

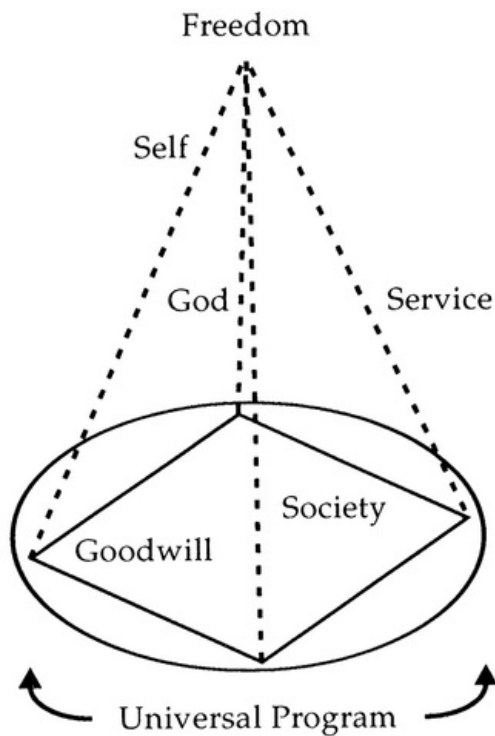


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Welcome

How do we attract the addict who still suffers to Recovery?

Through spiritually guided unity of service. Our message is powerful; "That an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live." Our Newsletter's purpose is to spread this message by sharing our members' experience, strength, and hope. Our local service committees share that same purpose. We invite you to read through these pages, get inspired, and get involved.





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Step of the Month: Step 2 Experience

“We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

I want to preface this message with a lesson hard learned. A sane life is a life without voluntary insanity. Now, what did that look like for me? Well for starters, it was hard for me to acknowledge even the idea of being insane. This is coming from an addict now! Denial was a defect that had a hold over me for a long time before and after getting clean. The 2nd step explains the utility of having a high power to restore me to sanity, but how do I effectively apply it in my life?

For me, I had to gather evidence because, at the time, my higher power didn't exist yet. I went through my first attempt with a 2nd step godless. It was painful and ineffective. I couldn't let go of the idea that I was somehow under the control of something else.

After making the same mistake for an entire life you'd think I was able to say, “I've had enough,” right? WRONG! As a gold star addict, I just had to be right. So, in the process, I was told by my sponsor to gather the evidence. “Go ask 20 recovering addicts how they came to believe in a power greater than self.” For some, it was as simple as being a “Group Of Drug addicts”. The other one, the one that confused me, was this loving and caring God.

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I am glad to say I now have a working relationship with a higher power, but that relationship was hard won. It took a conversation with my grandmother. I hadn't seen her in 11 years, she was living in Panama and came to the states because of an incurable illness that required care by my mother. We sat and talked for a bit, and she informed me that she had never stopped praying for me, ever since I was 14 years old.

It was then that it dawned on me. Of all the close calls and shoulda, coulda, woulda scenarios, where my well being was on the verge of being sacrificed, I was spared. I have been in the care of God's grace since I was born, wow. That made my life make sense for once.

At that point, I made a conscious decision to start building a relationship with a God that was my own. N/A Literature never told me who or what I had to have as a higher power. I realized that this was my responsibility. Now let's tie this to the problem; "Why do I continue to make the same mistakes over and over again?"

For one, I refuted any type of suggestion that was coming from a good place because this concept was foreign to me. I couldn't pallet the "keep coming backs" and "your right where you need to be" because I was obsessing on a control factor that didn't exist. I sure as hell used to rely on myself as a higher power and it is what got me into my chair in Narcotics Anonymous. Continues on Page 4



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So, I had to try something different. That something different came from open-mindedness to relinquish my pride and my self-centeredness. I heard the message, “my way isn’t working” and “God's will is not my will.” Having a belief led to needing to have faith. When the information I hear from different vessels is consistent and says to change my path, odds are God is saying something. It took a while to be able to see this effectively and even longer to accept it and allow it to work for me.

In doing so, I have had an immense change in lifestyle and avoided a lot of unnecessary suffering. Living in insanity came from a place in me that was not able to receive and see from a higher perspective. My higher power’s perspective was something I couldn’t see in the past because I was always in the way. Narcotics Anonymous helps me see the sanity in others first. Hearing other members’ experiences helps reinforce the necessity of practicing the 2nd step in my own life.

I didn’t get here, to NA, on my own. I was guided by an unconditional love that I was not open to in my active addiction. Prayer and connection to my higher power guide me now. I just needed help from NA and the Steps to see it.

by C. Addict (01/11/2018)



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Tradition of the Month: Tradition 2

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

The Second Tradition sets a clear distinction that in NA, our leaders do not govern. Everything we do is done with the backing of a group conscience. NA meetings choose someone to “lead” the meeting. But these folks are not leaders in the sense that they are calling the shots. They read from a meeting format that the group has agreed to use at that particular meeting. Decisions are made at business meetings that are held regularly before or after the regular recovery meeting using group conscience.

So what do we mean by a group conscience?

