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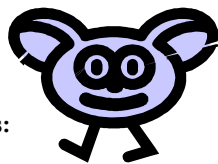
UNITY PURPOSE:

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.

“Unity is the soul of fellowship”



Our Area is about to embark upon an endeavor that may come around once in a lifetime. The privilege of hosting the 23rd Annual World Service Convention. As I was reading the “Pass It On’s” from previous world service conventions, I got a sense of how much hard work from each committee must be put into hosting such an enormous event. It is from my past experiences from working on a convention, even chairing the 2002 Area convention, that it is not the committees that make the convention happen, it is the ones who attend the convention. So hopefully, each and everyone who attends the convention will appreciate those who went before you to be instrumental in making all this happen. We look forward to serving you and appreciate your making this happen.



Overheard at meetings:

"I came in here an important addict/alcoholic, but I didn't get important until I got UNimportant!"

“Simple kit of spiritual tools laid at my feet. Yes they were right there but it was up to me to pick them up.”

“Those who leave a this step out usually end up stepping back out”(meeting on Step 3)

“My HP requires that I work through some of my defects. They are not removed”.
(meeting on Step 6)



Step This Way:

Step III:

“Made a decision to turn our will and life over to the care of God, as we understood Him.”

The very first thing that comes to mind about this “Step,” is all of the prejudices and assumptions that I brought into the rooms of “Cocaine Anonymous.” I had no idea what this “Step” meant to me and I certainly wasn’t going to ask any of the people in the meeting to help me to understand it or help me to personalize it. So there I was going to meetings, not using and parroting what was being said in reference to “turning my will and my life over to the care of God, as I understand Him.” Then all of a sudden, I had what is commonly referred to as an *Epiphany*(a sudden striking understanding of something). It’s written in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, Chapter 4, We Agnostics (the first 6 lines on page 47) “When therefore, we speak to you of God, we mean your own conception of God. This applies too to other spiritual expressions which, you find in this book. Do not let any prejudice you may have about spiritual terms deter you from honestly asking yourself what they mean to you.” I found out for myself that the idea of turning my will and my life over to God had nothing at all to do with police officers, parole officers, jobs, institutions or my wife or family; it had at to do with my finally being able to make a decision based on something well thought out, that I’d be willing to give to my caretaker “over to the care of God”; realizing that a caretaker is needed only when the owner is either absent or incompetent or both (as in the case of a cocaine addict) cont

News to Use

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

Courage To Change's 9th Anniversary was very successful and everyone had plenty of food. Thanks to Mike G. for sharing his hope, faith and courage and thanks to all who attended.

Melvin S, GSR

*Unity Workshop in Columbia January 20 & 21st
See GSR for details*

The Glum Lot



HALT!!!!

Don't get too **HUNGRY**, it's not very smart.
You'll crave a cold beer, and your using will start.

Don't get too **ANGRY**, your family will suffer,
You'll light up one to act as a buffer.

Don't get too **LONELY**; call a like-minded friend.
She'll discourage your using and your elbow won't bend!

Don't get too **TIRED**. You must feel your best,
So the obsession won't tempt you, let that craving rest!



A man died and went to Heaven. St. Peter asked, "What Denomination are you?" and the man said, "I don't belong here, I don't go to church." St. Peter said, "Well, we don't make mistakes, you belong here, let's just walk around and you can see where you'd like to stay." So they walked down the hall, and St. Peter opened a door and there were all these pews with people kneeling and praying and crossing themselves. "Who are they?" asked the man. "Those are the Catholics," answered St. Peter. "Well, I don't want to stay here," said the man and they walked on down the hall. St. Peter opened the next door, and there were all these pews with people

Step this way, cont

A truly desirable caretaker is:

1. competent
2. trustworthy
3. available

which, are all of the ingredients I needed to make the decision and carry it out.

After many stumbles, staggers, misses and near misses "Step III" finally turns out to be just what the folks in the meeting said it would be, "**a new and triumphant arch through which, I passed to freedom.**"

Jerry P. Courage to Change CA, KCMO

Got News?? Spring issue April 2007

Help keep this Pipeline moving

Who has recovered??



Working With Others

Ellen U-11 yrs

Courage To Change

Kim C-4 yrs

Angela C. 11 yrs

Minn Ave

Mike G, 20-yrs

Debra-3 yrs

Keith-8 yrs

Ralph 1 yr

CTC

ROC

Martha-1yr

Free At Last

Chris J-6yrs

Glum Lot, cont

sitting in them staring straight ahead. "Who are they?" asked the man. "Those are the Protestants," answered St. Peter. "Well, I don't want to stay here," said the man and they walked on down the hall. The next room they went into, the man smelled coffee as soon as the door opened. The man looked inside and there were all these people laughing and hugging each other. He watched them stand in a circle and say the Serenity Prayer. The man said, "I like these people, who are they?" St. Peter shrugged his shoulders and said, "I don't know, they won't tell us."



Convention Update

May is fast approaching us. If you are working on a committee, you are probably eagerly awaiting the outcome. If you are a participant, please register. If you want to get involved, ask your GSR or your DSR how. If you don't know who they are, ask your sponsor or anybody that is at the CA meeting. **NO EXCUSES!!!!!!** There is plenty to do. We need you

