

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES NEWSLETTER

Welcome

How do we attract the addict who still suffers to the fellowship of NA? We offer our experience, strength, and hope. 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. 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 8 Experience

"We made a list of all people we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all."

Step 8 for me was a huge action step. The amount of humility I had to display during this step was life changing for me. It also came with a huge amount of fear. When working step 8 it is so imperative that you don't project to step 9, which is much easier said than done.

Step 8 requires you to put pen to paper and make a list of all the people you feel you owe an amends to. The good, the bad, and the indifferent. My sponsor told me don't ever short change yourself on that list by projecting to actually making that amends in step 9, when in reality you might not ever have to so just put every single person that comes to mind without any bias or projection.

As you stay clean and work several step 8's you may notice that you have the same person on your amends list from using and then again from the time you've been clean. You may even owe someone amends who has passed away. This is where the humility comes in. I found it super easy to make a list of people i harmed when i was using but because of ego and resentment it was hard to put them on my list after having several years clean.

Having the willingness to make your amends to the people you have put on your list is the only requirement for this step. You must be able to do this with an open mind and open heart. it is my experience that the freedom that comes from this type of humility is unmatched.

By A. Addict (05/01/2012)



Tradition of the Month: Tradition 8

"Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

Our primary purpose is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers...and, as most of us know from experiencing the power of hearing our own stories shared in a meeting by a total stranger, the therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel. Being able to hear stories and feelings that I can relate to, has given me hope that I too can find a new way of life and experience freedom from addiction. Tradition 8 supports this purpose by emphasizing that this work should be carried out by individual members, those in recovery – not professionals – because that is what works best.

There is a place for special workers however, to support the members and groups as they fulfil their primary purpose. Special workers can provide logistical and administrative support, so that individual members can focus on carrying the message.... Special workers can be hired to do accounting or to disseminate literature for example... these workers do not direct the fellowship, rather the fellowship directs the special worker. This is to protect NA from issues of power, property and prestige that could divert us from our primary purpose.

From my own experience, I think that volunteers from within our fellowship are best suited to run our worldwide fellowship. Professional management and the desire for financial gain, could easily divert us from our primary purpose. Financial incentives could potentially skew where and how funds are raised and create unintended consequences.

Lastly, addicts (myself included) do not like to be told what to do! Easy to see why volunteering is the way to go when it comes to growing our fellowship. When I am motivated to do service with no agenda, power trip or financial gain in mind, it expands who I am as a person and helps me feel the joy of being part of a community that cares for each other. When I give, I receive much more in return, the intangible and priceless gift of wellbeing and self respect. By D. Addict (10/23/1985)



Concept of the Month: Concept 8

"Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications."

"The groups have joined together to create a service structure which develops, coordinates, and maintains services on behalf of NA. The relationship of the groups to our structure is a two-way street analogous to the sponsor/sponsee relationship in our recovery. Our sponsors can only be effective in helping us if we honestly tell them who we are and what our experiences have been. Similarly, in Public Information work, our services are only as effective as the communications which support and guide them.

Full, honest reporting to those we serve ensures that the flow of information will support our continued growth as a Fellowship, since true group conscience comes best from having all available information on hand, and then from open-mindedly listening to it all. Clear, frequent communication helps ensure that our services will be effective because they will more fully represent the collective conscience of our groups.

This concept is directly important to our service committees as they communicate within themselves and with each other. Honest, effective, and complete internal communications paves the way for unity of purpose in developing, coordinating, and maintaining services on behalf of NA. A good part of communications involves listening to what others are saying, and the committee should always operate with an attitude of respect and attention to all participants.

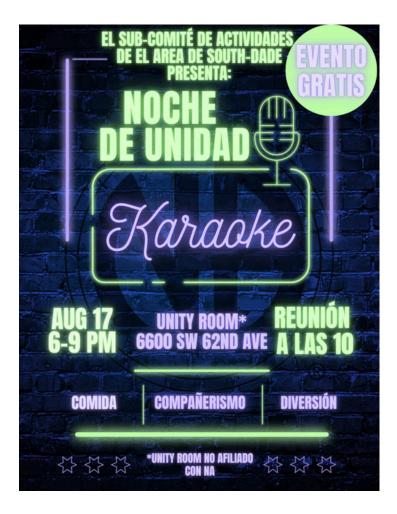
Clear and effective communication is equally essential within the committee itself, other parts of the service structure, and with the public. For example, within the committee, new members should be guided by those with experience in making reports which are both inclusive and concise." From: Concept 8. In Twelve Concepts for NA Service . essay.



Upcoming Events



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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 SEPTEMBE

Registration

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

Merchandise

Limited quantities and sizes will be available, so please order FRIDAY early! All pre-registration merchandise will be for the current Comedy Show (potentially offensive material) 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 DAY DC in 1985.

