

Anchorage Area NA Newsletter

April 2011

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep Anchorage Area Narcotics Anonymous members informed of the events and happenings of our fellowship.

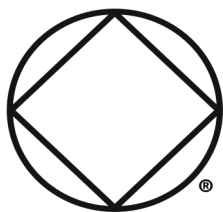
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Never Alone Newsletter
Meets every 3rd Sunday of
the month at The Alano
Club, 3103 Spenard Road,
2-3pm.



Have you got some NA information, news, a recovery related story, or an event you wish to include in next month's newsletter?

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Report from Regional Delegate Tony L.

There is actually a lot happening at the world level. The main things are:

1) There is a group of addicts that are having a convention in Wichita, Kansas in an effort to start a US Conference of Narcotics Anonymous. This group feels that the issues of the groups and regions in the United States are not being addressed properly at the World Conference of N.A. They want to sell our literature at cost and believe our current service structure is not adequate to serve the continental United States and Canada. There is a set of Blue Pages and a current agenda available online expressing the agenda of this group. I would encourage anyone interested in this group to check them out at bocaexpress@comcast.com.

I personally have some concerns and reservations about the direction they are heading and the lack of traditions as we really are a "Worldwide Fellowship" and I believe this split from World will cost the fellowship a large portion of our resources. Most of NA funds are generated as a result of our literature sales. This movement is not being coordinated by any duly elected representative or any registered Area, Region, or Zone. If this group starts selling literature at cost, than who is going to buy from World Service? There are developing NA fellowships all around the world that get support from NA World Service Offices. World Service is doing literature revisions and reviews and outreaching to the Middle East, Asia, Indonesia, and Europe. Fellowship development is down to a lack of funds. Literature is going up 5% across the board starting July 11th. The Na way is available online by subscription.

2) Our World Service office is currently working on reserves. This USSC convention is to try to get Groups, Areas, and Regions involved so they can establish a group conscience. The group is still young and is starting without group conscience. This is current and it will be very interesting where it goes from here. I plan on keeping up on developments which I will share with anyone else that might be interested. By the way, our region only had three entities donate to World last year. Anchorage Area gave approx. \$450.00. Walk Your Talk group about \$650.00. And one other group gave about \$75.00. That's it from Alaska?

3) World is also having Service System workshops on how to change our current service structure. Our current region has decided not to fund our participation in these workshops. As I have been given an early retirement package I am not sure what is happening at these workshops. We are not attending our Zonal Forum meetings or these workshops. Our region has not been participating at the world level. I think we should be involved in these discussions. I believe that there are some regional delegates afraid of the changes that are bound to take place regarding the World Service Conference.

I believe we need to change the way we do service at the World Conference. The current annual cost to World Service each time we have a cycle (every two years) is over \$500K. The way we do business at this annual meeting is very intense. There is an overload of information delivered and being motion driven it very difficult to get any business done. The way our region has the delegate cycle set up is disturbing as I just got to know the people at our Zonal Forum and developed an understanding of the issues facing NA at a world level only to be cycled out?

I was honored to be able to represent Alaska at that level and will try to the best of my ability share the experience with you. Anyone that is interested in following up with me can contact me at tony@alaska.net. In loving Service

Tony L

SLOGANS

Serenity is not freedom from the storm but peace amid the storm.

Principles before personalities.

Seven days without a meeting makes one weak.

Slogans are wisdom written in shorthand.

If it looks like a Duck and it Quacks like a Duck it's probably a Duck.

One of the best parts of recovery is getting your feelings back. The worst part is getting your feelings back.

Quote of the month:

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.

-Tradition One

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Back to the Beginnings 1950's style

Frozen Chosen's Annual Prom

April 30, 2011@ 6pm

Crosspoint Church

1920 W. Dimond Blvd. # 1 (Burlington Coat Mall)

Guest Speaker: Lil' Nick from Los Angeles, CA

~Dinner~

~King & Queen Crowning~

1950's  History trivia

~Hoola hoop contest~

DJ ALLIE

ENCORE PERFORMANCE VIOLINIST BRYSON

(NA has NO affiliations with either of the paid performers)

Any questions Call Lori H 529-7723 OR Catelyn S 744-0774.



CAJUN NIGHT



AN ARCNA XXVII FUNDRAISER

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM DINNER STARTS AT 6:30PM

APRIL 15, 2011

15TH AND CORDOVA

CAJUN STYLE DINNER \$10

SPEAKER MEETING 7:30PM

CLEAN TIME

COUNTDOWN

SILENT AUCTION

SPLIT THE POT

POKER (\$20 BUY-IN)

OTHER GAMES...



CLEAN DATE ANNIVERSARIES

Toni S. 4/1/84 CELEBRATING 27 YEARS!

Kevin H. 4/12/02 CELEBRATING 9 YEARS!

Clarification from Area Secretary

This is a little clarification for those unaware of what is going on. There is a current vote to remove me from the Secretary position at Area and while a No Confidence Vote was brought forth and now a Removal from Office Motion is now upon us, I thought it important that you all are aware of my truth.

Last Month a motion of a No Confidence Vote was approved due to the Secretary not following the duties in Nov. Dec. and Jan. as described in the guidelines. This next vote is an Article VII Removal. October was elections, however the Secretary position was not voted on until the November meeting.

