

Mid-City Area



M.C.A

Monthly Social

Has moved to a
New Location

HOMAN SQUARE

3333 W. Arthington
FRIDAY APRIL 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 May 25th .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. @ 773/358-4746

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
32 YEARS IN CHICAGOLAND**



“Never alone”

One of the programs of the treatment center was to go to NA. I went to NA. Meeting out of obligation, but it never dawned on me that it was something I needed. Rather, I thought I should quickly “graduate” NA. When I finished the one-year treatment program. I stopped going to NA meeting. I started to accumulate more and more stress. Just when I thought I should use again because living was getting so tough, a fellow member who happened to have less clean time than I did invited me to go to a meeting with him. I went just for the sake of friendship. As I shared my story, those around me in the meeting were nodding their heads. I could truly feel that I didn't have to be alone as long as I kept coming to NA meeting. That was so comforting. At that moment I felt it was okay for me to stay here and then a deep sense of serenity came over me.

Louis H.

And...uh...

“Hi, my name is Bubbles, and I'm an addict and an alcoholic...uh...I mean I'm an addict and...an addict. Well, anyway, back when I was drinking and drugging...I mean, using and...Ugh! What I meant to say was, back when I was taking drugs and alcohol...I mean, drugs and, um, drugs...Argh! In any case, now that I'm clean and sober...oops, I mean clean and...”

As ridiculous as this mumbo-jumbo reads on paper, it comes out sounding that redundant to me every time I hear someone introduce himself as an “addict and an alcoholic” or talk about being “clean and sober.” Not that I would ever directly criticize someone (or ever gently correct them) for the way they share. There is, after all, only one requirement for membership in NA, and it doesn't have anything to do with how we introduce ourselves or share in meetings. Instead, I share on an NA message, limit my meeting attendance to NA., quote only from NA literature, and have found that most members eventually come around to a similar perspective if they stick around long enough. I also share, whenever it's relevant, that NA is sufficient—even abundant—in its ability to provide optimal recovery...that I don't need to supplement my NA program by attending meeting of any other twelve-step fellowship, learn my recovery out of any other twelve-step textbooks, or work with sponsors in any twelve-step programs. In my old home group back in Tennessee, we used to read a “clarity statement” at the beginning of every meeting, which went something like this:

“We are presented with a dilemma. When NA members identify themselves as ‘addict and alcoholics’ or talk about living ‘clean and sober’, the clarity of the NA message is blurred. To speak in this manner suggests that there are two diseases, or that one drug is somehow separate from the rest, requiring special recognition. Narcotics Anonymous makes no distinction between drugs. Our identification as addicts is all-inclusive, allowing us to concentrate on our similarities, not our differences.”

F.Y.I
Some facts about home groups

HOME GROUPS.
 A SAFE PLACES TO BE

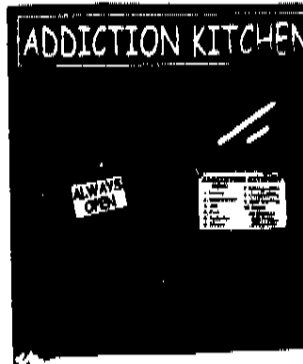


**NEVER ALONE CAFE
MENU**

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 1. Hope | 5. Joy |
| 2. Freedom | 6. Love |
| 3. Unity | 7. Gratitude |
| 4. Serenity | All Entrees |
| | \$Your Misery |
| | (and some willingness) |

**ADDICTION KITCHEN
MENU**

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Misery | 5. Illness |
| 2. Desperation | 6. Fear |
| 3. Jail | 7. Death |
| 4. Isolation | All Entrees |
| | One Price |
| | \$ Your Life |



**"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-DATES

February

Cornell B.	02/11	11yrs.
Kevin W.	02/13	4yrs.
Charles M.	02/19	4yrs.
Malcolm W.	02/24	8yrs.
Dail O.	02/25	2yrs.

March

Willie D.	03/01	4yrs.
Mark W.	03/03	16yrs.
Norris B.	03/03	16yrs.
Shang	03/04	19yrs.
Brenda I.	03/05	4yrs.
Lloyd M.	03/09	20yrs.
Anthony P.	03/24	12yrs.
Hosea A.	03/25	6yrs.
James K.	03/28	6yrs.

April

Roy B.	04/01	6yrs.
Willie D.	04/01	4yrs.
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.

CONGRATULATION!!

For addicts any clean day is a successful day.

"KEEP COMING BACK

BIRTHDAYS

February

Tony (Bolega) P.	02/06
Aneta B.	02/20
Keith D.	02/20
Delorse M.	02/25
Norris B.	02/26
Steve B.	02/27
Sidney R.	02/27

March

Angelique J.	03/04
Rochelle Mc.	03/04
Arnetia M.	03/09
Lucritia D.	03/11
Joyce E.	03/23
Nashonna J.	03/23
Rick 2	03/25
Ron C.	03/27
Tasha D.	03/31
Kevin A.W.	03/31

April

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.	04/26

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

