

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.

From the Editor's Desk:



This marks our 2nd year Anniversary of The Kansas City Pipeline! It seemed like a "flimsy reed" at first, but has turned out to be an enjoyable and rewarding endeavor. It has proven to this writer that a willing spirit and a Higher Power can make anything happen. My insight is that the future promises an improvement and a huge growth into this service than seen in the past. More participation, more face to face meetings, new features, a new look-all of this is envisioned. As time keeps moving forward at a rapid pace into the New Year, may you find new strengths and new courage to become a part of, rather than apart from, what this District has in store to all who are willing to serve. There is a new H&I Committee that is under reconstruction, with a promise of a new more effective way to "carry this message", there is the WSC in Houston, TX over the Memorial Day weekend and lastly, there is the 2007 World Service Convention that is scheduled to take place right here in the Heartland. We will be kicking that in high gear later this year. So please get involved, help support this great fellowship of CA, the vehicle that we used to give us this new lease on life. Give back. Happy New Year!!

Overheard at meetings:

"Have you ever been on your way to the dope house and did not want to go, but went anyway? That is powerlessness."

"I can't think my way into feeling better, I have to act my way into feeling better".

"At some point, I had to stop blaming others for my situation and had to start looking at myself"

"It's not that the 12 Step Program is difficult to try, It's because I never tried to work them that makes it difficult".

IMPORTANT NEWS

World Service Convention May 2007 Kansas City MO.

District Meeting: January 21st at 3:00 PM at Courage To Change

H&I Meeting January 23rd at 7:30 PM at Keeping It Honest

H&I Workshop: January 28th Chili & Change from 2-6 PM At Keeping It Honest

CAWS 2007 meeting in Columbia February 12th

Step This Way



Step Three: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him. Jahi B

There is so much that one can say about Step 3 that I almost chose a different step. If you're an addict worth your weight in cocaine as I was, the only decision that I made was to do whatever necessary to get the next high. Thus, in the third step, to make a decision to turn my will and my life over to the care of God as I understood Him was a topic that needed considerable debate. The thought of turning anything over to something that I could not see, feel or touch or smell just didn't make good common sense to me at that time. Nevertheless, how much sense did it make to turn my hard earned cash (crack coupons disguised as dollar bills) and turn it over to someone that I could not look in the eye, feel, touch and hope that I didn't smell.

In a real sense I had, quite unconsciously, made a decision to turn my life over to Cocaine. It took no debate, I did not have to contemplate the true meaning of the flake or why it was called "crack". I quickly learned its places of worship and attended regularly. I had in essence, made Cocaine my God and he/she was demanding and what it wanted from me was clear, it wanted every thought and every fiber of my being...it wanted my life. When we come into Cocaine Anonymous and take a third step it is our attempt to give our will, which is our thoughts and our lives, which is the sum total of our actions, to the care of God as we understand him. Arrived at this point, many of us come face to face with the fact that we are not sure of our understanding of God. If by chance you were like me, one who reluctantly denounced the cocaine god, and only after it had bled me dry, wasn't sure about my understanding. As one reads that step it becomes paramount that the "we" who is mentioned is not we who sit around the tables today. It is the first one hundred members of Alcoholics Anonymous that this "we" refers. Their explanation of that which is God can be found in the last full paragraph on page 46 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. The importance of their definition of God can be compared with the significance of the extraction of penicillin from molded bread. Because of their definition it allows each and every person who comes into a 12-step program, CA specifically, to affect an unbiased spiritual contact with their Creator thus starting a person, whether newcomer or old timer, on a daily life saving practice. If we are still confused about step three merely work the rest of the steps, practice the principles and be of service and your own personal understanding will come.

<p><i>Important News, cont</i></p> <p>May 25th-May 29th: 22nd Annual World Service Convention in Houston , TX</p> <p>The Candlelight Meeting at Courage To Change has changed its time from 10:00 PM to 11:30. The new meeting time is from 9:00 PM to 10:30 on Saturday nights.</p>	<p>Got News?? Spring issue due April 2006</p> <p>The new Helpline number is 913 248-8873</p> <p>Help keep this Pipeline moving</p> <p>Please visit our website at www.camissouri.org</p>	
<p>Who has recovered??</p> <p><u>Working With Others</u> Ellen U-10 yrs</p> <p><u>Free At Last</u> Chris J- 5Yrs, Rodney W-1 yr, Susan U-6 yrs, Terry A-1 yr.</p> <p><u>Courage To Change</u> Diane T- 3 yrs Ashley B 2yrs, Zethia 1 yr, Michael J 2 yrs</p> <p><u>The Roc</u> Dennis 7 yrs, Darcy 7 yrs, Abbie 4 yrs</p>	<p>The Glum Lot by Rod D (Nrthind) ☺</p> <p>My best friend found himself addicted to country line dancing. It got so bad he had to go to a two step program!</p> <p>My brother asked me how many addicts does it take to change a light bulb? Just one, but he's got to take 12 steps to do it!</p>	<p>TRUSTED SERVANTS NEEDED</p> <p>If you want to get out of self so much, if you want to be of service, if you want to be involved, see your group GSR regarding servants needed at the 2007 World Service convention right here in Kansas City We need people to work registration, special events, marathon meetings, workshops, hosts, security, hug committees, etc.</p> <p>“To have a host of friends...this is an experience that you don't want to miss”.</p>