

The KANSAS CITY PIPELINE

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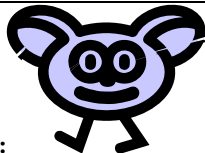
UNITY PURPOSE:

To enhance communication and outreach among diverse elements within the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous in the interest of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers and promote unity.



The Editor

There has been a spectacular upheaval taking place around the district as far as new meetings starting and groups moving to different areas of the city. What exciting growth and opportunity to reach even more suffering addicts! After all our primary reason for existence is to help another addict achieve the same freedom as we have. This summer has brought about a period of growth and we trust an opportunity to fulfill our primary purpose



Overheard at meetings:

“My behavior causes my life to become unmanageable.”

“Today I have problems in areas where I didn't even use to have an area.”

When they told me A God of my own understanding, that left no room for arguments”

“I am spent, and I need to fill up. This meeting is the gas station for me-I don't care how much the gas cost.”

Can't Lose, With This News

May 24-May 28th 2007: 23rd Annual World Service Convention in KANSAS CITY, MO

Annual District Picnic
August 26th 2006, Swope Park Shelter #10

Step This Way: Step Nine: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others



I'm Still Johnny a very grateful member of the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous. Having been freed from the nightmare of addiction since Oct. 22nd, 1993, God has allowed me to do things I never thought possible which the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous describes as a fourth dimension of existence of which I never dreamed. I was asked to write about a step for the Pipeline and I was told early in recovery to never say no when asked to do service work. I selected Step Nine. The principle behind this step is justice. As I began writing this article, the words “such people” stood out. Who are these people? In step 8 I had made a list of people who I had harmed. During the summer months, I spend the weekends in the Ozarks running our family owned restaurant. My father purchased land in the resort area in 1956 and has become a well respected prominent member of the local association. He has access to several residences for maintenance purposes. Well, during my years of using, and with my keen sense of entitlement, I felt as though I could enter these homes at my convenience and help myself to whatever was available. I discovered that I am also an alcoholic. Whenever I went into my neighbors home, I would have a drink from their bar, then I would return for another and another. I would start with Hennessy and worked my way down to Tequila. Mr. Wesley, our neighbor never noticed that his bar was low. Mr. Wesley was on my Step 8 list. One weekend I explained to him that I was in recovery and about the program. I informed him that I had entered his summer home and often had helped myself to his bar. He said that it wasn't a problem and appreciated my honesty. I told him that the process required me to clean my side of the street and make restitution. I mailed him a check for \$100.00. He was grateful for the money and welcomed me to his home whenever. The BB promised me if we are calm, frank and open we will be gratified by the result, which I was. This was my first amend and gave me a sense of satisfaction of building a relationship with God as I understood Him, inventorying myself and allowing God to rid some of the glaring flaws, then turning to my fellowman to right a wrong,; by the way, I was amazed at this phase of my development. Thank you for letting me share.



The Glum Lot

A man was stranded on a desert island alone, when he was rescued the officials asked him why there were 3 huts if he was by himself. He stated, "One was my house, the second my 12-step group, and the 3rd was my new group when I got mad at my home group."

a **wise old owl** sat in an oak the more he heard the less he spoke the less he spoke the more he heard why aren't we all like that **wise old bird**



Convention Update

Do you like entertainment? Are you hospitable? Do you like to hug? Can you reach out? Have you heard any great speakers lately? Do you have CA friends all over the country? How about different parts of the world? This is the ultimate special event. You don't want to miss this. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. You ought to be jumping on board. We are in for the time of our life. To be a part of this is mind-blowing. Get involved in the 2007 World Service Convention coming to the greater area of Missouri, Memorial Day weekend next year!!!!

