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Living Clean: The Journey Continues, Preface





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From the editor

Sharing our hopes and our successes is as much a part of carrying our message as sharing our fears and difficulties. We have a message of hope to carry. It's a gift and an obligation.

Living Clean: The Journey Continues, Chapter Two, The Ties That Bind

NA Way Magazine content ranges from personal essays about recovery and service to opinion pieces, humorous accounts, and NA history and trivia. Like any publication, *The NA Way* has editorial guidelines, so we copyedit submissions for grammar, sentence structure, spelling, comprehension, article length, and consistency with "NA language." We do our best to retain your original meaning, style, and tone. Here's a quick description of what we publish in *The NA Way Magazine*, and for detailed submission guidelines, please visit www.naway.org.

Feature articles are personal recovery experiences, accounts of current NA issues or events, and documented NA history essays. The **Sharing** section includes personal recovery and/or service experience. **Letters to the Editor/Opinion** pieces respond to previously published articles or express a member's opinion. **Primary Purpose** covers challenges and unique experiences of groups and/or service bodies, including **Fellowship Development**. **Humor** can be anything from a "top ten" list to parodies, "quizzes," funny things heard at meetings, comic strips, etc. We publish interesting facts and/or historic details about local NA communities or NA as a whole in **Did You Know?** Help us illustrate the magazine by submitting your **Artwork and Photos** (as high-res PSD, JPG, or EPS format), but please don't send anonymity-breaking photos. I always think of NA Way content as sharing in print—the stuff we share in recovery or service meetings, in the hallway in between workshops, or over coffee after the meeting. Don't fret about spelling and grammar; just share from your heart and we'll take care of putting the commas and capital letters in the right places.

De J, Editor

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First Step

Powerlessness and acceptance

The First Step's admission of being powerless over my addiction inspires me to assign new sponsees the task of composing a list of 100 things over which they are powerless. There are three reasons for this request. First, it helps the newcomer grasp the extent of her/his powerlessness—which extends far beyond addiction. Second, it gives me a chance to get to know the sponsee, what's valuable and important to her/him. Third, because this isn't a test but a learning exercise, it gives us a chance to begin working together right away. When a sponsee gets stuck, I ask questions that help add to the list, sorting through what they do and don't have power over.

The idea of powerlessness invites me to think more deeply about the Serenity Prayer. The prayer asks me to accept the things I cannot change, to change the things I can, and to have the wisdom to know the difference. Through working with sponsees, I've gained insight into a common block they and I share. Too often I practice the Serenity Prayer backward, accepting the things it's appropriately within my power to change while wasting my time and energy trying to change the people, places, and things over which I'm powerless.

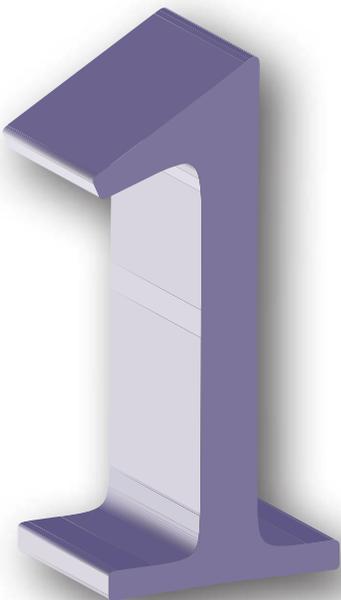
When I look at powerlessness that way, a deeper understanding of First Step powerlessness becomes immeasurably empowering for me. Why? Because once I focus on the things I can appropriately change (as opposed to manipulating or bullying), I'm given the power to do so. Early in my recovery, for example, I wanted more opportunities in my life, so I went back to school to get a college degree. That degree opened the door to joining the new business development program in a grass roots organization that provides volunteer services around the world. At 40 years old, I quit my job and moved to Krakow, Poland, where I played a role in helping the people there move to a market-driven economy. Living abroad began my life of travel adventures: backpacking in Russia and north of the Arctic Circle in Finland, for example. I've been inside the burial chamber of the Great Pyramid in Giza, Egypt. I've walked on the Great Wall of China and visited the Taj Mahal at sunrise. Casablanca, Kathmandu, Ulaanbaatar, Dublin, Istanbul, Reykjavik, Marrakesh... I've been to 30 countries in all.

When the bottom fell out of the economy, I found myself unemployed for nearly three years. As I accepted that I can't change the economy, First Step powerlessness helped me ask myself, "What CAN I do to earn a living?" At 60 years old, I repackaged myself and am happily working once again. Similarly, realizing my ongoing good health can't be taken for granted, I decided to change my physical condition: I lost 80 pounds, I'm eating better, and I am making exercise a part of my daily life.

I brought this understanding of powerlessness to NA service, as a member of the team that moved the Minnesota Region from a committee structure to a project-based structure. We consolidated the many area meeting lists, paving the way for merging our phone lines. We deployed our Bridging the Gap program, followed closely by establishing our collaboration with the Santa Cruz (California) Area's Sponsorship Behind the Walls Committee.

The First Step draws my attention to what I'm powerless over and what I'm not. With a clear appreciation of what I'm NOT powerless over, I'm free to get up each morning and ask myself what I have the power to do to make my life and the lives of others incrementally better, just for today.

Kit E, Minnesota, USA



Picture this

NA communities are invited to send photographs of their meeting places and events. Sorry, we cannot use photos that identify NA members. Please tell us the group/event name, location, how long it has been in existence, format or special traditions, and what makes it a unique part of your NA community.



Prosperidade Group

The São Caetano Group, one of the first NA groups in Brazil, was founded in 1995. It was located in a church for its first ten years, and then closed. Some members rented a commercial room to reopen the group, which had two meetings per week and about five members per meeting. Eventually, it grew to ten meetings per week, with about 20 members per meeting and an average of 15 newcomers per month. After a year of planning, some members opened a new meeting, providing a better chance for members to share and feel welcomed in the meetings.

We heard that a priest who helped addicts in institutions had a room for rent in a church in a neighborhood between two cities. We met with him and were surprised to find that he knew of NA and thanked the Fellowship for its existence. We left the church crying in gratitude, with faith and hope in a Higher Power. The next day, on Thursday, 5 January 2012, at 8:00 pm, we had our first meeting with literature, chips, medallions, coffee, and an NA tablecloth; the Steps, Traditions and Concepts on the wall; and a lot of members to serve. We elected trusted servants and decided on the group name. We posted meeting schedules at the health and police departments, at schools, at supermarkets, and so forth. We distributed more than 300 pamphlets at farmers' markets and industrial fairs, around the group's neighborhood, and downtown. On 10 January 2012 we held our first open recovery meeting, with 30 members and five visitors. From the beginning, we believed in a caring and loving Higher Power who did for us what we couldn't do by ourselves.

