

STRAIGHT HOPE

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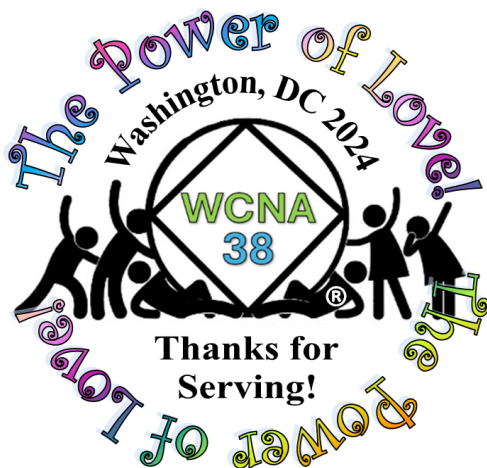
WCNA 38 - The Power of Love!

The 38th World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous in Washington, DC was held in our Nation's Capitol August 29th to September 1st, 2024. The theme was "The Power of Love". While this fantastic event has come and gone, the memories and stories will linger for years to come!

Here are the stats:

- Over **18,000** addicts registered!
- More than **1,500 Newcomer Badges** were given to members from treatment centers, recovery houses, and people with 30 days or less walking in!
- Over **1,500 members** volunteered to fill the **3,000 service opportunities**. Some addicts just walked in and asked if they could help...and help was usually needed!

Thank you to all of you who made this happen!



Quotes where "The Power of Love" WCNA 38 theme came from

I learned to trust a power of love that is much bigger than me.—Basic Text, Sandwich (From the Coming Home section of Our Members Share) NA Basic Text

The Power of love has been with us all along. Today, we are grateful to have survived long enough to become consciously aware of that love's presence in our world and our lives.—Just for Today, August 9, The Power of love

Love in Narcotics Anonymous is the Twelfth Step in action. We felt the power of love when we entered our first meeting and were welcomed, no matter what we looked like, where we came from, how we smelled, or who we came with. We found open arms and true acceptance—perhaps for the first time in our lives.—A Spiritual Principle a Day, May 9, Love and Step Twelve

Please fill out the NA Membership Survey!



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/membership_survey_2024

Email Art, Articles, Anniversaries & NA Announcements to: straighthope@cprna.org

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH!

Subcommittee meets 4th Sunday @8pm: Meeting ID: 876 1298 6083 PW:749698

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SCAN TO GET YOUR COPY OF "STRAIGHT HOPE" ONLINE!!!



Step of the Month

Step 9: “We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

My sponsor helped me decide if the amends were warranted, if the timing was right, and if we might anticipate the type of reactions I could expect. By having these discussions prior to meeting those on my list, I was better prepared for different reactions.

- Ben C.



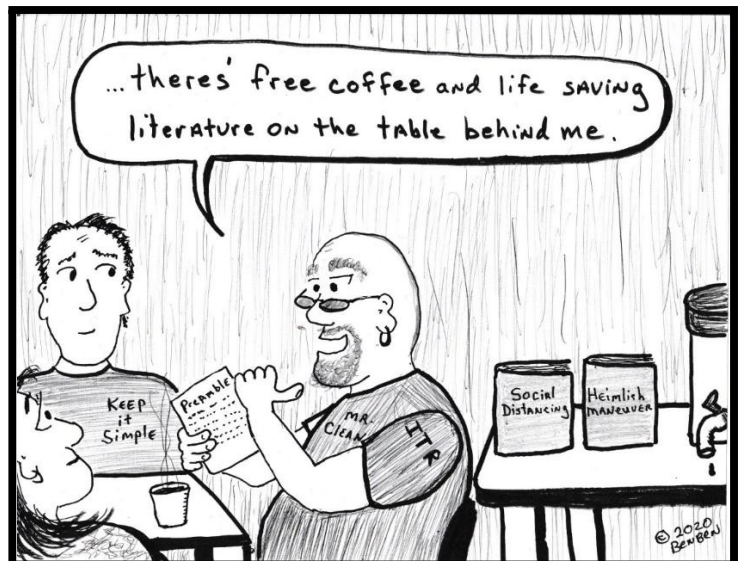
Tradition of the Month

Tradition 9: “NA, as such, ought never to be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve”

Many members, when they speak about this tradition, may refer to Area, Region, or World service committees. But this tradition also refers to our Groups. An NA Group typically has a Chair, Treasurer, Group Service Representative (GSR) and Group Coffee Maker.

This committee, the Home Group, is directly responsible to serve the addicts who attend their meeting.

- Anne E.



Living Miracles

9/1 Michael L 6 yrs. at Today's Recovery
9/2 Darrell L. 37 yrs. at Monday Miracles
9/8 Cassie, 3 yrs, Today's Recovery
9/9 Gloria, 1 yr, Illness in Recovery
9/9 Shelley B., 5 yrs, acknowledging
9/10 Ryan C., 2yrs, All About Change
9/13 Erin M, 9 yrs, Live and Let Live
9/15 Dave K., 39 yrs, Today's Recovery
9/16 Shirley S., 26 years, Illness in Recovery
9/16 Marc S., 22 yrs, Staying Alive (virtual)
9/17 Hakeem M., 1yr, All About Change
9/20 Sophie, 1 yr, Live and Let Live
9/22 Michael L., 6 yrs, Today's Recovery
9/22 Joan T., 39 years, Sunday Night Spiritual
9/27 Geoff K., 9 years, Live and Let Live
9/29 Ron, 38 years, Sunday Morning Spiritual
9/29 Chit, 39 years, Sunday Morning Spiritual
10/6 Deloran, 28 yrs, Sunday Morning Spiritual
10/7 Andrew, 4 years, Illness in Recovery
10/13, Michelle R, 2 yrs., Today's Recovery
10/14 Mike H., 16 yrs, Illness in Recovery
10/20 Chad B., 3 years, Today's Recovery
10/25 Carolyn S., 3 years, Live & Let Live
10/28 Donnie S., 24 yrs, Illness in Recovery
11/17 Jamail, 1 yr, Sunday Morning Spiritual
12/1 Carey, 39 yrs, Sunday Morning Spiritual

NA Related Announcements

NA World Services website just got a face-lift!

