:** Sep. 16-18; 7th Best Little Region Convention

**Virginia:** Oct. 8; Convention Golf Fundraiser; Richmond; rsvns (804) 273-1611; info (804) 756-7000; AVCNA Golf Fundraiser, PO Box 25244, Richmond, VA 23260

**Washington:** Sep. 16-18; 11th Spiritual Connection; Oak Harbor; info (206) 428-7171; NPSA, PO Box 1001, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

**Wisconsin:** Oct. 14-16; 11th Wisconsin State Conv; rsvns (800) EMBASSY; info (414) 437-5664; WSNAC-11, PO Box 12503, Green Bay, WI 54303

**Wyoming:** Sep. 23-25; Unity Convention; info (307) 789-7746; CUNA Convention, PO Box 2792, Rock Springs, WY 82901