On 19 January 2013, we held the first Prosperidade Group Day of the Steps Learning Day to celebrate the group's first-year anniversary. This was a full day of members sharing on the Twelve Steps. Each speaker, including many members from neighboring states, had 40 minutes to share about a step. It was a free event, coordinated by 30 trusted servants, with breakfast, lunch, and snacks in the afternoon. From 9:00 am until 8:00 pm, the room set up with 210 chairs was full, with members also standing. More than 500 members from 25 areas and 60 visitors attended.

Our group holds open meetings every Tuesday from 8:00 until 10:00 pm in [São Caetano, São Paulo, Brazil](#). The group is the most powerful vehicle to carry the message, and we decided to share with all of you our feelings of gratitude, happiness, love, faith, and hope!

*Ademir A and the Prosperidade Group
São Paulo, Brazil*



Powerless over fear

Returning to Step One with more than six years clean, I asked one of the veterans of our Fellowship to guide me through the Twelve Steps. Each time I've taken the steps with a sponsor, I've learned some valuable lessons. My step work with different sponsors is a way to continue strengthening my recovery—and helps me learn new methods for guiding others through them. This time started a little differently: A sponsor asked me what problem I wanted to address. My answer was "Well, I want your help with the steps." He asked me if I was having trouble with active addiction. When I told him no, he challenged me to decide what problem I wanted to use the steps to overcome. I was reminded that the twelve-step process of recovery can offer solutions to all of my problems. I had to think about it.

At first, I thought maybe I could benefit if I could learn how to better prioritize things in my life. I could see that I frequently struggle to accomplish things that are important to me, most likely because I tend to put them off as long as I can. I rationalize time spent doing simple, less important things first and then find myself rushing to finish the important tasks. My sponsor didn't seem convinced that this was the underlying problem, so he challenged me to think some more.

Like peeling an onion, it took some examination for me to finally decide that what I still actively struggle with today is fear. On this topic I was asked to answer a series of questions. I found myself saying, "Well, I'm not really powerless over fear. I mean, it's not like I'm always cowering in fear or letting it dominate my life." As I said this, I was reminded that I used to say the same about using—you know, back when I was using in between the meetings that I really didn't need to attend!

This reminded me that I had to learn about how I was powerless over addiction the hard way. All those years, signs were pointing to the idea that my problems seemed to revolve around my using—and all those adamant denials. See, I just liked to get high. And, while maybe it wouldn't hurt me to use a little less, surely I could stop if I wanted or really needed to. It was only when I really did need to stop using that I was confronted with the reality that I could not stop.

With the memory of this realization in mind, I could see the truth about my fears. I truly am unable to control what causes fear in me. I cannot control when the fear will arise, how I will respond, or how long it will persist. Simply, I am powerless over what causes fear in me, when it will show up, or how long it will last. I also have trouble with how I react to fear, and that leads us into the second half of Step One.

Looking back at my life while using, it's easy to spot signs of unmanageability. Lost jobs, freedoms, relationships, security, and health are some of the things I first thought indicated unmanageability in my life. When I first tried to abstain from drug use, I found I also could not manage the decision to not use; but, as I've continued to grow in my understanding of this concept, I've come to believe that the more significant element of unmanageability is the idea that (by myself) I cannot manage to arrange and maintain everything and everyone to match my desires, no matter how good my intentions. Invariably, Murphy's Law applied, and everyone was "out to get me."

Having had spiritual experiences as a result of working the Twelve Steps, I can say that my life appears to include few of those easy-to-spot signs of unmanageability. I've held the same job for nearly five years where I feel appreciated, generously com-

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pensated, and trusted. I do go to jails regularly—but as an H&I panelist. I've been happily married for more than three years. I'm also enjoying improved health and fitness. So, with several years of cleantime under my belt, where is the unmanageability now? This is exactly where I find myself—and why my life depends on the NA Fellowship and continual practice of our Twelve Steps. I can start to think my life is manageable. As I consider the second half of the First Step, I must realize that by myself I still cannot manage my life.

Being powerless over my fears, I find that they can drive me to absurd behaviors. Though sometimes harder to recognize, my fears still can drive me to one of two extremes when dealing with others. I often find myself trying to manipulate others with kindness and charm. When this approach seems to fall short, I can resort to trying to dominate others to achieve my objectives. Sometimes these efforts seem to work. Nevertheless, I rarely find that any sustainable advantage is realized. More often than not, when I resort to these measures of self-reliance, I create confusion and disharmony. So, when I apply my very best efforts to resolve my fears, I rarely find myself able to manage the outcomes I desire. On the other hand, when I have been able to accept what is (either in despair from failed efforts or in the rare cases of enlightenment), I find that my absurd behaviors and the fears that drive them diminish.

Essentially, I've come to understand the First Step to be a problem statement: I have a problem that I (alone)

cannot overcome, and generally I do not find the circumstances of my life acceptable. Thanks to those who have overcome their struggles, stayed active in our Fellowship, and been willing to teach me what they have learned from their predecessors, I have learned that no matter what my problem may be, no matter how hopeless things may seem, there is always reason to have hope. If I follow the clear-cut directions available to me, I will overcome any challenges I face. At this point, I've been taught to shift my attention to Step Two.

Bill H, California, USA

Step Three freedom

A number of years ago I had a chunk of cleantime and relapsed. The first question I'm asked by most addicts is "Why did you relapse?" For a long time I didn't have an answer to this question. When I *made the decision* to leave the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous, I had all of the outside characteristics of an active member of the program. I had commitments, had a sponsor, was actively working my steps, went to meetings on a regular basis, and lived with and associated with clean addicts who also worked honest programs. The answer to the question of "why" eluded me during my return to active addiction; the only reason I could come up with was that the program of Narcotics Anonymous didn't work.

This lie that I let myself cling to (along with my pride and ego) kept me from the rooms for years. When I returned

four years later, broken, alone, and dead inside, I had little hope that this was going to work for me. In my head I had PROOF that no matter what I did, I was going to end up feeling empty for the rest of my life. But since I had been around the rooms before, I knew what was suggested. My hope wasn't to feel better (I was sure that was a lost cause); my hope was to stay off drugs and out of jail.

I quickly got a sponsor and began to work my steps just as I had the first time I came into the program. For me, as with many addicts, my First Step was a "duh" moment. Even in active addiction, I never denied that I was an addict, or that because of that fact I was powerless and my life had become unmanageable.

