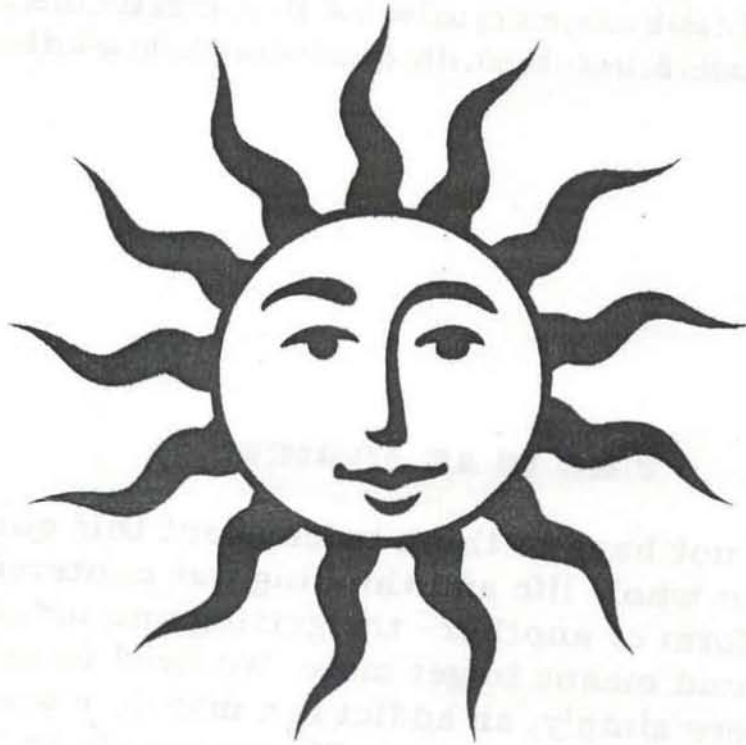


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Newcomer Page

Simplicity is the key to our symbol of our Fellowship. The outer circle denotes a universal and total program that has room *within* it for all manifestations of the recovering person. The square base denotes Goodwill, the ground of both the Fellowship and of our society. Goodwill is best exemplified in service is "doing the right thing for the right reason." When Goodwill supports and motivates both the individual and the Fellowship, we are dimensional figure that represents **Self, Society, Service, and God**. All rise to the point of freedom. All parts are closely related to the needs and aims of the addict who is seeking recovery available to all. The greater the base, (as we grow in unity in numbers and in fellowship) the broader the sides of the pyramid and the higher the point of freedom.

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WHO IS AN ADDICT?

Most of us do not have to think twice about this question. **WE KNOW!** Our whole life and thinking was centered in drugs in one form or another - the getting and using and finding ways and means to get more. We lived to use and use to live. Very simply, an addict is a man or a woman whose life is controlled by drugs. We are people in the grip of a continuing and progressive illness whose ends are always the same: **jails, institutions, and DEATH.**

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Group Announcements

Capital Area Activity Committee of AA presents its Monthly Dance.

The 2nd Friday of every month at the 24 club (behind Goodyear Tire) Rt. 206 & 518 Princeton, New Jersey.
Dates February 13, March 13, and April 10, 1998.

The Northwest Area of AA- Invites You to Attend Their First 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts of Service Workshops Saturday, February 28, 1998 From 3 P.M. until 10 P.M. at rec. center, Chelton & Ardleigh Sts.

The GPRC Fundraising Committee- Cosmic bowling party on Saturday February 14, 1998 from 12:30 am to 3:30am at Brunswick Erie Lanes, Erie Ave and M street. Will include 3 hours of bowling, complementary shoe rental, free parking, food, soda, music, and dancing. Cost \$10.00 for ticket information call Charlene & Keith at 842-9677 or Kenny at 424-2979

The Northwest Area of AA- Invites you to a roller skating party Friday, February 27, 1998 from 7:30 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. at Carmen Roller Skating Rink 3226 Germantown Ave. Admission \$5.00, skates \$1.50. For more information call Wali 724-2772, Curtis 438-7627, Betty 991-6249, or Darren 229-7756

Group Announcements

MONDAY- "In With The New" group meets from 8:00 to 9:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church at Quern Anne Dr. and Hood Blvd. Is need of support and Home group members. All are welcome!

- "The meeting by the Lake" meets from 8:00 to 9:30 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran church in Levittown. It is located on Lakeside dr. and Low Ln. They are in need of support and home group members. All are welcome!

TUESDAY- "Coming of Age" group meets at United Christian Church from 8:00 to 9:30 at 8225 New Falls Rd. They are in need of support and Home group members. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY- The "In Desperation We Sought Help" group meets from 8:00 to 9:30 at Good Friends Inc. in Morrisville. It is located in the middle of Snipes Golf Farm located at 868 West Bridge St. They are in need of support and Home group members. All are welcome!

