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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

“Unity is the Soul of Fellowship”

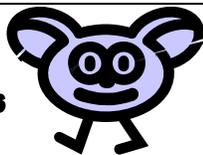
The 1st tradition states “Our common welfare should come first. Personal recovery depends upon CA Unity.”

The Big Book states that “we had to hang together or die separately”.

Do you feel the unity within the fellowship?

What will the “world see” when they get here next month? This is the Show- Me state. What message will our Area, more specifically, our District send out? Will it be one of Unity or one of schisms? Would you say that you feel the Unity? I, for one, look forward to getting back to my group and creating the Unity, once again. This convention has taken me too far out into the world.

Overheard at meetings



“I am here cause I need some help” (a newcomer sharing at WWO)

“I thought that the job was going to change, but God changed my attitude toward my job.”

“Me, having a heart attack, me getting pregnant, me going to jail, me getting shot at: these were not enough stop signs.”

“These meetings soothe me while I am going through something.”



Step This Way:

Step 11

By Laura A. (FAL)

“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

This is a step that I try to practice everyday. To me, the most important factor in my recovery that keeps me sober is a “conscious contact with God”. I can’t be around sober people 24/7 or be in a meeting all day, so I rely on my contact with God to keep me sober. As long as I practice and pray for me to do his will, some how I stay sober and I have peace of mind. Having gone through the steps, I was very impressed when I got to this step. It helps me actually focus on what his will for me might be. My sponsor in early sobriety told me to read pages 86-87 in the big book everyday. It took a while for me to get in the habit because I kept trying to fight why I should read this every day. When I finally surrendered to that fact that my ways of trying to stay sober never worked, I finally let someone else take over my thinking. Part of the new way of thinking was that I read those pages everyday. I always get something new every time I read them, which is everyday now, might I add. Those pages always apply to something new going on in my life that I need help with. I remember that I need to ask God for his direction and that I’m still not running the show today.

News to Use

MAY 24-MAY 28th 2007: 23RD ANNUAL WORLD SERVICE CONVENTION AT CROWN CENTER in KANSAS CITY, MO

**Noontime CA Meeting:
Wednesday and Friday 11:00 AM - 12:30PM 1901 Hardesty (enter from back)**

Sat April 28th Convention Committee meeting at Crown Center

May 12th Last Convention committee meeting in Columbia-Boone Electric

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The Glum Lot



A: I have the perfect son.

B: Does he drink?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: Does he smoke crack?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: Does he ever come home late?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: I guess you really do have the perfect son. How old is he?

A: He will be six months old next Wednesday

A guy walks into a bar and he sits down and orders a pitcher. Then out of nowhere a monkey comes by and pees in his beer. Then swings back over to the pianist. The guy asks the bartender, "Whose monkey is that?" The bartender replied, "That's the pianist's". The guy gets up and walks over to the pianist and says "Do you know your monkey pissed on my beer?" The pianist replied, "No, but if you hum it I can play it"



WHO HAS RECOVERED

CTC

Melvin-3 yrs
Larry-4 years
Cheryl-8 years

Minn Ave

Deidre-6 yrs
Alicia H-
Thomas

Free At Last

Geoff H.-11 yrs
Michelle M.-2 yrs
John H.-2 yrs
Kim M.-1 yr
Kelly E.-6 yrs
Pat E.-6 yrs
Jennifer R.-1 yr
Lori S.-2 yrs
Steve S-8 yrs.
Roy R.-1 yr

WWO

Roger J-4 years
Tony C-5 yrs

A SIMPLE APPROACH TO THE 12 STEPS

- Step 1: There's a power that will kill me.
- Step 2: There's a Power that wants me to live.
- Step 3: Which do I want? (If you want to die, stop here. If you want to live, go on.)
- Step 4: Using examples from your own life, understand that selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear control your actions.
- Step 5: Tell all your private embarrassing secrets to another person.
- Step 6: Decide whether or not you want to live that way any more.
- Step 7: If you want your life to change, ask a Power greater than yourself to change it for you. (If you could have changed it yourself, you would have long ago.)
- Step 8: Figure out how to make right all the things you did wrong.
- Step 9: Fix what you can without causing more trouble in the process.
- Step 10: Understand that making mistakes is part of being human (When you make a mistake, fix it, immediately if you can.)
- Step 11: Ask for help to treat yourself and others the way you want your Higher Power to treat you.
- Step 12: Don't stop doing Steps 1 through 11, and PASS IT ON!!!

Submitted anonymously



Convention Update

Wanted 12-stepper

We have received a great privilege and hosting the Cocaine Anonymous 2007 World Convention on May 24-28 at Crown Center in Kansas City, Mo. The Greater Missouri Area of Cocaine Anonymous is looking for talented people to dedicate their time to 12-step service work.

When we think of the word talent we picture musicians, artists, or even actors. This simply is not true! Talent comes in many shapes and forms and our Higher Power has supplied each of us with one or more of them. Compassion -- do you feel kindness toward someone in a distressing moment?

Children -- do you enjoy making them smile.