Moving on to the Second Step came easily, but the Second Step was somewhat more difficult for me. The easy part was admitting that I was insane. The decisions I had made, the places my addiction had taken me, and the cruel "truths" I had convinced myself of made that crystal clear. I was also quickly able to believe that there were many things in this world having greater power than me. One of these, which left the door open for me to believe there could be other powers greater than me, was the disease of addiction. It is impossible for me to deny that my disease is a power greater than myself. The rest of the step was harder, but in the spirit of "acting as if," and because of the specific wording of the Second Step, I was able to come to believe that a power greater than myself *could* restore me to sanity—not that it necessarily *would*, but that it was capable of doing so.

I believe a complete understanding of Step Three and how it can change my life is crucial to progress in my recovery and (more importantly) keeping what I have. My belief and experience are that without my living Step Three in my life on a daily basis, the insanity that accompanies my disease will eventually take me back out to active addiction, and I know now that this is the answer to the question of why I relapsed. Therefore, I thought it prudent to break down my understanding of Step Three and share my experience, strength, and hope on this step.

Making a Decision Step Three is an action step. It is essential for me to under-



stand this fully. To live this step in my life, I have to take action daily. I must make a decision to let go and *surrender* to the power of this program and the will of my higher power. My experience is that an addict's default state is insanity; therefore, living spiritual principles in my life is a conscious action I must take—and that is the decision part of this step. In active addiction my will and life were in the possession of my disease; they were taken from me by the disease. Today I'm making the decision to give them away, and every day I'm blessed with the opportunity to make that decision again or take them back. Addiction didn't leave me that option.

Self-will vs. God's Will Step Three of *It Works: How and Why* says, "Self-will is composed of such characteristics as closed-mindedness, unwillingness, self-centeredness and outright defiance." I can easily come to the conclusion that self-will is living the opposite of spiritual principles. For me, this takes the form of complete and utter isolation. I cut off the world and anything in it I don't have control over (which, of course, is people, places, and things). When I am living in my will, I leave no opportunity for emotion, change, or growth. This is my understanding of the difference between my will and God's will: God's will is for me to live spiritual principles and grow into a more empathetic human being, while my will is stagnation. I also understand that there isn't only one path for me to follow. I don't have to be afraid to make a decision; when I consciously ask my higher power for guidance, it is impossible for me to make a wrong choice because I'm living the spiritual principles of surrender, faith, and trust simply by asking.

The God of My Understanding I don't think it is appropriate to share exactly what my higher power is, as it causes separation between addicts and, moreover, this step doesn't ask me to do this. The wording of our literature makes it possible for me to use my higher power before having a name for it or a picture in my head. For me, it was very important that I not try to understand my higher power logically. The miracles that happen in the rooms of NA are inexplicable and certainly illogical! Somehow, in

the rooms of NA, we are able to stop the process of addiction and insanity that lead to dereliction and death, and change the course of our lives. Every person I see sitting in a chair in an NA meeting is a miracle. Every day clean is a miracle; whether the addict has 20 days or 20 years clean, that day is a cause for celebration. It is my first reaction as an extremely logical person to attempt to think my way through my problems, figure them out, and wrap them up with a little bow. "You cannot think your way through recovery," said an anonymous sponsor. I realize this was a turning point for me: I don't have to understand why I am able to stay clean. I don't have to understand why the Steps make such a profound change in my life and the life of other addicts. I don't have to understand

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why an addict can come into the rooms of NA for years, chronically relapsing, and then one day stay clean. I don't have to understand why people I would never imagine being friends with were put into my life at the exact moment I needed them. I need to live in acceptance that how the God of my understanding works is beyond my comprehension. Just as no one can explain how love or faith works or where they come from, we all have the capability to feel them and see their effects in our lives and the lives of others; the same can be said for a higher power.

Turning It Over For this addict, one of the hardest parts of Step Three was figuring out exactly what I'm turning over. "Step Three doesn't free us from having to take action, but it does liberate us from excessive worry about the results." (*It Works: How and Why*, Step Three) This statement made it apparent to me what I'm turning over. I'm turning over the insanity in my head, the endless whys and what ifs, the projections, the worry—all of those things that keep me up at night wondering if I did or said the right things or how everything is going to work out and what I should do or say

if certain situations arise. All of these things that my mind tries to convince me that I have control over... these are the things that I turn over. I live my life every day in spiritual principles, and when my head becomes clouded with all of the questions I can't answer, I ask my higher power to take my thoughts and allow me to live in the moment. I turn over my worry and my insecurity and have faith that as long as I'm taking the next indicated action and humbly asking for guidance, my will and life are being cared for by my higher power.

Spiritual Principles I came back to the rooms of NA as an empty shell. I felt like a zombie among the living when I would interact with others in the program. I had no "pink cloud." Freedom from active addiction left me miserable, without

relief. Going from there to where I am now I can't even call a 180-degree spin; I'm in a completely different life. When I hear addicts share in meetings about not having a sponsor and not working steps, I'm reminded of the hopelessness, the helplessness, and the despair I lived when I came back, and I wish there was some way to properly explain how the spiritual principles that we learn and live through the Twelve Steps can fill that void and clear that confusion. Today I have hope, faith, and trust in my higher power and in myself. I no longer have to sit in the misery in my head; I am able to turn that negativity over to my higher power and live in the moment. I have faith that making this decision will work because I'm able to feel and see the results in my life every day and, most importantly, I am able to trust that making a daily surrender will continue to work and relieve me of my insanity in the future. When I pray for the suffering addict at the end of a meeting, I pray not only for addicts to find the rooms of NA, but for addicts in the rooms to find NA's Steps and the serenity therein.

Samantha H, California, USA

Why I serve

To grow and try

I was introduced to Narcotics Anonymous when I was 16 years old. The progression of my disease was swift, and I finally became willing to do what was necessary to stay clean when I was 20. I felt alone, frightened, and broken, but during the last four years of my active addiction (going to meetings loaded, and generally acting like an active addict), members within the Fellowship consistently welcomed me, invited me into their lives, told me that they loved me, and demonstrated through compassion and loving action that they did love me.

At the suggestion of my sponsor, I became involved with service my first month clean and have been involved in various positions since. I didn't drink coffee at the time, but I made it anyway. I believe that service work provided a foundation that made it possible for me to stay clean during some incredibly painful periods of my life. Many of the relationships developed while serving Narcotics Anonymous have provided me with the strength, support, and love that have allowed me to grow in ways I did not imagine possible. My higher power has presented me with the opportunity to sponsor others, and I now sponsor a wonderfully brave young man whom I am privileged to watch grow and change in ways that consistently amaze me—and he is just beginning to experience the miracles that service work provides.

My mother has a son whom she trusts, and no longer fears. My only sibling, my little brother, has a brother that he respects. My community has a citizen who positively contributes to our society. I did not dance before I got clean—ever—but I learned how to dance freely in NA and now look forward to the dances at NA events I once dreaded. I have love for myself and am now capable of actively loving others. Without Narcotics Anonymous and service work, I do not believe these things would have ever happened, or even been possible.