This is what It Works How and Why has to say:

“Group conscience reflects a collective awareness of, understanding of, and surrender to spiritual principles. The conscience of a group takes shape and is revealed when its members take the time to talk with each other about their personal needs, the needs of that group, and the needs of NA as a whole. Each member draws upon his or her relationship with a Higher Power when sharing with the group. As members listen carefully to each other and consult their personal understanding of a loving God, something happens: Solutions to problems become apparent, solutions that take into consideration the needs of everyone concerned.” Continues on Page 6



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It is important not to overlook the wording of this Tradition: “a loving God as He may express Himself...”

As a solution, groups and committees have adopted the consensus-based decision-making process that NA World Service has been using. There is one truth that helps guide us, true spiritual principles are never in conflict; they always complement each other. The true spiritual conscience of a group will never contradict any of our other spiritual principles. Whenever we are faced with a group decision, we first try to eliminate personalities, prejudices, and self-centeredness. Then we review our decisions to make sure they are not in violation of any of our Twelve Traditions. If they are, we take another look at our decision and try to resolve it.

“The Second Tradition is clear and freeing. It begins with the group, united by common purpose. But it immediately makes clear that neither the group nor its members are in charge. Tradition Two sets an ultimate authority above us all, freeing us from the need either to be an authority or to submit to someone else's control. Under the loving care of a Power greater than ourselves we are all equal, and we are each important to NA as a whole.” From GUIDING PRINCIPLES: The Spirit of Our Traditions

by B. Addict (06/10/1981)



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Concept of the Month: Concept 2

“The final responsibility and authority for NA services rests with the NA groups.”

Narcotics Anonymous home groups have formed a worldwide service structure, including local and regional structures. The primary purpose is to carry the message of NA to the addict who still suffers (Tradition 5). This NA service structure is guided, inspired, and informed by the Twelve Concepts for NA service.

The Twelve Concepts for NA Service explains the groups have final responsibility for and authority over the service structure they have created. The responsibility of the groups is to provide their service structure with the ideas of their members. The groups also exercise authority over decisions concerning money collected.

The service structure must always look to the groups for support and direction. The Second Concept reminds our trusted servants that they do not govern, but serve Narcotics Anonymous as a whole. Group conscience must be reflected in all that we do in service to NA. The Second Concept reminds the NA groups that they are responsible to provide guidance, ideas, money and hands-on help to the service structure and committees that have been entrusted to carry the message like the 24-hour room, H&I subcommittee, Activities subcommittee, NA conventions and world service etc.

The Second Concept reminds us that responsibility and authority start with individual addicts participating in their home groups, at business meetings, under the inspiration of a loving higher power for the benefit of addicts everywhere and for NA as a whole!

by C. Addict (08/06/1994)



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Upcoming Events

**GIVING IT AWAY @7
GROUP PRESENTS:**

**ONE DISEASE
ONE BATTLE PLAN
SPEAKER JAM**

JOIN US MARCH 2ND FROM 10AM TO 830PM
FOR A SPEAKER JAM!
COME OUT AND FELLOWSHIP WITH US!!!
DANCE TO FOLLOW THE MEETING.
FOOD AVAILABLE AT COST.
ALL SPEAKERS WILL BE RECORDED.

LOCATION: SERENITY BY THE SEA CLUBHOUSE
1000 POWERLINE ROAD SUITE #4
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33369

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**SBACNA 2024
FUNDRAISER**

**3 ON 3
BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT & PICNIC**

**MUSIC & FOOD
ALL DAY**

Saturday 3/2/24
11am-5pm

16 Teams
1 Winner
\$500 1st Place

\$200 to register
per team
Free Shirts
FREE spots available

COOPER CITY SPORTS
COMPLEX
10300 STIRLING RD
Cooper City , Florida
TONY: 954-299-6853

Come out and root for your
favorite team, bring the kids
BRING A CHAIR
*NA is not affiliated with park



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Upcoming Events



WCNA 38 is a registration-required event. Registration badge is required to enter the convention center. All seats to the main meetings and events will be determined by the date of your registration. Your WCNA registration badge gives you admission to the main meetings, coffeehouse events, and dances. All other events require an additional ticket to attend.

WCNA 38 BEGINS THURSDAY MORNING, 29 AUGUST, AND ENDS BY APPROXIMATELY 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

Registration

Pre-registration ENDS 31 JULY 2024	\$175
Registration (ONLINE & ONSITE)	\$185

Merchandise

Limited quantities and sizes will be available, so please order early! All pre-registration merchandise will be for the current theme, *The Power of Love*, with the exception of the retro T and the pin set illustrating WCNA 15, *Unified and Staying Alive*, held in DC in 1985.

