



Protecting C.A.'s Future by Preserving C.A.'s Legacy

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Santayana (in *The Life of Reason*, 1905)



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The Importance of the C.A. Archives



In March 2001, two Buddhist statues, the largest in the world and nearly 1500 years old, were blown up in Afghanistan by a group associated with the Taliban. The niches that housed them were now totally empty. The destruction is a big loss not only to Afghans, but to all human beings, since the Bamiyan Valley has a long and rich cultural history that significant to people with different cultural backgrounds.

The Greek word “mnemonicide” neh-MAHN-i-cide— the deliberate removal of a public memory marker, often carried out by tyrannical regimes to blot their predecessors and opponents from history. - (Schultz 2015 “How Cultures Remember”)

“mnemnocide” nehM-no-cide— the deliberate destruction of records and documents — the destruction of memory.

The destruction of archives and records is a destruction of the unseen, not of flesh and blood but that of the soul of a people. – (Sleeman 2006 “Cultural Genocide”)



The Archives of Cocaine Anonymous



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The C.A. World Service Archive Committee collects, preserves, catalogs and represents the historical record of C.A.'s World activities.

Our archives can tell us more about our membership, our committees, our procedures and most importantly how we got from way back when to where we are now, which can have a tremendous bearing on where C.A. headed.

Our C.A. Archive can tell us stories and increases our sense of C.A. identity and helps us to understand of our fellowship, both locally and globally. This dynamic not only focuses our C.A. identity, it also facilitates C.A. Unity.



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May 17, 1983 – GSO Minutes

Posted on May 17, 1983 by caws.archivist

MINUTES, MAY 17, 1983 (11 people present) Passed Resolutions: Offices will be held for six months. Chairman – Gil Vice-Chairman – John Treasurer – Veronica Public Information Director – Kenny Secretary – Charlie Office Manager- Ray Meetings will be held every week for the next four weeks; we will vote then on Whether to continue...

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Starting and Maintaining A Southern Ontario C.A. Group Archive

Why have a C.A. Group archive?

A C.A. Group archive helps to preserve the history of C.A. in Southern Ontario as well as illustrates the growth of C.A. in Southern Ontario, thus protecting C.A.'s legacy for the posterity C.A.



Know your C.A. Group's History

Every C.A. Group ought to know their inception date, who were the original members and how their present C.A. Group came to be where it is today. The C.A. Group's Business Meeting minutes will provide a written record of such matters. Furthermore, knowing your Group's history, such as past motions, changes to the Group conscience, past Group events, treasury and secretary reports can greatly assist the Group in handling current issues. A Group's business meeting minutes will provide a written record of past discussions and show reasons why specific Group motions were made and how the Group handled them. This can be helpful to resolving similar issues affecting the Group in the present.

Should a C.A. Group have an archivist?