I serve Narcotics Anonymous because I desperately want to continue to grow and try, to the best of my ability, to love and be there for my fellow addicts as our Fellowship was there for me. I know of no other way to repay a debt that has given me life.

Eli I, Illinois, USA

In New Brunswick and beyond

I serve because I want to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Without service, I would not have joy in my life. It all starts with my home group, because that is where it started for me. It is humbling to do something for the program that saved my life. It is very therapeutic helping other addicts. I enjoy doing service at area, at region, and as the GSRA for my home group so NA will continue on in Miramichi, New Brunswick—and beyond.

Carman H, New Brunswick, Canada

Basic caption contest

Here's your chance to participate in *The NA Way Magazine* in a whole new way. Write a caption for this comic, send it to us, and you'll be magically entered in our caption contest. We'll choose the best (and maybe a few others) for publication in an upcoming issue. Your prize will be the satisfaction of seeing your name in *The NA Way*!

Email your entry with "Basic Caption Contest" in the subject line, and be sure to include your name and where you're from in the body of the email: naway@na.org.

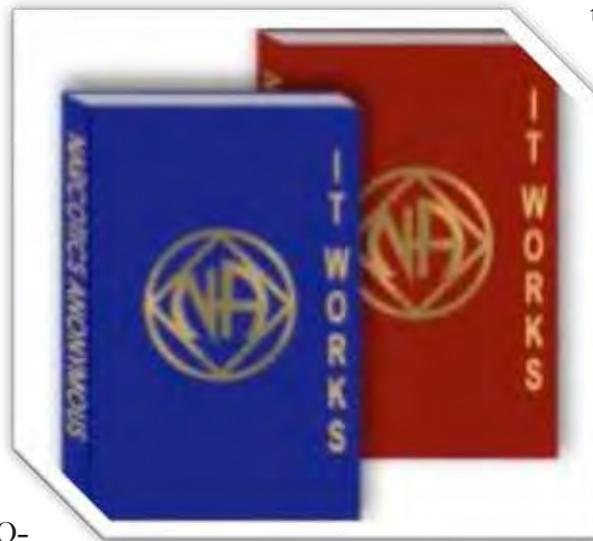


[A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BASIC TEXT](#)

The [World Service Conference](#) of Narcotics Anonymous approved the Basic Text in May 1982. Having no experience in publishing a full-length book, publication of the First Edition was a very difficult job for the World Service Office. In addition to major problems with the printer initially chosen to publish the book, conceptual problems arose. In the course of preparing the approval-form book for publication, it was noted that portions of the essays on Traditions Four and Nine made it appear that the NA service structure should not be considered a part of Narcotics Anonymous. After much discussion, the WSO Board of Directors and the World Service Board of Trustees agreed that these portions should be removed from the book before publication of the First Edition. In response, the chairperson of the WSC Literature Committee attempted to revoke the earlier release to the WSO of rights to the Basic Text. However, when the World Service Conference met in May 1983, no motion was made to uphold the literature chairperson's action. On the contrary, new WSO by-laws were accepted, clearly stating that NA literature should be held in a charitable trust by the corporation on the fellowship's behalf. The WSO-copyrighted First Edition was officially released on 27 April 1983 by the World Service Office, using the name of CARENA Publishing Company.

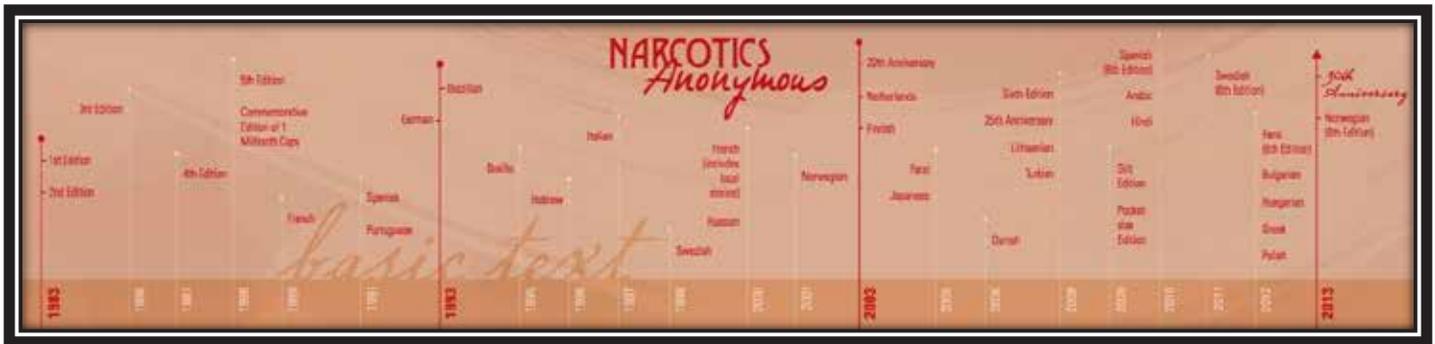
Less than a month later, WSC action effectively created the Second Edition Basic Text. Conference minutes of 1983 reflect that a motion was passed, directing "that our book be completely returned to its [original] approved form in subsequent printings." The Second Edition of the Basic Text was released on 28 September 1983, with the missing lines reinserted. The year after the conference directed WSO to reinsert the missing

lines from the traditions essays into the Basic Text, the WSC decided that the issue should ultimately be settled directly by the NA Fellowship. In 1984, regional service representatives were asked to poll their groups on whether the wording of the essays on the Fourth and Ninth Traditions should be as reflected in both the original approval form and the Second Edition, or as reflected in the First Edition. The question was submitted to the fellowship in a seven-page document including the proposed changes and the reasons both for making the change and for keeping the text as approved. The fellowship's response was thirty-six votes in favor of changing the text and eight against changing the text. Therefore, at the next printing—the Third Edition—the words originally deleted from the approval-form when the First Edition was published were again deleted, this time in response to a direct vote of the fellowship. The Third Edition was formally released on 20 October 1984.



The 1985 World Service Conference passed a motion to edit the Basic Text for grammatical consistency and correctness. The motion called for the revised text to be reviewed and approved by the Literature Review Committee of the WSCLC. At the time, however, the Literature Committee was busy putting together *It Works: How and Why*, so these edits were not completed before the 1986 World Service Conference.

The 1986 conference, nonetheless, moved for further revisions to the Basic Text: A motion was passed to publish a revised version of the Little White Book and to edit the Basic Text to reflect those changes. The revisions to the Little White Book were ones that most members noticed because they changed what was read at most meetings. The Basic Text Third Edition, Revised



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was released in November 1986 and reflected the changes made in the Little White Book, but not the professional edit.