Helpful -- do you sacrifice your time and energy for others.

Social attributes -- does your personality attract people?

Dexterous -- can you multitask.

Listener -- can you lend an ear to the concerns of others.

Desire -- do you have a strong drive to stay sober?

Do you have a calm spirit in the midst of calamity, can you think clearly when surrounded by turmoil. These are only a few. If you find yourself in one or more of these you are gifted and your talent is very much in need.

We no longer strive to dominate or rule those about us in order to gain self-importance. We no longer seek fame and honor in order to be praised. When by devoted service to family, friends, business, or community, we attract widespread affection and are sometimes singled out for post of greater responsibility and trust, we try to be humbly grateful and exert ourselves the more in the spirit of love and service. True leadership, we find, depends upon able example and not upon vain displays of power or glory. (12 X 12 page 124). Goals without action are only glorified wishes. Let's make this goal a reality.

To the newcomer. His character may still be gravely defective, but he somehow know that God had enable him to make a mighty beginning, and he senses that he stands at the edge of new mystery, joys, and experiences of which he had never even dreamed. (12X12 page 110). This will be one of the most rewarding experiences a newcomer could ever embrace. You don't want to miss it. This will be a miraculous demonstration of his love for us all.

Yours in Fellowship

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Fundraiser Chair CAWS 07

OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD....

and what a sight it was! Addicts and alcoholics from all over the Kansas City metropolitan area converged to see Dorothy begin her journey of recovery...

In a small town in Kansas lives a young drug addict with a very unmanageable life. Her name is Dorothy. The Wicked Witch, which represents her disease is always on her back. She soon discovers through Glenda, the good Witch, that there is a solution and that recovery is possible. With the help of the Munchkins, who give her the "Ruby Steps" she finds in her journey the importance of the fellowship (The Scarecrow, The Tin Man and The Willful Lion). Together they all seek the "Road of Recovery" to a higher power which will recover them from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. At the end of the journey they find themselves at a Cocaine Anonymous World Service (CAWS) Convention in which they discover more insightful tools for their recovery.

The ensemble cast consisted of no professional actors and actresses, although all of us had at some point in the past thought ourselves very good directors and actors. We tried to leave the job of director to our talented Laura A. who multi-tasked not only as director but also producer, sound technician, and even as a Munchkin! "Oh, if only they would do as I say" was not on anyone lip's today, but instead words of encouragement and sometimes whispered forgotten lines to help each other as needed. There were stumbled lines, awkward silences, uneasy entrances, but mostly a ton of smiles and love and laughter and even some tears when Dorothy FINALLY realized she COULD be someone, just as the fortune teller had tried to tell her (more than once), other than a helpless hopeless drug addict! My, what obstacles she overcame as her disease repeatedly tried to detour her from the road of recovery. She was swept up at one time but after hitting her bottom was finally ready to make some changes in her life. She learned the TRUE nature of her disease and the tools of recovery were placed at her disposal.

More talent was discovered...those witches, both good and bad....and I won't say any names but one of them played her part almost TOO well!!! There were children in attendance at this production and hopefully they survived the witch's antics! :)

The Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Willful Lion were all heroes in their own rights, and all proved to be part of a loving fellowship to assist Dorothy and each other on their journey. No Jails Institutions and Death for them!

And what to say about Toto?? He had quite a lot to say and sometimes his actions did speak louder than words, such as when he treated the Wicked Witch the exact same way he would have treated a fire hydrant!

Cheers erupted from the audience as the witch was finally arrested in true CA style (CA standing for Charlie's Angels of course) as the witch was finally melted away...and Dorothy made her way to the Emerald City of CAWS, where Katie Convention was there to greet her with all of the treats a convention has to offer...and our favorite recovered drug addict named Glenda was there to deliver a wonderful message of recovery as the banquet speaker! Dorothy finally found her true home in CA....

We would like to thank everyone who made this event a success, which means EVERYONE in attendance, some who financially sent support but weren't able to attend, the treatment centers who allowed their clients to come, and last of all but by no means least, those who worked so hard preparing and serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee for all to enjoy. The pancake breakfast was a fundraiser and people-raiser for the 23rd Annual CAWS convention, which will commence on May 24, 2007 at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City. We don't have final numbers yet but this will most likely be our most successful fundraiser for the convention. Again, thanks to all who helped to make this happen! Newcomers were able to see a side of recovery they aren't often presented with, and the response was overwhelming. The buzz immediately started, "You will be presenting it again, right?" so I assume those were the real drug addicts already wanting "Just one more!!"

The following is the cast of characters and the 'actors' who portrayed them:

Narrator.....Raheem Z
Dorothy.....Carla G
Toto.....Mark M
Auntie Em....Ellen U
Uncle Henry...John H
Fortune Teller..Jahi B
Stage Extra....Martha W
Stage Extra....Ellen U
Glinda.....Angela S
Munchkin #1....Laura A
Munchkin #2...Kristen
Munchkin #3...Martha W
Wicked Witch..Alia M
Scarecrow.....Rod D
Tin Man.....Dennis R
Willful Lion.....Mitch W

