

# The KANSAS CITY PIPELINE

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## UNITY PURPOSE:

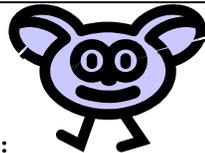
To enhance communication and outreach among diverse elements within the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous in the interest of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers and promote unity.



From The Editor

Lately, there have been questions about why go to meetings. Have meetings lost its purpose? As meetings are downsized or participation is minimum, the questions seemingly deem an answer. Of course an answer won't be attempted at this time. So switching to another gear, it was voted on at the last area meeting to have the 2009 **SHOW ME RECOVERY AREA CONVENTION** will be held in Kansas City, MO. Can you picture this? A hotel in the Westport Area, easy to travel to, plenty to do and see. This is something to meet about. So let's get saddled up again and ready to ride. If you are interested and if you are reading this there must be some spark of interest in CA, get ready to join the District in traveling to the next Area Meeting in Columbia. Find out the date at your local home group.

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Overheard at meetings:

*"I had 2 years-then I moved to Florida and those Tequila Sunrises got good. But I am back"*

*"All I needed was some hope and that hope came when I heard another addict say he had not used drugs in 90 days."*

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## News to Use

*World Service Convention May 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Area Meeting: May 18<sup>th</sup> Columbia MO*

*Midwest Regional Convention Oct 10-12, 2008 St. Louis MO*



## Step This Way:

**Step 1- We admitted we were powerless over cocaine and all other mind altering substances-that our lives had become unmanageable Submitted by JoAnn (WVO)**

Who cares to admit complete defeat? This is the first step in recovery. We must admit that our lives are disturbed. We must accept the fact that we are helpless before the power of crack cocaine and all other substances. I had to be told that I had an allergy of the body and an obsession of the mind. In my mind I believed the big lie that I could smoke a dime and quit. The allergy would kick in which once I smoked that dime, my body would want more and I was out of control. They told me I also suffered from a spiritual malady which was my anger, resentments, selfishness, self pity, fears and jealousy. Like I said, I was out of control. I would spend my rent money, I stopped paying bills. I got fired from jobs, lost friends and families. When the money ran out, I would sell things out of my house, and then break into your house. I would shoplift, sell food stamps, prostitute, do things I said I would never do. I always found myself saying this is the last time. I would go to jail, detox, treatment centers, and Western Missouri. They told me the last place was death. The 12X12 calls it a double edge sword. I was powerless. They told me that the cure they knew was complete abstinence and that this was the only step I had to take 100% and to keep coming back and that a power greater than myself would help me to get of the merry go round.

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## Who has recovered??



### Working With Others

Walter -1 year  
Tony -6 years

Keepin It Honest  
Stephanie 2years  
Vincent 1 Year  
Binky-9 years  
Mitch 7 Years

### ROC

Abbie-7 years  
Dennis-9 years  
Darcie-9 years

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## The Glum Lot



If the local jit drives your car more than you do...you may be a crackhead.

If your face looks like you've been sucking on the end of an exhaust pipe...you may be a crackhead.

If its three am and you are raking your rug with a pocket comb...you may be a crackhead.

When your morning routine calls for eggs, coffee, toast and a fat dub, coffee, toast and eggs optional...you may be a crackhead



### The Senility Prayer

**God, grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the Good Fortune never to see them again, and the Eye-Sight to appreciate it!**

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## Traditions Corner

### Tradition Three

*The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.*

Thank God for this tradition and the fact there are no stipulations or conditions that come with membership. The beauty of the steps is that they are available to anyone, and subsequently the beauty of the fellowship is that IT is available to anyone!

I would hate to think that someone would not have the opportunity to recover if they chose to do so, and this tradition insures that no one should EVER be turned away! I have heard of groups who have met to decide if someone should be banned from attending a group and I won't put in writing my opinion of that, but I do know that this program has taught me to make decisions not based on fear but on God's will. I have enough faith in God and in this program to believe that no harm will come to us if we are sincerely trying to do His will. I used to be afraid of the type of people I would be sitting next to in meeting halls and then I realized...they are just like me! Yes there were some things people had done that I hadn't done (yet) but know that I am certainly capable of. The big book refers to God being all inclusive, never

## Help keep this Pipeline moving

Get Involved . Positions available . See Below

### 2008 Midwest Regional Convention

#### Committee Chairs Available

Chair- Joy L. Secretary- Angela I.

Vice Chair- Michael M.

1. Outreach- Earl S.
2. Source Table- Sarah S.
3. Theme/ Logo- Dan
4. Public Info-
5. Special Needs-
6. Advance Info/ Newsletter-
7. Children's Events-

Program Chair- Jeannette J.

1. Workshops- Dave C.
2. Speakers- Yvonne M.
3. Marathons- Archie J.
4. Entertainment- Rod D.
5. Registration- Abbie R.
6. Vice Chair-
7. Special Events-
8. Evaluations-

Treasurer- Wardell K.

1. Fundraising- Darryl J.
2. Memorabilia- Joe L.
3. Co-Treasurer- Michael M.
4. Spending-
5. Archives-
6. Archives Vice Chair-
7. Printing/ Design- Ellen U.
8. Auction/ Drawing- Rod, Jeannette, Vicky

Hotel Liaison- Allen B.

1. Hospitality- Robyn T.
2. Transportation-
3. Decorations-
4. Information Host-
5. Brunch-
6. Banquet-
7. Closing-

Please contact any of the above chairs to help or call the CA Hotline to work in these positions. The Hotline number is **314/361-3500**.

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## Shhhhhhhh



### Wisdom

“He who is not standing in the light and helping others will slip back into darkness alone and unnoticed”

**“Growth is when I don't say the wrong thing at the tempting moment.”**

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exclusive or forbidding, and if we are trying to grow in the image of His likeness, then it's obvious that we need to adhere to this tradition. The 12 & 12 refers to crackpots, fallen women, queers, thieves, etc and if our membership was based on us not falling into any of those categories, I would be excluded at the rate of close to 100%. I do believe that some responsibility comes with membership, and particularly if you are working the twelve steps, the natural result is that you will want to give back. I do know that people's situations are all different and I am grateful for the opportunity to give back in any way possible. It is impossible to put a price on my sobriety, and what God and this fellowship and program have given me, and everything I do is miniscule in comparison to what I have received.

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