In the course of reviewing the draft of the professionally edited Basic Text, as charged by the conference, the Literature Review Committee discovered six conceptual inconsistencies with the newly revised Little White Book. The committee consulted with the WSO Board of Directors and the World Service Board of Trustees, and a decision was made to defer publication of the Fourth Edition until the conference was able to make a decision about the additional changes necessary to bring the text in line with the Little White Book. The 1987 WSC approved five of those six changes. The Fourth Edition Basic Text, published in October 1987, included these five changes, the earlier conceptual changes brought about by revising the Little White Book, as well as the professional edits. This was also the first version of the Basic Text to include a subject index, per 1986 WSC action.

Not long after the publication of the Fourth Edition, the WSO and the WSC Literature Committee began receiving complaints about errors in the Basic Text. After multiple rounds of line-by-line revision, it was discovered that there were serious transcription errors made in the typescript from which the professional editor worked. At the 1988 WSC, a motion was made to reinsert the missing lines from the Third Edition back into the Basic Text. Some felt that the changes in question were substantial enough to require broader fellowship review, but overall the conference did not agree and voted not even to consider the motion to send a special ballot to RSCs on the matter. Two other motions, very

similar to one another, were defeated by overwhelming majorities; these motions sought to return to publication of the Third Edition, Revised, instead of printing a corrected Fourth Edition (i.e., Fifth Edition).

Despite the debate, the motion to reinsert the missing lines passed with significantly more than a 2/3 majority, and the Fifth Edition Basic Text was subsequently published later in 1988. Included in the motion was an amendment making the Basic Text “not eligible for revision for five years from this conference.” The 1993 World Service Conference extended the moratorium for another five years. In 1998 a similar motion for a moratorium failed, but the conference passed a motion to commit to the World Board all input, including motions and amendments, related to revising the Basic Text and Little White Book. The board was to present a proposal to the 2000 World Service Conference. At the 2000 conference, participants voted to begin a process of evaluating possible changes to the Basic Text and/or Little White Book. That process ultimately led to the project that created the Sixth Edition Basic Text.

At WSC 2008, three *CAR* motions creating the Sixth Edition Basic Text were unanimously adopted. These motions were (1) to replace the existing stories in the Fifth Edition Basic Text with those contained in the *CAR*; (2) add a new Preface to the Sixth Edition, change the title “Book One” and “Book Two” to “our Program” and “Our Members Share,” add abstracts of each story to the Table of Contents, approve the “Reflections” and the specific titles for the sections of the stories; and (3) give the World Board the ability to update statistical information (number of NA meetings, etc.) in the new preface. The rest of the decisions

about the Sixth Edition were carried by substantial majority (over two-thirds) but were not unanimous. The additional motions approved were to include a revised index and make two specific copyedits to the first ten chapters. Those copyedits were to replace “N.A.” with “NA” and to remove a footnote in Tradition Eleven that referenced a PI guide that no longer exists.



This brought us to the current version of the text, and the following statement was added to *A Guide to World Services in NA*: “WSC 2008 approved the Sixth Edition Basic Text. Once it becomes available in October 2008, the Sixth Edition will be the only edition approved for NAWS production with the exceptions called out in the Translations Policy.”

PROTECTING THE FELLOWSHIP’S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The statement added to *GWSNA* about the Sixth Edition was explained in the *Conference Agenda Report* that year, and followed from a decision made at the 1991 conference about the Fifth. In 1990, some NA members took it upon themselves to print a version of the NA Basic Text, Book One, which they had created by combining the Third Edition, Revised, with the essays on Traditions Four and Nine from the Second Edition. In a US federal court hearing, the primary individual responsible for publishing the hybridized Basic Text at that time agreed to stop, and the World Service Office Board of Directors agreed to place three motions before the NA Fellowship in the 1991 *Conference Agenda Report*.

1991 WSC

“That the fellowship reconsider its decision on which edition, or parts thereof (First, Second, Third, Third Revised, Fourth, or Fifth), of the Basic Text shall be produced and distributed by the WSO as the official and accepted text of Narcotics Anonymous.”
(Motion failed by roll call vote 23-51-6)

“That the WSO produce, at a reduced price, the edition of the text ratified by the WSC. The actual price of this text should be determined in view of the following factors: its affordability to the membership at large; a change in the cost and quality of the materials used in producing the book; the responsibility of the WSO to provide services from the income generated by sales of the Basic Text; and whether it includes the personal stories or only the first ten chapters.” (Motion failed by voice vote)

“That the WSC be directed to obtain a group-by-group tally of all the groups registered with the WSO, on Motions 13 and 14 above. This procedure will begin on July 1, 1991 and continue through December 31, 1991. All the registered groups shall receive a copy of a paper detailing the differences between the editions of the Basic Text, and a complete copy of the Basic Text Third Edition, Revised. In addition, each group shall receive complete information concerning the issues relevant to a reduction in the price of the ratified text. [The motion includes one more paragraph detailing the committee to supervise the tally.]” (Motion failed by roll call vote 21-55-4.)

All three motions were published in the *CAR*, were subsequently placed before the 1991 World Service Conference, and were defeated.

Following an extended discussion among all conference participants and the deliberations of an ad hoc committee, the WSC decided to issue the following statement to the fellowship:

“The Basic Text, Fifth Edition, is the only edition of the Basic Text that is currently approved by the World Service Conference of Narcotics Anonymous for publication and sale. The World Service Office Board of Directors is entrusted with the responsibility for protecting the fellowship’s physical and intellectual properties, including the Basic Text, and at the Board of Director’s discretion shall take legal action to protect those rights against any and all persons who choose to infringe upon this literature trust.”

Two related motions were also passed at WSC ’91 regarding NA intellectual property ownership and publishing. On a roll call vote with 67 yes votes, 9 no, and 3 abstaining, the following motion was carried: “To reaffirm and ratify that the ownership of all of NA’s intellectual and physical properties prepared in the past and to be prepared in the future is held by WSO, Inc., which holds such title in trust on behalf of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous as a whole in accordance with the decisions of the World Service Conference.”

The other related motion was carried by a two-thirds majority voice vote: “To reaffirm that the World Service Office, Inc., is the exclusive publisher and distributor of all World Service

Conference-approved literature, including all books, pamphlets, handbooks, and other intellectual and physical properties, as directed by the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous through the World Service Conference.”

Regarding the issue of a low-cost Basic Text, the 1991 WSC did recognize that an inexpensive book containing the basics of NA recovery would be a great product to have for newcomers at meetings. A motion that directed the WSO and WSC Literature Committee to compile and publish such a book, to be called *An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous*, passed by a unanimous voice vote.

