

Mid-City Area



M. C. A
Monthly Social
 AT
FIFTH CITY



3350 W. Jackson
 Jackson & Homan
 Saturday Jan. 27th .2007
 8:00 pm – 2: 00 am

Come out and *experience* the message of recovery given by grateful members. Card Playing, Dancing, good clean fun, and fellowshipping.

Free Parking!!

Refreshments will be sold
 (Recovery facilities donation is \$3.00)
 Unity is a must in Narcotics Anonymous

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE
 FELLOWSHIP



For further info contact
 REC&ACT. Chairperson
 MADALYN B. @ 773 440-2917

(NEXT SOCIAL Feb. 24th .2006)



Need help? **CALL** Narcotics Anonymous day or night @ 708-848-4884 and talk to a recovering Addict or you could E-mail us

@

www.chicagona.org

CRC XIX

Chicagoland Regional Convention

Would like to thank all the mid-city area member's for coming out and supporting the convention

"The Journey Continues.."

With CRC XX in 2008,

For more info visit www.chicagona.org

Or contact:

CRC XIX Chair: Charlotte w. 773/358-8441

CRC XIX Co-Chair: James Jr. 773/972-8390

Convention Information Chair:

Tony B. 773-972-8390

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Is having a book review of the
 Basic Text 6th Edition

Saturday Jan. 27, 2007

12:00 noon-2:00 pm

@the C.S.O. 1701 s. 1st Av. Ste. #502

Maywood. IL, 60153

Also

Saturday Feb. 10, 2007

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

@the Joyful Noise

75th & Exchange

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
 31 YEARS IN CHICAGOLAND



SWITCHING ROLES

I still remember the first time I realized I wanted to be like my older brother. At the time I was 10 years old, and he was fifteen years my senior. I was like a formless sculpture, waiting to be molded into anything other than what I was. One weekend, my mother went out of town, so I spent the weekend with my brother and discovered a world that I had not seen before in my sheltered existence. I would be invented that weekend, and everything I did for the next several years was a direct result of that occurrence.

His apartment was a small one bedroom, full of beer cans and pornographic magazines. It was heaven as far as I was concerned. He and his friends smoked cigars, drank beer, and snorted something that looked like sugar up their noses. They all laughed hysterically and had a fabulous time. I was desperate for that feeling, so every chance I got I would sneak into the bathroom and imbibe a beer. The euphoria I shared with them was perhaps the first experience I ever had where I felt like I belonged. From then on, emulating my brother and re-creating that feeling was my purpose. I accomplished this by using drugs to change the way I felt.

After a few years of this behavior and some problems with the local youth authority, my mother moved us to another state. I no longer had my brother to look up to, and had no friends to replace my hero, so I did what had become natural to me: I got loaded. I soon had lots of friends, and we partied on the weekends just like my brother did. It wasn't long before the weekends turned into weekdays, and the euphoric feeling I once had was all but gone. I missed my brother, my hero, but it would be years before we would see each other again. When my brother came to Oregon, where we had moved, it was not to visit. He had nowhere else to go. He was frail and the years had not been



kind to him. I was using drugs every day and was eager to party with my brother again, but something was different. The years of abuse had made him ill and he could no longer function while using, but that did not stop him from being my hero. He used to the point of unconsciousness. He often urinated on himself, and he embarrassed me every time he used. It became easy for me to make a joke of him so that I did not have to look at myself and what I had become. I dismissed him as my hero, as quickly as I had made him so.

Seeing my brother in his dilapidated state gave me a vision of my own future. I needed to stop using, but I didn't know how, and I was becoming desperate. My mental and physical condition was deteriorating rapidly. The pain of remaining the same finally becomes greater than my fear of change, and I sought help.

After a period of abstinence, my life began to change. I came to respect myself and I gained a sense of dignity and integrity. My brother, however, continued to abuse himself, and nearly died more than once. I wanted to help him, but I knew he had to want to help himself.

After I had been clean for three years, my brother started noticing the change recovery had brought to me, and he wanted that for himself. He tried many times to stop, but was not successful. I finally gave him the number of a treatment facility, and told him that if he wanted to stop using I would walk through hell with him--- but if he wanted to continue using, he would have to walk through hell alone. To my surprise and joy, he stopped using, and he is still in recovery today.

My brother tells me every day that he looks up to me and that I am his hero. As much as I would like to take credit for this, I know I am no hero. It is the program of Narcotics Anonymous that gets the credit for my brother's new attitude of gratitude and hope. It was the life that Narcotics Anonymous given me that attracted my brother to recovery.

