

Mid-City Area

M.C.A

Learning Day, Speaker Jam

&

Monthly Social
At

HOMAN SQUARE

3333 W. Arthington

Saturday June 23rd, 2007

12:00 noon – 2: 00 am

Come out and *experience* the message of recovery given by grateful members, And learn more about the N.A Program. Followed by Card Playing, Dancing, good clean fun, and fellowshiping.

\$6.00 all night

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 will be back on the 4th FIRDAY
July 27th, 2007



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

COMING SOON..

M.C.A

ANNUAL PICNIC

July 28th, 2007

At

COLUMBUS PARK

Grove, No# 7

from

Dawn til Dusk

All members that are
interested in serving on this
committee.

Contact: Diana V.

@

312-296-4237

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

"The Journey Continues..."

With C.R.C XX

In 2008,

For more Information visit

www.chicagona.org

Or Contact:

Convention Information

Tony B. @ 773/354-4746

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
32 YEARS IN CHICAGOLAND



CONSEQUENCES OF MY ADDICTION

Jail, Institution, Death

As a result of my addiction I've had to face many things I didn't like. Somewhere punishments like juvenile detention, etc, and community service.

Others consequences were out patient and in patient treatments and along with all of those consequences where feeling I had a hard time dealing with like anger, guilt and stress. The number one consequence to me was lost time. I lost time I should've been spending at school which back then didn't seem important. Now I'm a couple years behind and I'm almost 18 years old. I lost time I could've spent with my family but back then I always wanted to be with the people who where never there for me, my friends. Two moments that I'll always remember was when my little brothers who where five and six years old told me that they hated cops because they always come to the house and took me away. The other was when I went to court from juvenile detention. I knew that I wouldn't be getting released but when the judge actually said it and they started to put me in hand cuffs, the look in my mom's eyes I could tell that she wanted to cry.

I'm about to be a father and the whole time that my baby's mother is going to be pregnant and the baby's first month I'll be in a institution. I'll be able to see them at all. It bothers me that I won't be able to fully be there for them. I also lost time in which I could've been working to save money for my future. That stresses me out because I feel like I'm behind in life. Two out of three times I've been to jail or detention where because of my use. One of those times was for a warrant that got put out for me because I didn't show up to my admission date for my inpatient treatment.

The other was for when I got arrested for position with the intent to deliver. I got sentenced five times and after the third I should've been sentenced to I.D.O.C. but they gave me one last chance because my probation officer saw a lot of potential in me from the first time I was in treatment. While I was in the county jail I met an old school member that had already been incarcerated for seven years on a sentence of 65 years. After he told me his situation I realized how many opportunities I still have including my freedom. Isn't free. His advice to was that I was extremely knowledgeable and young so I could still change my life before I ended up in a situation like the one he was in. as much as I love and understand the gang life I had to let it go because it won't love

me back. I know of three ways it usually ended up, and that's in a wheel chair, life in prison, or death. Easy money is something I had to let go. In the past I would use the excuse that I don't want to get a job making \$300.00 every two pushing karts. I'd rather make \$800 selling drugs, doing what I called nothing because to me it was effortless. When I think about it, I realize the price is value but how hard I work to get personal value. That way I take more care of things I buy. The reality was that it would only be so long before I got caught and would end up with a few hundred out of the thousands I was making. The money got wasted on partying. Paying back my connection. And court fines that I wouldn't have if I wasn't living that life style. Now I thought about selling drugs to support my baby but when I get caught I won't be able to be there at all. If I put myself in myself baby's shoes I'm sure he or she would rather have me do the right thing so that I can always be there instead of going in and out of jail.

Using friends I definitely have to let go because even if they don't use around me I know its there and that's a trigger for me. My everyday group of friends consisted of three others. They all respect what I am trying to do but some of them don't want to quit using, and some of them want to continue to be gang involved. I worried about others for to long in the end to have them walk off and do their own thing. All that trying to keep us together was for nothing. But I guess nobody wants to live like this forever and eventually they realize that. Some before other. I realize that my life is all about me because when I got to jail or get sent somewhere it's only me and my thoughts no one else that matters. It's all about me and my life.