CONCLUSION

Considering the events recounted above, it seems quite clear that the NA Fellowship has expressed its conscience on the matter of its recovery literature. Any efforts by individuals or groups to reprint altered NA literature do not reflect the conscience of the NA Fellowship. The NA groups, as owners of NA’s copyrights, and NA World Services, as trustees in the [Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust](#), are partners in the effort to protect NA’s copyrights. We are asking that you embrace this partnership and remember that NA groups and members have the right and the responsibility to demand that those who would reprint or modify NA literature refrain from doing so. Personal recovery depends on NA unity; we must work together to safeguard the integrity of our life-saving literature.



NA Literature Timeline

This essay is part of the September 2014 bulletin, *NA Copyrights and Literature*, available at www.na.org/fipt

Help Write the Traditions Book (or just learn about the process)

Front-end input is initial experience and ideas for possible inclusion in the draft. We gather front-end input from the project discussion board, individual members, and NA groups and service bodies. We are continuously reading your input to prepare for drafting chapters, and we encourage everyone to send input sooner rather than later. The deadline for front-end input on Traditions Two through Six was 30 November. By that date we had received hundreds of pages from all around the world—thank you!

To include your front-end input, we encourage everyone to

- Participate on the project discussion board (<http://disc.na.org/trads>).
- Hold or attend workshops with materials found at www.na.org/traditions.
- Submit front-end input online at www.na.org/traditions
- Submit front-end input on Traditions Seven through Twelve (through the end of March).
- Send in input as you gather it—no need to wait for the deadline or until you have a certain number of pages!

Review and Input (R&I) Materials are chapter drafts made available to the Fellowship to read and provide feedback to the workgroup. Each batch of R&I material is available for at least 90 days. What you need to know about R&I:

- The introduction and Tradition One were released for R&I in October 2014, and **the input deadline for these is 31 January 2015**.
- Traditions Two through Six will be released for R&I after January.
- Traditions Seven through Twelve are scheduled to be released for R&I after April.
- All R&I materials and tools are available on the project webpage: www.na.org/traditions.
- You can submit R&I feedback via email, fax, mail, or by using the online feedback form; details available at www.na.org/traditions.

We're very excited to see this project move forward—please stay tuned and stay involved!

Review & Input Dates Announced!

Traditions Two through Six
1 March through 31 May

Traditions Seven through Twelve
1 June through 31 August

For more details, visit
na.org/traditions.

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Fellowship development

Multi-Zonal Service Symposium

What an incredible weekend of service learning at the first MZSS (26–28 September 2014) in St. Louis, Missouri! The event provided an environment of education about NA service efforts. It also strengthened, created, and, in some cases, restored unity in some US NA communities. We had 234 registered attendees from 44 regions in the US, and NA members from three other countries joined us via the internet for two workshops. If you were not able to attend, you can still access workshop audio and documents archived at mzssna.org. We are also in the process of uploading these resources to the [Locally Developed Resources](#) section at na.org.

Workgroup members from eleven different regions of three zonal forums (Midwest, Plains States, and Southern) never met in person until the weekend of the symposium. All of this happened through the use of technology, along with faith, trust, perseverance, and many hours of work by members who helped in some way, before or during the weekend.

Attendees were renewed and reinvigorated with new skills and ideas. One of the most striking takeaways was the energy of gratitude and inspiration felt throughout the weekend. There were lots of “a-ha moments” in learning different ways to carry our message, and in interacting with other members who are just as passionate about service in NA.

Pajama roundtable?

I attended the MZSS as the regional delegate for the South Florida Region. I’ve been involved in NA service for over 30 years, and I have an affinity for other addicts involved in service. MZSS was an opportunity to meet many of them from so many different places all at once. I attended workshops on facilitation, consensus-based decision making, and others. I helped facilitate a pajama roundtable discussion on zones Saturday night that included a member from Finland and one from eastern New York. It was a great discussion—even if it included neither round tables nor participants in pajamas!

Jeff P, Florida, USA

Outreach impact

The major takeaway from MZSSNA was being able to walk out the door Sunday afternoon armed with way more than theories and ideas. It was about members having demonstrated how to use tools effectively (technology, workshop techniques, etc.), and then have all of the information available at mzssna.org afterward. This has already impacted outreach service in the rural area where I recover, and it’s impossible to describe how important this is to me personally and in service.

Mindy A, Missouri, USA

Simply amazing

MZSSNA was a beautifully organized event. The workshops were well thought-out, the venue was just right, and their use of technology within the Traditions was excellent. As a presenter I saw people become enthusiastic about new methods to deliver PR services in their communities. As an attendee there was so much to learn, particularly in the technology workshops. Sharing knowledge, information, and ideas with like-hearted service enthusiasts is always the best part of NA educational events. When addicts come together with mutual goals of improving our service to the addict who still suffers and bettering our skill sets, something intangible happens that is the joy of one addict helping another.

Jeff R, California, USA

Technology and unity

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service and carry some experience, strength, and hope to the MZSS on behalf of the Asia Pacific Forum. The workgroup’s vision is truly amazing: it brought together regions and zones in the US and around the globe to foster worldwide NA unity. The technology available to us now opens a whole range of service possibilities. I’m looking forward to listening to more of the recordings and looking through the files shared online. I’ll be paying attention to see how the model created by this first event evolves in coming years.

Roger S, Aotearoa, New Zealand



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WHY PRE-REGISTER?

World conventions require registration to attend. Rio is a culturally diverse city and we have done our best to offer options for our diverse membership with varying resources. We need registrations to plan effectively for merchandise and meeting space. As we know, a convention center is not free. We have limited packages available for newcomers and our aim is to plan WCNA to financially break even. Pre-registration helps ensure our responsibility and helps ensure that you will not miss out on this convention.

- Limited on site registration
- Helps NAWS plan a better WCNA
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Part 1—Registration

This will not only be a bilingual world convention, but will also be handled in two currencies.

For English and dollars [click here](#) to register and purchase merchandise. For Portuguese and reals [click here](#) to register and purchase merchandise.

Pre-Registration _____ @ \$105 = \$ _____
Available through 11 May 2015

Newcomer Contribution _____ = \$ _____

Those who register before 1 April 2015 will be eligible for a special drawing: 2 registrations + a \$200 onsite merchandise certificate. **Refunds and cancellations of registration must be done by 11 May 2015.** We currently have no plans for ticketed events, but please register now and purchase the one-of-a-kind merchandise—don't miss out on this unique celebration!

Total Part 1 \$ _____

Part 2—Pre-Registration Merchandise

No quantity limits. We'll place our merchandise orders by March 2015. Limited quantities and sizes will be available after that date, so please order early!