F.Y.I**Some facts about home groups**

Hi, my name is *Derrick A.*

And I would like to tell you a few things about my home group.

We offer a progressive Twelve step & Tradition Program with a speaker every fourth Tuesday on the fifth week if there is one, we have topic and discussion,

So if you like (Hugs and Laughs)

And most of all, in the recovering process then this could be your home group too,

We have meeting twice a week.

A NEW WAY TO LIVE (tues. 7:00pm-9:00pm)

and **FULL OF GOLD** (thur. 7:00-9:00pm)

at *Cathedral Shelter, 1668 w. Ogden Av.*

Bring another recovering addict
NEW COMERS ARE WELCOME!



Space Available

**Don't miss out
THIS COULD BE
YOUR
HOME GROUP**

**"TRUSTED SERVANTS"
BEWARE**

OF THOSE MEMBERS CHOOSING NOT TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE N.A. PROGRAM. THIS IS NOT A MISTAKE, A MISTAKE: IS ONLY A MISTAKE WHEN

YOU DON'T LEARN FROM IT."

HOWEVER" WHEN MEMBERS

CHOOSE TO CONTINUE THEIR

SELFISH BEHAVIOR, WITH THE

SERVICE COMMITMENT THEY HAVE

BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH EFFECTS

N.A. AS A WHOLE THERE ARE

MID-CITY AREA MEMBER. WHO ARE

MISAPPROPRIATING N.A FUNDS,

Misappropriate: to take or use wrongly

or dishonestly esp. money in which

one is entrusted or to us improperly.

**"HERE ARE SOME"
MEMBERS**

Katherine S, Ernest A.

And

Lee Mc.

N.A. funds are to be used to further our primary purpose and must be managed responsibly.

ACCOUNTABILITY: is an essential aspect of responsible. N.A. financial management. When the members of Narcotics Anonymous provide group, committees, offices, and conventions with funds, our service structure is responsible to account for how those funds are used.

When NA members contribute service funds, they expect their money to be used carefully, and to be used for the sole purpose of furthering our primary purpose. By accepting that contribution, our groups, service boards, and committees make a commitment to use those funds to carry the NA message, and to manage them responsibly.

CONGRATULATIONS

CLEAN-DAYS

November

Carl T.	11/03	9yrs.
Steve B.	11/10	14yrs.
Reggie W.	11/15	10yrs.
Dorothy F.	11/16	13yrs.
Rochelle Mc.	11/22	6yrs.
Andre B.	11/27	7yrs.

December

Gwen S.	12/01	2yrs.
Tiawana H.	12/02	3yrs.
Charmaine S.	12/05	7yrs.
Tyrone W.	12/09	17yrs.
Kevin W.	12/12	5yrs.
Kelvin P.	12/14	7yrs.
Chiquetta H.	12/16	10yrs.
Linda R.	12/17	13yrs.
Corey J.	12/20	2yrs.
Debra S.	12/21	12yrs.
Kelvin A.	12/22	13yrs.
Clifford A.	12/26	6yrs.
Keith F.	12/27	9yrs.

January

Ron C.	01/02	5yrs.
Shirley G.	01/04	3yrs.
Tony W.	01/04	8yrs.
Otto.	01/05	3yrs.
Kirby H.	01/05	3yrs.
Dede E.	01/08	2yrs.
Madalyn B.	01/10	10yrs.
Earl C.	01/17	4yrs.
Robert P.	01/17	3yrs.

CONGRATULATION!!

For addicts any clean day is a successful day.

"KEEP COMING BACK

BIRTHDAYS

November

Corey J.	11/05
Yulanda T.	11/09
Joy.	11/12
Jay H.	11/12
Kevin Wo.	11/26

December

Charmaine S.	12/02
Howard H.	12/06
Delores B.	12/10
Anthony L.	12/12
Sharon W	12/15
Derrick A.	12/20
Ralph P.	12/25

January

Ken B.	01/01
Venus W.	01/03
Lloyd C.	01/04
Hosea A.	01/08
Brenda D.	01/13
Dwayne Mc.	01/16
Larry T.	01/21
Tommy P.	01/27
Brenda I.	01/29
Flenard T.	01/31

*If you have any question, comment, or suggestions
Feel free to contact the Newsletter Committee at
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CHARLES M Chairperson