Check it out: <https://na.org/>

NA Membership Survey!

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

All about Change will be 60 minutes instead of 90 minutes. Tuesday, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. 13 Firstfield Rd., Gaithersburg, MD, 20878

¿Hablas Español? Newcomers are coming to Spanish-speaking meetings. It would be nice if people who speak Spanish came to the meetings for support.

Women Do Recover will now be adding a speaker to the regular format. Needs support. Tuesday, 7pm-8pm, Montgomery Hills Baptist Church, 9727 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20919, Rear Door, Room 133

Get Down Group needs support: Friday @ 8:30 pm, Zoom ID: 86570165126; Passcode: getdown Women Do Recover–

NA at Noon has open service positions.

FIND A MEETING!

Area Meeting Lists can be printed off our webpage <https://www.cprna.org/?current-meeting-list=8>, mailed to you by requesting them from na-montgomery@cprna.org, or may be obtained from Danny O. when you make a literature order.

Regional Meetings Lists can be printed off the webpage <https://www.cprna.org/na-meetings/>, mailed to you by requesting them from na-montgomery@cprna.org, or may be obtained from Danny O. when you make a literature order as well.

NAWS Meeting Finder: Find meetings around the world: <https://webdata.na.org/phoneweb/>

Opportunities to Serve!

RSC Nominations/Elections: Several Regional service positions are still open! Check out the C&P Regional Service Committee **Saturday, October 12, 2024, Bush Hill Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, VA.** 10 AM - 12 Noon Subcommittees, 12 Noon-1 PM Lunch, 1 PM - 6 PM Regional meeting. 17 positions currently open for nominations:

- RSC Vice Chair
- RSC Vice Treasurer
- RSC Secretary
- RSC Vice Secretary
- Convention Oversight Comm At-Large Rep 1
- Convention Oversight Comm At-Large Rep 2
- H&I Vice Chair
- Literature Chair
- Freestate Regional Service Office Rep 2
- Literature Vice Chair
- Phonenumber Chair
- Phonenumber Vice Chair
- Policy Chair
- Policy Vice Chair
- Public Relations Vice Chair
- Special Events Vice Chair
- Freestate Regional Service Office Rep 1

Area Service Nominations & Elections: Montgomery Area still has several service positions available: Alternate Secretary, RCM Alternate, and many Area Liaisons. Talk to your GSR or email masc@cprna.org for more info.

Service Works! All you need to know about Montgomery Area NA:

<https://www.cprna.org/our-areas/info/montgomery-area/>

EVENTS

More events can be found at: <https://www.cprna.org/event-calendar/> and <https://www.instagram.com/naglobalevents/>

**SERVICE IS A POSTURE OF THE HEART
CELEBRATION OF SERVICE**

PR and H&I

**September 21, 2024
Time: 11am to 4pm**

**Address: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
7607 Sandy Spring Rd
Laurel Maryland 20707**

Food, Fun and Fellowship

Come out and join the Blessings of Service

Contacts
Eddie B. 240-320-3902 PR Chair
Jody J. 240-204-7045 H&I Regional Chair

NORVANA Special Events

GAME NIGHT

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
7:30 PM-11 PM**

FREE EVENT

Play classic card* or board games provided,
or bring your favorites with you!
Free snacks and beverages, 7th Tradition welcome.

♣ ♠ **50/50 Raffle** ♥ ♦

Bush Hill Presbyterian Church (side entrance)
4916 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310

Questions or to volunteer: Matthew B. 571.330.1671 or
events.norvana@gmail.com
*(*No betting/gambling)*

NA in Del Ray Annual Cookout

Food, Fun, Fellowship!
Free!
Speaker!
DJ!
On the grill: Burgers! Hot dogs!

When: Sunday, September 22, 2024
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Where: Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr., Alexandria, VA 22304

Events and Times:
Meeting: 10:00 - 11:30
Eatin' Time: starts at 12:00
DJ: 12:00 - 3:00
Speaker: 4:00 - 5:00

Going west on Duke: Left on Cameron Station
Right at first stop sign
Go around the circle
Make the next right
Then right on Summerville St. at the stop sign
Take the next left, that goes into the park, then
go straight up to parking lot
Going east on Duke: It's the opposite of west-bound directions

Zoom ID: 873 4446 3412
Passcode: 1991
Questions? Cecil R., (703) 599-3143
Thomas P., (703) 930-2525

Montgomery Area Special Events
PRESENTS:

Back to Basics
One Day at a Time
SPEAKER JAM

Saturday, September 28th, 2024
4:00 pm - 11:00 pm

FREE Clothing Boutique Before the Meeting
From 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
9801 Centerway Road, Montgomery Village, MD

Speakers at 4:30 pm, 5:45 pm, 7 pm, 8:15 pm & 9:30 pm

Bring a Friend for Food, Fun and Fellowship!
Please bring a dish or dessert if you can.

Donate via Venmo to: @Natalie-Gitelman or
Cash App: \$Specialevents007

Want to Volunteer? Need more information? Call:
Layla R. at (240) 793-6059, Suzanne W - (240) 793-1799