Special Coffee Mug \$20	
Limited edition, uniquely designed mug celebrating <i>The Power of Love</i>	
Embroidered T-Shirt	\$25
Screen Printed T-Shirt	\$20
Unisex Long Sleeved Retro T	\$30
Reversible Bucket Hat	\$20
Unisex Zip Up Hoodie	\$40
Boxed Retro Lapel Pin Set	\$15

Convention Events (limited quantities available)

We are pre-assigning seats for all paid events in the convention center. All seats will be assigned by the date of pre-registration (rather than the date you purchase the tickets). **If you want to sit with friends, you will need to either purchase a table for the food events or purchase tickets on one registration. Otherwise, you will be seated with friends you just haven't met yet!**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Baseball Game	\$50
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THURSDAY

Blues Brunch <i>Vegetarian option is available</i>	\$90
Assigned table for 10 at Blues Brunch	\$900

FRIDAY

Comedy Show (potentially offensive material)	\$55
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SATURDAY

Jazz Brunch <i>Vegetarian option is available</i>	\$90
Assigned table for 10 at Jazz Brunch	\$900

SATURDAY NIGHT

Concert (TBD)

Absolutely no cancellations, exchanges, or refunds after 30 April for merchandise, or 1 June for registration and events.

WCNA Hotels

While we realize many people book rooms on their own, you really help the convention when you book rooms in our room block. Rates may not be available after 25 July 2024.

Please help us plan the best WCNA 38 possible by booking

your Hotel Deposit

room in our room block! Rooms will be added as space is needed. A credit card guarantee is required for each room and is charged 30 days before the event or at the time of cancellation.

Any reservation cancelled at any time after the reservation is made will incur a cancellation fee of \$75.

Pre-registration and hotel reservations are only available online

If you have made hotel reservations or registered and need help, contact ConferenceDirect M-F, 9am-8pm Eastern Time.

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South Dade Area Of
Narcotics Anonymous

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Upcoming Events

SOUTH BROWARD AREA PRESENTS

BINGO & MEETING

**SATURDAY
MARCH 23RD**

1 PM - 5 PM




DOORS OPEN AT 1PM, BINGO AT 1:30PM, SPEAKER MEETING 3PM TO 4PM AND LAST BINGO GAME AT 4:15PM. FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS. WIN \$10, \$20 AND \$30 BINGO PRIZES + RAFFLE!

\$1 BINGO CARDS
\$5 BINGO ENTRY FEE



FOR MORE INFO CALL:
JOSE (786) 356-1273
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COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DAVIE, 6500 SW 47TH ST.
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NOONTIME RECOVERY'S 22ND ANNIVERSARY

PICNIC

IN THE PARK

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 2024

11:00AM-5:00PM

MARKHAM PARK
CORPORATE PAVILLION
16001 W. STATE ROAD SUNRISE, FL
33326

FOOD | FELLOWSHIP | FUN

Speaker Meeting starts at 1:00pm

MORE INFO:
MIRIAM L. 954-593-7312

*NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH MARKHAM PARK



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Upcoming Events

**South Dade Area of NA
ASC & Activities
Subcommittee
Present**

**70's
80's
90's
00's**

***The Eras*
Learning Day
Block Party**

Dress your favorite decade

When: Friday - March 22, 2024
Where: South Miami Lutheran Church
7190 Sunset Dr - Miami, FL 33143
Event Start Time: 7:30PM

Dance to follow

PIE IN THE FACE \$1
Pie in the face your
South Dade ASC
Chairs and Vice Chairs

*Location not affiliated with NA



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Local Announcements

**WE'RE
MOVING**

**KEEP IT SIMPLE
MONDAY NIGHTS**

@ 8:30pm

UNITY CLUB HOUSE

*Starting
March 18*



ALL ARE WELCOME!

**6600 SW 62nd Ave.
South Miami, FL 33143**

END OF THE ROAD GROUP OF
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

**WE ARE
MOVING**

Saturdays @ 10 pm

FIRST MEETING @ NEW LOCATION
WILL BE ON MARCH 23, 2024



JOIN US

NEW LOCATION ADDRESS:
6600 SW 62 AVE



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How to Get Involved : Local Service Committee Meetings

Activities Subcommittee

meets @ 7:15pm

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month
in the Library at South Miami Lutheran Church
7190 Sunset Dr, Miami, FL 33143

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I) Subcommittee

meets @ 7:30pm

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
(This Month February 21)
in the Library at South Miami Lutheran Church
7190 Sunset Dr, Miami, FL 33143

To be included in upcoming issues of this
Newsletter: Please send any subcommittee meeting
dates, times, and meeting locations to
newsletter@namiami.org



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Local Service Committees

SouthDade Area Newsletter

Join us in doing service!

Committee Meets @ 7pm

Every Last Sunday of the Month

In the Library @

South Miami Lutheran Church

7190 Sunset Dr, Miami, FL 33143

*South Miami
Lutheran Church not
affiliated with NA

Contact us at Newsletter@namiami.org



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Happy Anniversary:

Robin S - 02/14/1999

Jimmy K - 02/02/1950

Jeff A - 02/16/1996

Bridgette C - 02/06/2020

Pam R - 02/09/2018

Nelson M - 2/4/2002

Frank H - 02/22/2007

Israel J - 02/23/2007

Vivian A - 02/24/2009

Jose A - 02/15/2021

Michael P - 02/11/2019

Jim W - 02/16/2018

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