Article VII Section II states that a person can be removed for two or more absences without responsible coverage. The Secretary has not been gone for two or more meetings and responsible coverage was provided by Kathy W. So that totally nixes the November part of the vote of no confidence

Lets look at December.

I scanned in all the meeting reports and did not receive any of the motions. Once again, lets look at the guidelines.

Article XI, Section 5 states that Agenda items and motions shall be submitted in writing to the chairperson prior to the start of the meeting.

This did not happen. Any motions that came out of that meeting came after the RCM's report and while they may have gotten written, they were not written prior to the start of the meeting and they were not given to the Acting Chairperson, hence the Secretary did not receive them in order to provide accurate meeting minutes. Some of you might say that as Secretary I have been around long enough to know better and while that may be true, so has anyone else involved in those motions (outgoing RCM, and two current GSR of groups). The only person absolutely lacking knowledge was the Vice Chair as she is new and inexperienced. I am unaware if those particular motions ever made it to her, however I still know they never made it to the Secretary.

At the January meeting the Secretary was held accountable and responsible for the lack of providing accurate meeting minutes and motions and was reamed and held liable for trying to "hold up" Regional Business. However, I was late getting out both January and February meeting minutes, but I also made sure that knowing I was going to be late with the February meeting minutes that the motions were brought forth for group consideration before I left on vacation.

So the only thing I had done wrong during the No Confidence Vote was to be approximately 5-7 days late with the January meeting minutes.

Please understand that many other times during my Secretary position in the past at Area I have been late, however, never tried to be removed from Service. I own my own part. I am not perfect, I will not do this or any service position perfectly. I have and will continue to make mistakes.

The mistakes I have made are under Article VIII, Qualifications and Responsibilities of the AASC Officers Section I. During all of this I have been unable to adopt an attitude of promoting unity within the AASC and throughout the Service area.

Peace,
Shelly

“How can Region best serve the Alaskan Areas, groups outside of organized Areas, and our membership, in promoting recovery and carrying the message of NA?”

The Alaska Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous is sponsoring the Group Service Representative Assembly

April 9th, 2011

11 to 4pm (Free Lunch)

Central Lutheran Church

1420 Cordova Street (in the basement)

Consistent with our 2nd Concept – that the final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups – Region invites GSRs and other interested members of NA. The goal is to identify the priorities of our Groups in order to better serve our membership, groups, and areas. Followed by an evening of fun in recovery!



Mexican Dinner (\$7 donation) 5 to 7 pm

The NA Way meeting 7 to 8:30 pm

NA Talent Show* 8:45 to 10pm

*We are looking for talented people to be in our talent show, please call Doug at 244-6030 or Tami at 947-8224.

Anonymous Member Letter— A Call for Action!

I have been attending meetings in the Anchorage area for some years now. For years I had come in and out I have managed to put a little clean time together now.

I've noticed many changes over the years. Though some of the changes over the last few years are not what I would call positive nor motivating. There is a great need at some of the meetings in the Anchorage area for fellowship support by members with substantial time in recovery. We have meetings that are being chaired by members in very early recovery. New comers that have not worked any steps go on about what to do in recovery.

My sponsor told me to shut my mouth and listen till I had some thing to share. In fact I was not allowed to share for my first ninety days. I am not asking that this be the rule. But where is the sponsor leadership? I was at a meeting recently where a new comer was chairing, a man clearly intoxicated was allowed to not only share but to ramble on for sometime before he was asked to get with some one after the meeting. Other times I have had to listen to new comers clown while they do the readings. There are very few members with substantial time supporting these meetings. I have heard many times and it is in our literature that the new comer is the most important person at any meeting. That being said, then will you, the members of Narcotics anonymous, who have gone before us please stand up and do your part for recovery in the Anchorage area? Your guidance and fellowship is not only needed but really is required as members of this fellowship.

The meetings I have attended that I feel really need your support are The Frozen Chosen, Round a Bout, The Gong Show, and the Friday 7:30 night meeting at the Alano Club. These are the meetings I have noticed with high numbers of newcomers in attendance and in need of leadership. So, would you members with substantial recovery and clean time, please come forward and share your recovery with those of us that would so greatly benefit from it?

Sincerely, Anonymous

Save the Date!



ARCNA XXVII
October 7-9, 2011
Challenger Center
9711 Kenai Spur Highway
Kenai, Alaska
Contact: Dennis (907) 224-6718
for more info.

Alaska Regional Convention in Kenai this year for the first time ever!

2011 Alaska Regional Kenai Convention Committee

Convention Chair: Dennis 224-6718

Registration: Taddie 398-1939

Programming: Donna 224-6718

Merchandise: Desirea 394-3307

Arts @ Graphics: Pedro 741-0353

Convention Info: Danny 690-0059

Hotel & Hospitality: Dennis 224-6718

Treasurer: Christy 690-0072

Convention Speakers Needed!

If anyone has a CD of a speaker they would like to recommend, please contact Donna A. 907-224-6718

We Do Recover

When at the end of the road we find that we can no longer function as a human being, either with or without drugs, we all face the same dilemma. What is there left to do?

There seems to be this alternative: either go on as best we can to the bitter ends—jails, institutions or death—or find a new way to live. In years gone by, very few addicts ever had this last choice. Those who are addicted today are more fortunate. For the first time in man's entire history, a simple way has been proving itself in the lives of many addicts. It is available to us all.

This is a simple spiritual—not religious—program, known as Narcotics Anonymous.

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