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Celebrate Around the World

A Brief History

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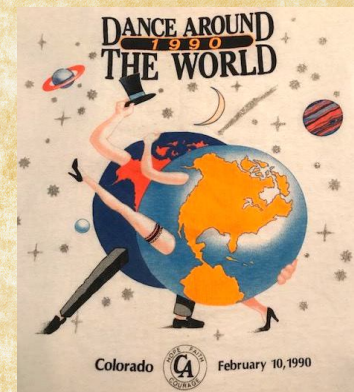
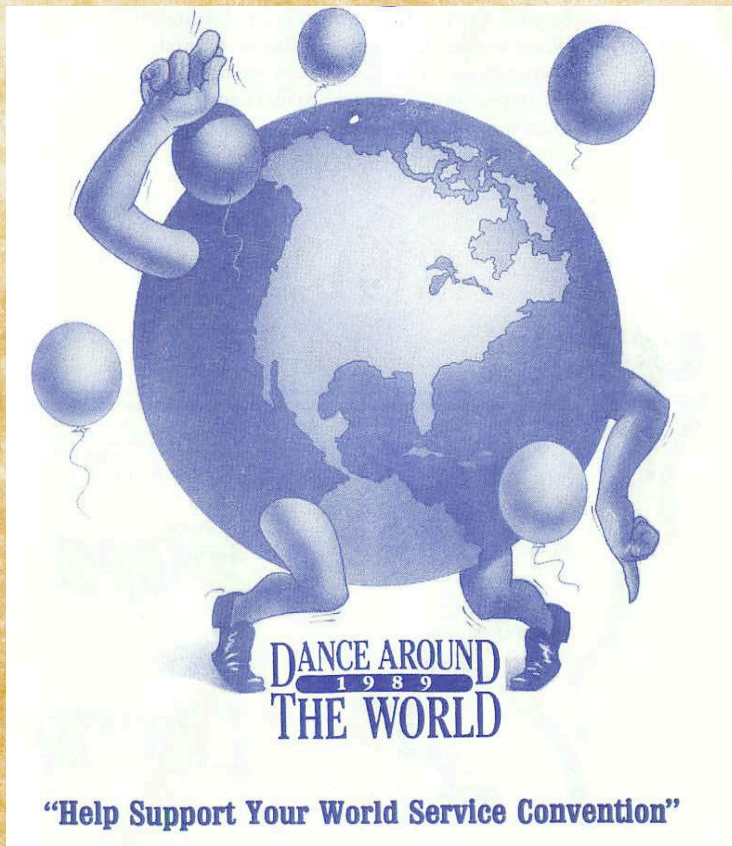




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It Started as Dance Around the World 1989-1994

At the 1988 C.A. World Service Conference approved a **“C.A. Dance Around the World,”** to be held on an annual basis on the second Saturday in February, to support the World Service Convention.



1990 Colorado



1992 Montreal



1993 Utah



1994



Celebrate Around the World

Then we were known as Celebrate Around the World - 1995 - Present

- 1994 C.A. World Service Conference, a change to the theme and logo from "Dance" to, "Celebrate" Around the World.
- **Celebrate Around the World statement of purpose:** "To promote enthusiasm and unity within the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous and financially support World Services' effort to carry the message of recovery.
- Celebrate Around the World will be **held on an annual basis, on the first Saturday in March**, to support the World Service Convention.



2003



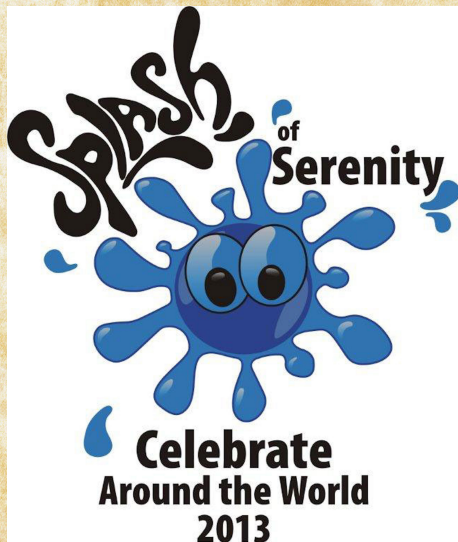
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- **At the 1999 C.A. World Service Conference**, Celebrate Around the World would no longer help generate funds for the convention; instead to raise money to help send delegates to the World Conference.
- **2004 World Service Conference**, transfer the Celebrate Around the World Subcommittee from the World Service Convention Committee to the World Service Unity Committee and that "The purpose of Celebrate Around the World is to promote enthusiasm and unity within the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous and financially support the fellowship's effort to carry the message of recovery."



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Cocaine Anonymous Chronology

The Early Days

Los Angeles, California 1982




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In the Beginning: November 16, 1982

Tom K., the owner of an "entertainment industry sober living facility called "Studio 12" identifies the need for a group for cocaine-addicted people to talk about their struggles and sobriety.

In November 1982, Johnny S. who has been sober through the Motion Picture Recovery House in the Valley gets a call from Tom K., the Director of the Motion Picture and Television Fund's alcoholism and drug program.

