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THANKSGIVING



# Mid-City Area

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Our CHAIRPERSON

## FUNDRAISING & ENTERTAINMENT

PRESENTS....

NA IDOL CONTEST@

THE LAST BASH ,NOVEMBER 27,2009

@ 7:00pm

HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO

151 E.NORTH ,WACKER  
DRIVE .CHICAGO,IL

This event is FREE so show your talent.

This is also the FINAL DAY TO PURCHASE:CRCXX11 CONVENTION  
PRE-REGISTRATION AT \$10.00 RATE.

Call (773)629-5477 & (708)278-3099 or JUST SHOW UP .

WELCOME TO ALL NEW TRUSTED  
SERVANTS



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## CRCXX11 PRESENTS JUST FOR TODAY:

The Journey Continues...Hyatt Regency Hotel

151 E. North Wacker Drive,Chicago IL

January 7-10 2010

To Register contact Chair–Yulanda T (773) 430-0560

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**Note Well:**

**THANKSGIVINGS DAY MARATHON**

NEED A SAFE PLACE TO BE? NEED TO TALK? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.

November 25, 2009 1:00pm-10:00pm

MOUNT VERNON CHURCH

2622 W. Jackson Chicago, IL

Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up.

Contact Archie B. (773) 899-7409 & Stacey W. (773) 524-8354

The meeting U CAN'T TOUCH THIS has relocated to INNER VOICE 4458 W. Jackson. Tuesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm. This meeting is in need of support. Come out and give it some support.

The IP meeting on Thursdays FRESH START @ 2622 W. Jackson time 6:00 pm– 7:45 pm is in need of support & trusted servants. Come out and give it some support.

The meeting A SAFE PLACE on Fridays @ 321 N. Mason time 7:00 pm– 9:00 pm is in need of support & trusted servants come out and give it some support.

We will like to thank all the members who came out to the Learning Day workshop and gave it support . There was much information received and much gave therefore it was successful.

In loving service ,Booker P.



## “THE LAST BASH”

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Nov.	11/27	7:00pm	Hyatt Regency Hotel

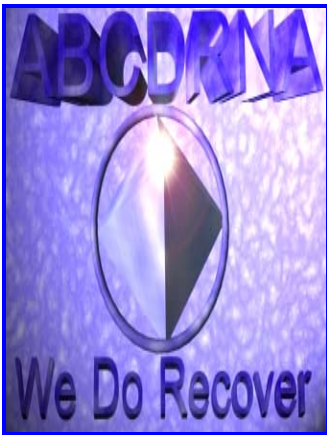


### Clean Dates

Flenard	11/01	12 yrs.	Dorothy F.	11/16	16 yrs.
Stella	10/09	17 yrs.	Venus W.	11/17	8yrs.
Steve B.	10/10	17 yrs.	Samantha T.	11/18	17yrs.
Rodney M.	10/15	17yrs.	Denise N.	11/09	17yrs.
Marilyn D.	10/15	17yrs.	Diana V.	11/21	10 yrs.
Lloyd A.	10/17	9 yrs.	Rechel M.	11/22	9 yrs.
Darrick A.	10/17	9yrs.	Andra B.	11/27	10 yrs.
Sam J.	10/21	9 yrs.	Wylie H.	11/28	15 yrs.
Leon V.	10/25	15yrs.	Cornell M.	10/11	18yrs.



*Hold on  
change  
Is coming  
There  
Hope*



### Birthday's Dates

Carl T.	10/03	Jerry J.	11/01
Madalyn D.	10/13	Marsha C.	11/05
Darvin W.	10/26	Wayne J.	11/05
		Corey	11/05
		Delia	11/10
		Jeff M.	11/16
		Chiquetta H.	11/17
		Frances W.D.	11/20
		Gale G.	11/23
		Kevin W.	11/26



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### Today

My clean date is 15 October 2000. Although I have clean been a while , I feel like a newcomer more and more . The first eight years of my recovery were a balancing act between recovery , school , and work . Many times other NA members going through the same struggles share their experience , which has helped me keep my priorities intact .

I don't know if I would ever come to Narcotics Anonymous on my own . I need to stay thankful for the local police who arrested me and the judge who sentenced me to a recovery - based prison . It was there that I established the foundation of the recovery that I have today . There I got the first glimpse of what life might be like if I actually participated instead of just floating along with what was familiar to me.

After being locked up for several months , I began to slowly work an NA program. Upon release I went through six months in- house rehap and got my first sponsor . She was an amazing woman . I say was " because she passed away four years ago from this disease . Within ten months of her death another woman vital to my early recovery also died of this disease . Needless to say , these deaths rock my world . The two women I learned to open up to, to share the real me with , died . And not just died, but died from this disease . No longer was my recovery about maintaining my freedom from prison : now it was about life itself . I struggled with the concept of a Higher Power . I faked it for some time, thinking I was grasping it. At about three years clean I felt empty inside. I couldn't figure it out ; I had a good job, good friends, and what I thought was good recovery. I decided to go to an Eleventh Step meeting to see what it was all about , scared because I had rumors of the "gurus" that attended the meeting . Well those "gurus" treated me like one of them . They extended themselves and shared their recovery and were a pivotal point in my recovery . I heard concepts and ideas that reshaped my own ideas and helped my process move forward .

I am still young in my recovery , though at times I feel I have experience a lifetime of events in these few short years . I recently got married to a kind , wonderful man I hope to experience the rest of my life with . I now have real friends in my life who care about me for who I am, not what I have. I have learned so much , yet feel that each day is an opportunity to learn something new about myself and the way I view the world I live in .At moments I regret all the wasted years of usings, but then I realize that without the path that I have taken I wouldn't have the life I now live . Thank you , Narcotics Anonymous ,for leading me back to my Higher Power and teaching me how to live .  
Lisa R. California , USA