Got News?? Fall issue October 2006

Help keep this Pipeline moving

New meeting location:

The ROC: meets STF 7-8:30
7810 W 79th St
Overland Park KS (enter from the north side of church by the playground)

Courage To Change meets MTT 6-7:30 Sat
10:00AM
5540 Wayne
KC MO

New Meeting:
Work The Steps
1903 Hardesty
Meets MW 8-9:30

Visit our website at www.camissouri.org



Birthdays

The ROC

Ellie - 3yrs
Donna J. - 5yrs @. - August 25th (God willing)

WVO

Pearl B-12 yrs
Emily C-8 yrs
Jahi B-18 yrs
Marcella C 10 yrs

KIH

Joe F 11 yrs

CTC

Archie J-2 yrs
Larry M-3 yrs
Viola L 5 yrs

Minn Ave

Barbara S 6 yrs
Angela S 7 yrs

Nrthlnd

Rod D: 11 yrs

SERVICE CORNER

Are your GSRs doing their job? Do you know what that job is? The following is a description taken from the CA WS Manual. To put it in a nutshell, they should be representing at all business meetings and act as a liaison between the groups and the other 'arms' of CA. The GSR is a voting member of the District Service Committee and their presence at district meetings is vital so that business can be conducted. A voting quorum is determined by counting how many voting members of the people present are GSR's, as opposed to District Officers and Committee Chairs. If the majority of voting members present are not GSR's, no votes can be taken on old or new business. The reason for this is so that the district does not 'run itself', but is instead run by the groups. The district meeting usually is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 3 p.m. at rotating groups, and ALL C.A. members are encouraged to attend!

Kansas City District Changes to H&I

Change is here...change is uncomfortable! You've probably noticed that changes have arrived in Kansas City with how the message is carried to treatment facilities. How did this change start? The Greater Kansas City District of CA instructed the H&I Committee to come up with a plan on how the District H&I Committee could better facilitate CA carrying the message through out the whole KC metropolitan area. A process to accomplish this was drafted by the H&I committee, approved by that committee, and sent to the district for approval. Upon approval by the district the plan was implemented on April 18, 2006.

When the H&I Committee looked at where each group was currently carrying the message, it was noted that groups were duplicating services at the same facility and had been carrying the message to the same area for 12 years. In addition, many of the meetings did not reflect the diversity of experience, strength, and hope in CA. Out of the 148 facilities in the metro area, only 30 were hearing the message of CA. In order to reach out to other areas of the city, the committee decided to follow the World Service Conference Guidelines for Hospitals and Institutions, thus the workshops to ensure all were informed of the guidelines.

Two new phrases you may be hearing are panel leader and panel member. A panel leader is responsible for attending each meeting and ensuring at least 2-3 panel members are at each meeting. What are the requirements for being a panel leader? One year of sobriety, attendance of an H&I Workshop, and attendance at an H&I meeting where they can be elected to serve as panel leader. A panel member is an individual who has volunteered to carry the message. A list of panel members has been compiled and distributed to all current panel leaders. The requirements for being a panel member are at least three months of sobriety and it is strongly suggested by the H&I Committee (emphasis on the strongly) that a panel member attend an H&I workshop before carrying the message, even if they have previously been carrying the message. H&I workshops will be

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held at different groups every other month. The next one will be held in August. Stay tuned for the time and location!

Panel leaders are needed for each facility and there are still many positions open. Interested in being a panel leader? To be elected as a panel leader, you must attend an H&I meeting, which are held the last Saturday of every month at Keeping It Honest at 3pm. The next meeting will be held Saturday, July 29th.

Still have questions? Send your group H&I representative to the meetings to report back to your group. Or, better yet, attend the meeting yourself and experience the joy of giving back what was so freely given to you!

Working With Others (NS)

3101 Troost

Kansas City, MO

Sunday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Courage to Change (NS)

5540 Wayne

Kansas City, MO

Monday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Keeping It Honest (NS)

3151 Olive

Kansas City, MO

Monday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Friday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

CA on the Parkway (NS)

5620 Swope Parkway

Kansas City, MO

Friday 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
(no meeting the 3rd Friday)

Northland Group (NS)

239 E. 69 Hwy (Vivion Rd.)

Suite A

Claycomo, MO

Sunday 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Monday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday (closed) 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday (closed) 10:00 – 11:30 p.m.

No Name Yet Group (NS) 811 Benton-Sun

1:2:30

Work the Steps or Die (NS)

1903 Hardesty

Kansas City, MO

Monday 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Minnesota Ave.(NS)

1021 N. 7th St. (Crossline Towers)

Kansas City, KS

Sunday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Monday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 noon-1:30

Free At Last (NS)

5800 Barton Ave. Suite 202

Shawnee, KS

Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Monday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

The ROC (NS)

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