THURSDAY- The "Tag Topic" group witch meets at Saint Joseph the Worker Church in Levittown. It is located on New Falls Rd. They are in need of support and Home group members. All are welcome!

FRIDAY- The "Changing Times" group which meets from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in Morrisville. They meet at the Holy Trinity School at the YMCA on 201 N. Pennsylvania Ave. They are in need of support and Home group members. All are welcome!

SATURDAY- The "Friendship" group witch meets from 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in Morrisville. It is located at the Holy Trinity School at the YMCA at 201 N. Pennsylvania Ave. They are in need of support and Home group members. All are welcome!

AROUND THE WORLD



The 27 Th. World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous

"Our Diversity is our strength" will be held September 3-6, 1998 in San Jose California. Events include a Theme Dance & Costume Party, Jazz Breakfast, Comedy Show, and Concert for more information or for reservations please call Montrose Travel, Group Division 2355 Honolulu Avenue, Montrose, CA 91020 (800)-301-9673

CANADA-May 22-24 1998; Ontario Regional Convention; Waterloo Inn, Waterloo; RSV's: (800)-361-4708 info:(519)-766-4346; ORCNA-11, 170 University Ave. West, Suite 12-267, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 3E9 website: www.sentex.net/~orcna11/ email: orcna11@sentex.net

MEXICO-Federal District-March 19-22, 1998; 1st Mexico Regional Convention; Hotel Benidorm, Mexico City; info:52/5/2084586 or 52/5/5315022; fax: 52/5/2084580; email: ysacal@enter.net.mx or atovilla@data.net.mx or clausnamex@compuserve.com.mx

UNITED STATES-Alabama- March 20-22, 1998; Greater Mobile Area Convention; Clarion Inn, Mobile; RSV's: (800)-982-9822; info: (334)-471-9723; **SMACNA**, Box 9622, Mobile, AL 36691
California-April 10-12, 1998; 7th Annual Southern California Regional Spring Gathering; Marriott, Manhattan Beach; RSV's: (310)-456-7511; info: (714)-369-1022 or (310)-438-8191; send speaker tapes to: Spring Gathering, Box 2783, Orange, CA 92859-0783

Florida- April 24-26, 1998; 6th Recovery in Paradise; info:(305)-294-6435; Retreat, 713 Elizabeth St., #2, Key West, Fl 33040 - July 2-5, 1998; Florida Regional Convention; Heat Regency; Tampa City Center; RSV's: (813)-225-1234.

Idaho- April 3-5, 1998; Southern Idaho Regional Convention; Best Western Burley Inn, Burley; RSV's: (208)-678-3601; info: (208)-862-3447; please write for information and send speaker tapes to: **SIRCA**, Box 421, Burley, ID 83318

POETRY

Saint Patrick

My name is not O'Hara or even Shauneseey,
but I'll tell you what being Irish really means too me.
The world is a bit merrier, a little bit greener too,
with Irish eyes and Irish smiles and even Irish stew.
I look back in the history books and I was suprised to find,
Saint Patrick was Italian
now doesn't that blow your mind?
If its good enough for Italians,
Then its good enough for me.
So I'll be a bit Irish
and conform with history.

By: Kimberly's Grandmother

Traditions

God... I thought you said we were all born free...
Then why were these Traditions laid on me?
And God replied, "You were born free...
Just give them up and follow me."
But I never listened to his word
not to celebrate Christmas would be absurd!
I honored St. Valentine and even St. Pat...
now why would anyone disagree with that?
Then came Easter and that little bunny rabbit.
so I celebrated that...
Just out of habit,
and I didn't want my friends to think I was mean,
so I went along with Halloween
Alas, it came to the judgment day, and
God passed me by, but I heard him say,
yes my son, you were born free...
but you honored your traditions instead of me.

By: Kimberly's Grandmother

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lorraine	March 27	10 Months
Margaret K.	March 12	16 Months
Wendy	January 3	1 Year
Steve C.	March 5	60 Days
Kimberly	February 26	60 Days
Luis	March 29	9 Months
Chris	January 4	6 Years
Joe G.	January 27	90 Days
Marvin K.	March 16	3 Years
Damian B.	March 2	6 Months
Pat M.	January 31	90 days
Kimberly	March 28	90 Days

Note: If you would like your anniversaries, group announcements, meeting announcements, or literature (poems, short stories, etc.) in the Cleansheet please contact Heather P. at 943-6422 before 10 P.M., or Joe G. at 269-2789 Thank You and God bless!