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RARELY HAVE WE SEEN A PERSON FAIL WHO HAS THOROUGHLY FOLLOWED OUR PATH

2008 World Conference

"Why do those delegates go to LA for a week - are they on vacation?" A confused CA member might ask.

"The World Service Conference ("WSC") is the nerve center and voice of our fellowship. The WSC is the one time each year when all the other service branches come together. Unlike all other service branches of CA service, the WSC is not an entity, it is an event. At the WSC the delegates, the World Service Board of Trustees, and the managers and Directors of the World Service Office meet to discuss ideas and direction for the fellowship of CA as a whole. The WSC can last up to a week; however, the planning and implementation associated with the WSC is a year-round proposition." <http://www.ca.org/service/conference.htm>, August 18, 2008.

The WSC is far from a vacation. It is a time of intense commitment and service to the fellowship of CA. The delegates are involved in many things such as putting together the WS manual, voting on petitions for areas to be recognized, voting on budget changes that affect CA as a whole, proposed changes to our literature and committees, and much more. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you! - WI Area Delegate

2010 CA World Convention: Milwaukee, WI

I personally would like to invite everyone to join us in putting on the 2010 World Convention, as it is going to be held right here in Milwaukee!! We have some Chairperson positions still available and if you would like to get involved we meet at Central Office every first Sunday of the month at 5pm. We have chosen a theme and it is "Farfromusin". If you would like to submit artwork please bring it to our September 7th meeting. We have wonderful pen sets available to purchase and will soon have t-shirts available as well. Come join the fun and be apart of a great opportunity to meet people from around the world and to be able to give back to the CA fellowship.

Thanks Quin B.

2010 World Convention Chairperson

We are always looking for submissions from members. If you have ideas, poems, stories, recovery humor or any special group related information that you would like to see in this publication, please send to: C.A. SPIRIT 9203 W. Blue Mound Rd. Suite A Milwaukee, WI 53226 or e-mail Sage, the C.A. Spirit editor: insidious_insanity@yahoo.com

**Submission Deadline for next issue:
October 10, 2008**



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"The AA Big Book, AA 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and the Hope Faith and Courage are used with Permission."

"In the spirit of Tradition 6: We are not allied with any sect denomination, politics, organization or institution".

Dear Addict,



Once the obsession to use is gone, does that mean that I am cured of my addiction?

Dear Anonymous,

It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol (drugs) is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism (addiction). What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. Every day is a day when we must carry the vision of God's will into all of our activities.

- The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous p.85

Our World Service Conference approved books of Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Hope, Faith & Courage, and other C.A. literature is used to answer inquiries to this section of the C.A. Spirit newsletter - *Dear Addict*. If you have difficulty understanding this or have questions regarding our literature, please ask for help from your Sponsor, or another member of C.A..

Opportunities for
GROWTH



Calendar of Upcoming Cocaine Anonymous Events

CA of Wisconsin Area Annual Picnic

Date: September 6, 2008
Location: South Shore Park
Milwaukee, WI
Time: Begins at 11am
Open Speaker Meeting: 2:30pm



Please pick up a
flyer at any
meeting for more
information.

2008 Fall Retreat at Green Lake October 3, 4 & 5



Look for more information and registration forms at your meetings.

2008 Midwest Regional Convention Hosted by Greater Missouri Area October 10, 11 & 12 St. Louis, Missouri

REGISTRATION FORMS HAVE MORE INFO. AND
ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR ONLINE AT
www.cawisconsin.org



Share your Group or Area Committee Events... For more information contact C.A. Spirit Editor,
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Event flyers may be found at your C.A. home group literature table or on our web page: cawisconsin.org

Step Nine: Made direct amends to such people, except when to do so would injure them or others.

So we clean house with the family, asking each morning in meditation that our Creator show us the way of patience, tolerance, kindness and love.

The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it. Unless one's family expresses a desire to live upon spiritual principles we think we ought not to urge them. We should not talk incessantly to them about spiritual matters. They will change in time. Our behavior will convince them more than our words. We must remember that ten or twenty years of drunkenness would make a skeptic out of anyone.

There may be some wrongs we can never fully right. We don't worry about them if we can honestly say to ourselves that we would right them

if we could. Some people cannot be seen—we send them an honest letter. And there may be a valid reason for postponement in some cases. But we don't delay if it can be avoided. We should be sensible, tactful, considerate and humble without being servile or scraping. As God's people we stand on our feet; we don't crawl before anyone.

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of use-

lessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

- Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous p. 83, 84

Step Ten: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

This thought brings us to Step Ten, which suggests we continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We

discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. Love and tolerance of others is our code.

-Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous p. 84

I love the tenth step! This is an action step where I can correct any wrongs immediately. This allows me to be accountable for my actions and prevents me from having to

write another huge fourth step. I can *feel* it now when it seems I owe someone an apology. I want to make the amends as soon as possible so that my feelings do not stay pent up inside. If I begin to harbor resentments, there is a good chance that my sobriety will be in jeopardy. I do continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. These are dangerous emotions for me; I do not want them to lead me back out on the streets. I try very hard to keep my side of the street clean today. -Anonymous

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Area Picnic
7 2010 World Convention Planning Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 2009 Area Con- vention Planning Meeting	15	16 ASC Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
It's never too late to be what you might have been.						

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			1	2	3 Fall Retreat October 3, 4, 5	4
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19	20	21 ASC Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September and October Sobriety Clean Time Birthdays

Sage S.	9/01/05	3 years
Lynn G.	9/11/02	6 years
Vicki V.	9/15/93	15 years
Rick A.	9/19/05	3 years
Mark D.	9/27/99	9 years
Joe V.	9/30/89	19 years



Rick D.	10/11/94	14 years
Diane W.	10/12/97	11 years
Jim R.	10/15/97	11 years
Tracy C.	10/19/01	7 years
Angela L.	10/29/03	5 years

Give a message of HOPE to the newcomer. Submit your sobriety/clean time anniversary to our Area's newsletter calendar!

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Area Service

5:00 PM	Area Convention Committee / 2nd Sunday
6:00 PM	Delegate Committee / 1st Monday (9105 W. Howard Ave. Milwaukee, WI)
2:00 PM	Unity Committee / 2nd Sunday
6:30 PM	G.S.R. Orientation Meeting / 3rd Tuesday
6:00 PM	Special Events Committee / 3rd Tuesday
6:00 PM	Treasurer Committee / 3rd Tuesday
6:00 PM	Finance Committee / 3rd Tuesday
6:30 PM	Internet Committee / 3rd Tuesday
7:00 PM	Area Service Committee Meeting / 3rd Tuesday
6:00 PM	H & I Committee / 1st Thursday

Open Positions: Co-Secretary, Alternate Delegate

Service Committee Meetings are held at:
C.A.W.A. Central Office
9203 W. Blue Mound Rd.
Suite A
Milwaukee, WI 53226



All C.A. members are
WELCOME and
encouraged to attend.