I'm used to always protecting my pride and my ego. I care too much about my past and protecting my image that only got me more trouble because of the fighting mine or over money that will eventually be wasted. Years from now all of that won't matter. Just like in school it won't matter who my friends where, what clothes I wore, or what car I drove. All that will matter is what I learned. I realize that I make a lot of my choices based on those people I hate and the people I've hurt. Resentments are running my life. If *GOD* can forgive me, than I can forgive my self. I have to let go and let *GOD*. Time is another thing I have to give up so that in the long run I'll have more. I've already spent over a year of my life in institutions and treatment. If I don't change eventually I'll be serving all my time in prison. If I try to live a life full of action and partying I'll die young. I believe that I should work before I can enjoy. I've already been to **JAIL** and **INSTITUTION**. Next is **DEATH**.

F.Y.I**WE ARE RECOVERING**

- We have the power to make this world a better place.
- With the tools of love, friendship, and support.
- We have the energy to see each other through challenges.
- We have the strength to give support when one of us is weak.
- We have the faith that together, can handle any situation.
- We have enough love to see beyond faults.
- We Desire to see each other succeed.
- We possess enough wisdom to offer solutions to problems.
- We share the knowledge that united; no outside force can defeat us.
- Rooted and grounded in Narcotics Anonymous.
- We are recovering!!!

The Gatekeeper (John S.T.)

The Gatekeeper, June 10, 21 years. Will always be remembered for his contribution to our new members. Helping them to fix in their first meeting. And for helping out at our picnic every year we love you Gatekeeper.

If you would like to keep the memories of our members who has past on, and what they left as a legacy in your life.

Write the Newsletter

**“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**

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.

CLEAN-DATES**April**

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| Marshall W. | 04/05 | 7yrs. |
| Otha L | 04/06 | 13yrs. |
| Denise H. | 04/08 | 15yrs. |
| Betty W. | 04/09 | 11yrs. |
| Les T. | 04/17 | 2yrs. |
| Carl S. | 04/19 | 12yrs. |
| Anthony A. | 04/19 | 16yrs. |
| Phyllis C. | 04/24 | 6yrs. |
| Cynthia G. | 04/25 | 9yrs. |
| Payton T. | 04/26 | 13yrs. |

May

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| Lamon. (reese) | 05/01 | 15yrs. |
| Rock. | 05/01 | 14yrs. |
| Amon D. | 05/02 | 13yrs. |
| Sheldon W. | 05/05 | 3yrs. |
| Keith D. | 05/12 | 13yrs. |
| Ken C. | 05/21 | 18yrs. |
| Eric L. | 05/24 | 12yrs. |
| Joyce E. | 05/26 | 6yrs. |
| Carl A. | 05/29 | 14yrs. |

June

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| Gorger F. | 06/09 | 18yrs. |
| Cheryl T. | 06/17 | 13yrs. |
| Tony (Bowlegs)P. | 06/19 | 14yrs. |
| April S. | 06/20 | 4yrs. |
| Kim D. | 06/24 | 7yrs. |
| Lavez | 06/28 | 5yrs. |
| Sharon W. | 06/29 | 9yrs. |

CONGRATULATION!!

For addicts any clean day is a successful day.

"KEEP COMING BACK

BIRTHDAYS**April**

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|-------------|-------|
| Anthony A. | 04/01 |
| Annette R. | 04/06 |
| Sheldon W. | 04/06 |
| Cornell B. | 04/17 |
| Reggie W. | 04/18 |
| Anthony Mc. | 04/24 |
| April S. | 04/23 |

May

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| Cornelius H. | 05/01 |
| Levi S. | 05/03 |
| Keith F. | 05/05 |
| Nahomi G. | 05/06 |
| Sharon W. | 05/09 |
| Vontrell W. | 05/11 |

June

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| Lewis R. | 06/01 |
| Lorain B. | 06/08 |
| Donald H. | 06/10 |
| Jade S. | 06/12 |
| Daria B. | 06/16 |
| Theresa B. | 06/23 |
| Charles H. | 06/23 |
| Dane B. | 06/26 |

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CHARLES M Chairperson*

