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Mid-City Area
Newsletter

"All About LOVE"... Tony W.

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We are going to LOVE you until you learn how to LOVE yourself. It's one of the main things we stress in the NA Fellowship.

While we were out there caught up in the grip, we wanted Love so bad but looked for it in all the wrong places. I know for me I had a false illusion of Love.

I thought it was something you had to buy and I tried. It didn't work because I didn't know the true meaning of Love. For if I had I would not have thought drugs was the answer to all the problems I caused myself. All my life I had wanted to hear those three Little words, I

Love You. It was not until I got into this Fellowship that I got the opportunity to experience it for real.

I received it without Motive, Condition or Stipulation. It was given freely!!! I couldn't understand it at first because I never felt it before.

As I grew up and learned of GOD and HIS LOVE for and of me, which led me to Love myself, then it became easy for me to accept the Love the Fellowship had to offer.

If you are new or better yet been around for awhile know this, It's All About LOVE. I'm so glad this is not a fellowship of Like because there are a lot of people in it I don't Like, but I'm Required to LOVE without Condition



"TRUSTED SERVANTS BEWARE" OF THOSE MEMBER'S CHOOSING NOT TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE N.A. PROGRAM. 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 IS A MID-CITY AREA MEMBER WHO IS MISAPPROPRIATING N.A. FUNDS ,

Misappropriate : to take or use wrongly or to dishonestly esp. money in which one is entrusted or to us improperly.
**"HERE IS A MEMBER"
Phillip H. N.A. funds**

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

**Each One...
Teach One...
But First We
Must...
Reach One!!!**



Chairperson - Archie B.
 Co-Chair - Madalyn B.
 Secretary - Terry B.
 Treasurer - Mark W.
 H & I Chair - Brian D.
 Literature Chair DeDe
 Policy & Administration Chairperson -
 Yulanda T.
 Rec & Activities Chair Chris D.
 Public Relations Chair - Keno X.

The Month of November The Mid-City Area will have Elections for all area positions : Executive Committees: Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer. Co-Treasurer, Policy & Administration, RCM & RCM-Aide.

The Sub-Committees: H & I , Public Relations , Ad-Hoc , Literature , Newsletter , Recreation & Activities . We are in dire need of members who have the desire , willingness , who are accountable and committed to fulfill

these positions!!!



Meetings in Dire need of Support and Trusted Servants...

Little Girl's Grows Up. Women's Issues Meeting. 2622 W. Jackson. Saturday, 1:00pm to 3:00pm Needs Support and Trusted Servants.

Choices Matter 4032 W. Vanburen Tuesday 5:00pm to 6:30pm. In need of Support and Trusted Servants

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 Thankful and Selfless in Our New Way of
 Life!!!
 All We Have Is...
 "Today"**

Recovery By Any Means Necessary @ 2425 West Jackson Saturdays 3pm to 5pm. In need of Support and Trusted Servants.

Clean And Progressive @ Mt Sinai Church, 2841 W. Washington. Monday, 4:30pm to 6:00pm. In dire need of Support and Trusted Servants.

The Gift Of Recovery... By Kim D.

The gift of recovery is priceless you see, No I don't who me. The gift of recovery is priceless enough for an addict like Kim to try to make it rough. I've been persistent to be resistant, resentful and neglectful I tried to do my own thing, under the watchful eye of a loving king. I've been bumped, bruised, and even scraped. Damm I barely escape. Escaped don't even try, I told you I've been under a

watchful eye. It's the one who sits high and looks low, the one I'm coming to know. His name not having to even say, is in all our hearts, He brought us together to never depart.

Grace and Mercy has brought me thus far. And with Acceptance, Patience, and Humility my next stop The Stars!!!

Kim
 D.

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Birthday Dates...

September :
Charles C. 9 /15

October :
Cozetta W. 10 /11
Teena R. 10 / 27

November :
Marsha C. 11 / 5

“ The full fruit of a labor of lovelives in the harvest, and that always comes in its right season.”

We cannot change the nature of the addict or addiction. We can change the old lie “ Once an addict, always an addict,” by striving to make recovery more available. God, help us to remember this difference.

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Clean Dates...

September :
Charles C. 9 / 9 4yrs.
Jerome B. 9/ 25 1yr.

October :
Mary G. 10 / 4 4yrs.
Donna B. 10 / 5 17yrs.
Kim B. 10 / 5 2yrs.
James B. 10 / 7 18mo.
Larry C. 10 / 8 2yrs.

Calip C. 10 /11 4yrs.
Cornell 10 /11 19yrs.
Kasondra K. 10 / 14 1yr.

November :
Brenda W. 11 / 3 22yrs.
Cassandra B. 11 / 4 4yrs.
Mary Theresa 11 / 6 18yrs.
Charles L. Bey 11 / 9 10yrs.
Denise N. 11 / 9 18yrs.

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Events...

MID-CITY MONTHLY SOCIAL

October 30th 2010 .2622 W. Jackson @ MT. Vernon Church Dance starts @ 9:00 pm. Cost \$ 5.00 come out and support and to have a good time. No newcomers will be turned away.



Reach Out & I'll Be There.

The Chicagoland Region Celebration Of Recovery CRCXXIII presents; “Connected By Our Common Welfare” Hyatt Regency McCormick Place 2233 S. Martin Luther King Dr. January 6th -9th 2011. Pre-Registration are \$10.00 until the Last Bash.

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Mistakes

Mistakes can be a stepping stone, and the choice is yours. Mistakes are a vital and important part of being human. We all make mistakes, but do we learn from them? If we use mistakes for what they are, a tool to do something that fits the situation and or circumstance more appropriately than our original attempt. We are living in the solution and not the shame and guilt of the problem. This is not a program of perfection, but of learning to make better choices.

It has been written that insanity is making the same mistake and expecting a different resolute. However as we mature in the program by working steps, our mistakes are not the same. The changes that we confront in everyday life situations are many and varied, but are they? You go to work and you must work with a person that is controlling and knows everything. That person must always have their way. You butt heads with that person daily.

The disagreements are always different, yet the root is always the same they want to be in control and the manner in

which to complete a task as presented by that person, you feel it may not be the best manner to complete the task. You may not see the situation as doing the same thing again and again expecting a different resolute. **Why?** You failed to look at the larger picture, your actions. What profit is gained for you or the others engaging in this type of behavior? How do we profit from standing in the way of someone else's insanity? What gain do you receive from not allowing someone to be wrong? Who benefits from the disagreement?

By employing a few spiritual principles found in steps one, two, and three. There is one thing more than anything else that will defeat us in our recovery this is an attitude of indifference or intolerance toward spiritual principles. Three of these that are indispensable are honesty, open-mindedness and willingness. Once we become aware of our old mistakes and start making new mistakes we show our willingness to take a risk and grow.

Just for Today

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Consequences

“ Before we got clean, most of our actions were guided by impulse. Today, we are not locked into this type of thinking.”

Basic Text, p. 87

Ever been tempted to do something even when you knew the results would be disastrous? Ever thought about how much it was going to hurt to do what you were tempted to do, then proceed to do it anyway? It is said that there are consequences to every action. Before we got clean, many of us simply didn't believe this. But now we know exactly what it means. When we act, we know there will be consequences to pay. No longer can we decide to do something in ignorance when we know full well that we don't like the price we'll have to pay. There's a prize and a price. It's okay to act despite the consequences if we're willing to pay the price, but there's always one to pay.

Just for today: I will think about the consequences of my actions before I take them.