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Special Pre-registration Coffee Mug _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Men's T-Shirt _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

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Special round-trip fares to WCNA 36 may be available through CVC Travel. For the best discounts, go to www.na.org/wcna, email nario2015@cvc.com.br or make your reservation online at www.cvc.com.br/cvcna.

If you are from the US or Canada, you will need a visa to travel to Brazil. We encourage all others to verify whether or not a visa is needed. We will continue to provide update information to assist you on our website.

Register online now at www.na.org/wcna.

Stay up-to-date with our countdown to WCNA 36 in breathtaking Rio de Janeiro by signing up for WCNA updates @ www.na.org/subscribe.

PRE AND POST TRIPS

We will be offering opportunities for members to explore Brazil together. This will include day excursions in Rio on the Wednesday and Thursday of the convention as well as other opportunities. Please check www.cvc.com.br/cvcna soon for more information in both English and Portuguese. **We will send out notification when this is available.**

HOTEL OPTIONS

All prices are listed per night for single/double reservations. All prices are quoted and billed in **Brazilian Reals**. The initial prices shown on the website (hotels 1–8) are for **3 nights—11-14 June 2015**. We have provided an approximate dollar conversion as of the end of January, but **currency exchange rates fluctuate daily**.* We will be providing limited fixed-schedule busing from hotels booked through us only. Shared cab rides are not expensive in Rio. The traffic conditions make it almost impossible to stay outside of Barra da Tijuca for the days of the convention – minimally Thursday through Sunday.

Hotel availability will fluctuate as we add additional properties. Please email nario2015@cvc.com.br if what you are looking for is not available on that day.

Please visit www.na.org/wcna to make hotel reservations. The numbers listed coincide with the hotel map published.

	TYPE	USD*	BRL
1. Promenade Verano Luxury aparthotel in Barra da Tijuca. Distance to Rio Centro: 5.2 km/3.2 miles	Luxo	212.55	559.00
2. Harmonya Set among nature and provides garden views from its rooms and lounge areas. Distance to Rio Centro: 8.8 km/5.5 miles	Superior	111.41	293.00
3. Promenade Barra First 4 star property located in the Barra da Tijuca district. Distance to Rio Centro: 10.5 km/6.5 miles	Luxo	243.06	639.26
	Junior Suite	244.83	643.89
4. Promenade Casa Del Mar 3.5 star property close to Barra Shopping, Bosque da Barra Park, and Barra da Tijuca. Distance to Rio Centro: 9.6 km/6.0 miles	Luxo	258.33	679.41
	Junior Suite	261.85	688.67
5. Raddison Barra 5 star hotel near the beach and Barra Shopping. Distance to Rio Centro: 14.7 Km/9.1 miles	Superior	305.70	804.00
	Luxo	330.80	870.00
6. Promenade Paradiso 4 star all suites hotel in Barra da Tijuca. Distance to Rio Centro: 13.4 km/8.3 miles	Luxo	227.80	599.11
7. Windsor Barra 4.5 star property across from the beach in Barra da Tijuca. Distance to Rio Centro: 15.2 km/9.4 miles	Superior	266.16	700.00
	Junior Suite	297.08	781.32
8. Espaco Lonier – Sports camp <i>Budget Accomodations</i>	Suites (dbl)	55.13	145.00
	Suites (triple)	47.91	126.00
	Suites (quad)	44.11	116.00
	Bldg/1st fl	34.71	91.30
	Bldg/2nd fl	28.93	76.08
	Barracks	23.19	61.00

Primarily dormitory style rooms with AC and shared bathroom in beautiful grounds close to Rio Centro, Pequena Vargeml. **Portuguese speaking only.** Distance to Rio Centro: 4.4 Km/2.73 miles. Visit <http://lonier.com.br/espaco/> to make your reservation.

DID YOU KNOW OVER 95% OF PEOPLE WHO PRE-REGISTER FOR WCNA DO SO ONLINE?



Service center

To increase awareness of some of NA's service resources and the ways they can help trusted servants, groups, and service bodies, we'll be highlighting some of them here in *The NA Way*, along with links to additional resources and member experiences. For now, we're calling this section "Service Center," but we'd like your help coming up with a name that captures the spirit of NA service. Please email your ideas by 28 February 2015, with "service center" in the subject line, to naway@na.org.

What are SPs?

Service pamphlets, or SPs, are resources developed by the World Board (as directed by the 2006 World Service Conference) for use by groups, service bodies, and trusted servants. Although SPs are not intended to be read in meetings, they can be displayed on the group's literature table for interested members.

Group Trusted Servants: Roles and Responsibilities. NA service begins in the groups, which carry the message directly to still-suffering addicts. This SP describes basic group service positions and offers suggestions from experienced trusted servants on how to accomplish these responsibilities.

Group Business Meetings includes thoughts on effective group business meetings as well as a sample format and possible discussion topics.

Other group resources include *The Group Booklet* available at www.na.org/?ID=ips-index, and group registration/updates at www.na.org/?ID=updates.

You can read, download, and print all of the SPs at www.na.org/servicemat. To purchase SPs, contact NAWS Customer Service at customer_service@na.org or go to our online store at www.na.org/?ID=OrderLiteratureOnline-content.

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Narcotics Anonymous

(Basic Text, Sixth Edition)

It Works: How and Why

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Living Clean:

The Journey Continues

Amazon: <http://tinyurl.com/ly6r384>

iTunes: <http://tinyurl.com/luucyy5>



CALENDAR

Multi-day events and those occurring between publication dates are printed according to the schedule posted online. To enter events or to access event details, visit the online calendar at www.na.org/events. (If you don't have internet access, fax or mail your event info to 818.700.0700, attn: *NA Way*; or *The NA Way*; Box 9999; Van Nuys, CA 91409 USA.)