Special Coffee Mug \$20

Boxed Retro Lapel Pin Set

Limited edition, uniquely designed mug celebrating The Power of Love \$25 Embroidered T-Shirt Screen Printed T-Shirt \$20 Unisex Long Sleeved Retro T \$30 Reversible Bucket Hat Unisex Zip Up Hoodie \$40

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 vet!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Baseball Game

THURSDAY Blues Brunch Vegetarian option is available	\$90
Assigned table for 10 at Blues Brunch	\$900

\$50

\$55

Jazz Brunch Vegetarian option is available \$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

Rates may not be available after 25 July 2024.

Please help us plan the best WCNA 38 possible by booking

room in our room block! Rooms will be added as space is 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.

\$15

If you have made hotel reservations or registered and need help, contact ConferenceDirect M-F, 9am-8pm Eastern Time. : +1/844.460.9824 US | +1/704.419.8426 international wcna@conferencedirect.com

Local Annoucements

¿TINENES PROBLEMAS CON LAS DROGAS?



NOSOTROS PODEMOS AYUDARTE!

¡LIBRE, GRATUITO Y CONFIDENCIAL! (305) 265-9955

GRUPOS DEL ÁREA DE HABLA HISPANA DEL SUR DE LA FLORIDA

EL VIAJE CONTINUA

DOMINGO 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM 4425 HOLLYWOOD BLVD HOLLYWOOD FL 33022

SOMOS UN MILAGRO

DOMINGO 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
MARTES 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MIÉRCOLES REUNIÓN
VIRTUAL 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
ZOOM ID:7317740756
VIERNES 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SABADO 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
38 CURTIS PARKWAY
MIAMI SPRINGS 33166

POCO A POCO

LUNES 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM JUEVES 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM 7190 SUNSET DRIVE MIAMI 33413

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RENACIMIENTO

VIERNES 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 7190 SUNSET DRIVE MIAMI 33413

SABADO GIGANTE

SÁBADOS 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM 7190 SUNSET DRIVE MIAMI 33143

CONECTADOS

MIERCOLES 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM 6600 SW 62ND AVE. SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143





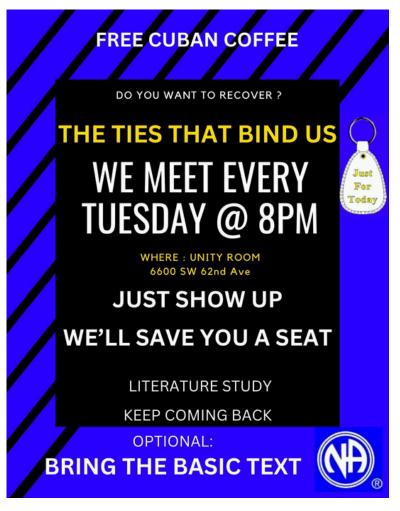
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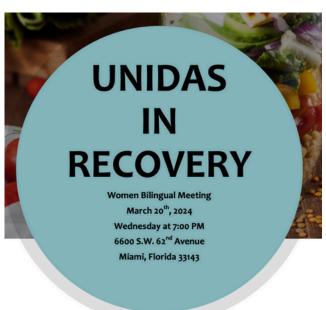
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Location: 7190 Sunset Dr Time: 9:00 p.m.

yummy food!

**LOCATION NOT AFFILIATED W NA

NEW MEETING

<u>T.G.I.F</u>

Thank God It's Friday

WHERE: ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

TIKI HUT 10700 SW 56 ST. Miami, Fl. 33165

DAY: EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM

TIME: 8:00PM-9:00PM

WE ARE IN NEED OF TRUSTED SERVANTS AND SUPPORT PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

THIS GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE CHURCH



How to Get Involved : Local Service Committee Meetings



Needs Volunteers and Speakers

We Meet The Third
Wednesday of Every Month at
7:30pm in The Library.



South Miami Lutheran Church 7190 SW 72nd St Miami, FL 33143

For More Information, Contact: ANGEL C #954-817-6852 TONY L #786-879-3347

*NA Is Not Affiliated With This Location

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

How to Get Involved : Local Service Committee Meetings

Public Relations Subcommittee

meets @ 7pm
The last Sunday of every Month
in the Library at South Miami Lutheran
Church 7190 Sunset Dr, Miami, FL 33143

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

How to Get Involved: Local Service Committees Meetings 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

Happy Anniversary:

Theresa - 08/25/1991

Francis M - 8/24/2003

Gianluk A - 08/09/2019

Jose G - 08/01/2018

Earlene C - 08/04/1989

Vicki B - 08/07/1981

Clayton - 08/06/1994

Nick R - 08/8/2010

Alex H - 08/27/1997

Yazeed - 08/06/2023

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