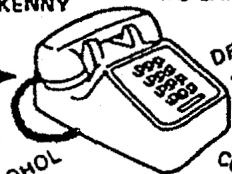


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MARY FRAMPTON / Los Angeles Times

Above, Tom Kenny, who started the "Cocaine Anonymous" program, which will be publicized with awareness cards, left, in pay envelopes of employees at the major studios.

Tom K. plans to host an AA Meeting for addicts, specifically cocaine addicts, at the Motion Picture Fund in Hollywood, California" because if you go to AA meetings and talked about drugs, they asked you to leave."



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First C.A. Meeting: November 18, 1982

Tuesday, November 16, 1982 – Nineteen "sober men and women" attend the "Whatever" meeting of AA to talk about cocaine. After the meeting Johnny S. and several other attendees meet and decide to start a Thursday night meeting and call it Cocaine Anonymous.

Thursday, November 18, 1982, the first meeting of C.A. is takes place in Los Angeles [Hollywood], California. **Veronica is the secretary** and calls the meeting to order with a gavel and announces:

"Welcome to the first meeting of Cocaine Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other and help others recover from their addiction."



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2nd C.A. Meeting—Our 1st H&I Meeting

To advertise its new program to combat cocaine addiction, the Beverly Glen Hospital in West Los Angeles took out ads (Billboard, Oct. 9, 1982) in the entertainment trade publications, such as Billboard, The Hollywood Reporter and Daily Variety, as well as the Westside edition of The Times.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP THOSE PERSONS
WITH DEPENDENCIES UPON

COCAINE, ALCOHOL and DRUGS

At **Beverly Glen Hospital**, our comprehensive treatment center is devoted exclusively to dealing with the problems and issues unique to the person who is dependent on drugs or alcohol. The **hospital** has also developed one of the first programs in the country to address the special problems of COCAINE addiction.

Our prime goal at **Beverly Glen Hospital** is to return individuals to an alcohol, or drug free, healthy, productive life. Located directly across from Rancho Park, and only moments away from **Beverly Hills**, **Beverly Glen Hospital** offers a complete and confidential treatment program for the chemically addicted.

For additional information please contact:

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The Beverly Glen Hospital had closed meetings on Wednesday nights only for patients, using the name, Cocaine Anonymous.

After the first November 1982 C.A. meeting took place, Beverly Glen opened their meeting on Wednesdays to everyone. So, **within a week of starting, there were two Cocaine Anonymous Meetings by the end of Nov. 1982.**

COCAINE

What is the real cost?

**If you use Cocaine,
ask yourself these questions:**

1. Are you using more now than you were *6 months ago*?
2. Have you ever tried to quit, only to begin using again?
3. Do you think you use too much?
4. Has anyone ever told you that they are concerned about your use?
5. Do you prefer to use alone?
6. Have you gotten into financial or legal difficulties because of your use?
7. Do you limit your use to prove to yourself and others you don't have a problem?
8. Has Cocaine become your best "friend"?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, Cocaine may be costing you more than you can afford.

Cocaine abuse can cost the loss of family, friends, career, financial security, reputation, health, even life.

HELP IS AVAILABLE.

At Beverly Glen Hospital we understand your

FEBRUARY 26, 1983, BILLBOARD



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Early 1982-1983 Meeting List

Tom K., an A.A. member, is a “strong help” to the budding C.A. group. He helps find rooms for meetings, set up work committees and shows them how to do a directory and get things organized.

MEETINGS ADDRESSING COCAINE AND OTHER DRUGS

MONDAY	- 7:30 P.M. - 6721 Melrose - Los Angeles (between La Brea & Highland) <u>COCAINE ANONYMOUS</u>
TUESDAY	- 7:30 P.M. - 7429 Sunset - Los Angeles (cross street Gardner - Oriental Theater) <u>MEETING ADDRESSING COCAINE AND OTHER DRUGS</u>
WEDNESDAY	- 7:30 P.M. - 10361 W. Pico - West Los Angeles Lobby - Beverly Glen Hospital <u>COCAINE ANONYMOUS</u>
THURSDAY	- 7:30 P.M. - 335 North La Brea - Los Angeles <u>COCAINE ANONYMOUS</u>
FRIDAY	- 7:30 P.M. - CDC - 22nd & Arizona - Santa Monica First Floor <u>COCAINE ANONYMOUS</u>
SATURDAY	- 7:30 P.M. - 16037 Sherman Way - Van Nuys <u>COCAINE ANONYMOUS</u>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TOM KENNY - 763-9741/home - 937-7250/work

Above: Tom K. C.A. Meeting List *Note: The Tuesday meeting is the A.A. “Whatever Group.”