Issue	Events Occurring	Submission Deadline
April	1 April – 31 July	15 January
July	1 August – 31 October	15 April
October	1 November – 31 January	15 July
January	1 February – 30 April	15 October

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo 16-18 Jan; Bosnia, Herzegovina, & Adriatic Regional Winter Convention 6; Hotel Hollywood, Sarajevo; www.nasarajevo.webs.com

Brazil

Aracruz 19-22 Mar; Brazil Regional Convention 19; SESC Praia Formosa, Aracruz; www.na.org.br

Ceara 23-26 Apr; First Nordeste Regional Convention; Broadway, Canoas Quebrada; www.cranordeste.com.br

Germany

Berlin 3-5 Apr; First European Service Learning Days; Berliner Stadtmission, Berlin; www.edmna.org

India

Uttrakhand 12-15 Feb Delhi Area Convention 12; Balrampur House, Mallital, Nainital; www.nadelhi.org/dacna-xii

Ireland

Athlone 27-29 Mar; Eastern Area Convention 17; Athlone Springs Hotel, Athlone; www.nairleast.org

Norway

Trysil 8-15 Mar; Elverum Group Ski & Recovery; Trysil; www.nanorge.org

Thailand

Chiang Mai 27 Feb-1 Mar; Thailand Regional Convention 8; Centara Duangtawan Hotel, Chiang Mai; www.na-thailand.org

United Kingdom

Lancashire 20-22 Mar; Northwest England & North Wales Area Convention 22; The Hilton Hotel, Blackpool; ukna.org/events

United States

Alabama 16-18 Jan; Central Alabama Area Convention 18; DoubleTree Downtown, Montgomery; event info: 716.579.4550

2) 27-29 Mar; Greater Mobile Area Convention 18; Mobile Marriott, Mobile; event info: 251.421.3076

Arizona 13-15 Mar; Mexico Arizona California Convention 6; Shilo Inn Suites & Hotels, Yuma; www.maccna.org

California 20-22 Feb; Central California Regional Convention 23; Bakersfield Marriott Convention Center, Bakersfield; www.ccceinc.org

2) 2-5 Apr; Northern California Regional Convention 37; San Jose Hilton, San Jose; www.norcalna.org

3) 3-5 Apr; San Diego Imperial Counties Regional Convention 30; Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego; www.sandiegona.org

Florida 17-19 Apr; Women's Hope Group Spiritual Retreat; Cedarkirk Conference Center, Tampa; event info: debc@tampabay.rr.com

2) 23-26 Apr; Fun in the Sun 37; Boardwalk Beach Resort, Panama City Beach; www.funinthesunconvention.org

Georgia 26 Feb-1 Mar; Georgia Regional Convention 34; Marriott Augusta Convention Center, Augusta; www.grcna.org

2) 30 Apr-3 May; A Little Girl Grows Up 7; Hilton Atlanta Airport, Atlanta; speaker tape deadline: 31 Jan; www.alittlegirlgrowsup.org

Illinois 20-22 Mar; Rock River Area Convention 24; Holiday Inn Rockford, Rockford; www.ragsna.org

Indiana 6-8 Mar; Indiana State Convention 22; Radisson Star Plaza, Merrillville; www.naindiana.org

Massachusetts 6-8 Mar; New England Regional Convention 16; Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis, Hyannis; www.nerna.org

Michigan 2-5 Apr; Detroit Area Convention DACNA; Adoba Hotel, Dearborn; speaker tape deadline: 17 Jan; www.michigan-na.org

New Jersey 27 Feb-1 Mar; Cape Atlantic Area Pearl of Recovery Convention 25; Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club, Galloway; www.pearlofrecovery.com

2) 13-15 Mar; Capital Area Convention 14; Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, Langhorne; www.capitalareaofna.org

New York 13-15 Feb; Metro Area de Habla Hispana Convención 10; Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains; www.mahh.org

2) 20-22 Feb; Rochester Area Convention 21; Radisson Hotel, Rochester; www.rochesterny-na.org

3) 27 Feb-1 Mar; Bronx Area Convention 9; Hilton Westchester, Rye Brook; www.bronxareana.com/convention

North Carolina 27 Feb-1 Mar; Freedom by the Sea 14; Sea Trails Golf Resort & Convention Center, Sunset Beach; www.coastalcarolinaarea.org

Ohio 20-22 Feb; Toledo Area Convention 18; Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, Toledo; www.natoledo.org

2) 6-8 Mar; Cleveland Legs Area Convention 12; Holiday Inn, Independence; www.nabuckeye.org

Pennsylvania 6-8 Feb; Mid-Atlantic Regional Learning Conference 31; Lancaster Host, Lancaster; www.marscna.org

South Carolina 20-22 Feb; Greater Columbia Area RAW Convention 14; Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa, Hilton Head Island; event info: 803.446.9618

Texas 6-8 Feb; Tejas Bluebonnet Regional Convention 15; Omni San Antonio at the Colonnade, San Antonio; www.tbrcna.org

2) 20-22 Feb; Texarkana Area Convention 30; Wyndham Garden, Texarkana; www.arscna.org

Utah 20-22 Mar; Northern Utah Area Convention 22; Courtyard by Marriott, Ogden; www.nuacna22.org

Virginia 12-15 Mar; Clean and Free; Ocean Shores Convention Center, Ocean Shores; www.wnirna.org

Wisconsin 6-8 Feb; Greater Milwaukee Unity Convention 19; Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee; www.namilwaukee.org

West Bengal

Darjeeling 3-5 Apr; Darjeeling Area 4th Convention & 25th Anniversary; Capital Hall; Darjeeling; www.naindia.in

NAWS Product Update



Just for Today – New Pocket-sized

Offers a daily recovery principle, topic, NA literature quote, and closing affirmation – in a 3 1/2" x 5 1/4" size to fit easily into pocket, purse, or backpack.

Item No. 1113 Price US \$9.30

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IP No. 11, 帮助关系

Item No. CH-3111 Price US \$0.24

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Item No. CH-3119 Price US \$0.24

Chinese (Traditional)

Information about NA

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Item No. ZPRCT1002 Price US \$0.30



Italian

Basic Text 6th Edition

Narcotici Anonimi

Item No. IT-1101 Price US \$11.55

In Times of Illness

Durante le malattie

Item No. IT-1603 Price US \$3.20

Kannada

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Item No. KN-3101 Price US \$0.24



Korean

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Item No. KO-3122 Price US \$0.24

Nepali

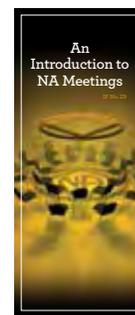
IP No. 9, आत्म-स्वीकारोक्ति

Item No. NE-3109 Price US \$0.24

IP No. 29, *An Introduction to NA Meetings H&I Edition*

Offers a welcoming introduction, explains practices unfamiliar to those at their first meetings or in early recovery, and provides tips to help groups preserve an atmosphere of recovery.

Item No. 3129H&I Price US \$0.24



Polish

Praca nad Krokiem Czwartym Anonimowych Narkomanów

Item No. PL-3110 Price US \$0.77



Russian

IP No. 24, Про деньги

Самообеспечение имеет значение

Item No. RU-3124 Price US \$0.53

IP No. 28, Финансирование органов обслуживания АН

Item No. RU-3128 Price US \$0.35

IP No. 29, Собрания сообщества АН: Что это такое?

Item No. RU-3129 Price US \$0.24



Spanish

IP No. 29,

Introducción a las reuniones de NA

Item No. SP-3129 Price US \$0.24

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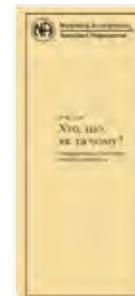
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