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First C.A. Media Story

LA Times, Calendar: Sunday December 26, 1982

the new hollywood connection: **'cocaine anonymous'**

by Laura Daltry, LA Times, Calendar: Sunday, December 26, 1982 - pg 26.




The actress was nervous. In her 20s, pretty, with a face familiar from a continuing role on a popular TV series, she was facing 50 people in a Hollywood screening room on a recent night and talking about her drug problem and recovery. She rattled on at double speed in a high, girlish voice, her eyes searching for encouragement from friends in the audience.

"Morning after morning," she went on: "I promised myself I wouldn't do cocaine ever again, but by evening, it was, 'Well, just one little line (a small portion) and, after that one line. . .'"—shrugged "there was no stopping. I found myself hanging around with the sleaziest people—they had nothing

"Cocaine Anonymous" programs have begun in Los Angeles. One, involving a private group in Studio City, was organized by a man who attends Kenny's sessions. Another takes place at Beverly Glen Hospital (see accompanying article).

Kenny said he "was getting a lot of calls from people with cocaine problems. When I suggested they check out Alcoholics Anonymous, some said their problem was cocaine and they didn't think they could relate to A.A. So I got together with two or three people in the industry who had overcome their cocaine habit, and we started the meeting by word of mouth."

In five weeks, the attendance has doubled. Kenny is bracing to organize more such meetings after the holidays, to deal with the expected response to a major drug and alcohol awareness effort by movie studios. Kenny is preparing 25,000 "awareness cards" listing the warning signals of drug and alcohol addiction and his phone number. In early




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Above, Tom Kenny, who started the "Cocaine Anonymous" program, which will be publicized with awareness cards, left, in pay envelopes of employees at the major studios.

fired if they go through a treatment center successfully."

The self-help program is based on the same principles as A.A. he

"The bottom line on this question of people who say they have only a cocaine problem is that when they go broke from buying



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1983 Initial C.A. Organization

February 1983 – The secretaries of the six C.A. meetings got together and formed what eventually became the first General Services Organization.

Ray G. is in charge of the Cocaine Anonymous phone number. It rings on an answering machine in a small Beverly Glen Hospital room and Ray G. returns all calls. The room and phone machine are provided by Beverly Glen Hospital.

Ray G. manages the hotline for the first year. "If any of you called in the first year of existence of Cocaine Anonymous and talked to the man on the telephone, that was Ray because he took all the calls for the first year of Cocaine Anonymous."

Pictured Right: Early Ray G. Meeting List *Note the Tuesday Meeting is the A.A. Whatever Meeting.

<u>LOCAL C.A. MEETINGS</u>	
<u>TUESDAY</u> - 7:30 PM.	Union Hall Motion Picture, TV, Health & Welfare Fund 7429 Sunst Blvd. Hollywood Sunset & Gardner
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> - 7:30 PM.	Conference Room - Upstairs Beverly Glen Hospital 10361 W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064 Pico & Beverly Glen Blvd.
<u>THURSDAY</u> - 7:30 PM.	Motion Picture, TV, Health & Welfare Fund 335 N. La Brea Hollywood Hollywood & Beverly Blvd.
<u>FRIDAY</u> - 7:30 PM.	Chemical Dependency Unit, 1st Floor, North Corridor St. John's Hospital 1328 2nd Street Santa Monica
<u>SATURDAY</u> - 12:00 PM.	Step Study 6721 Melrose Ave. Hollywood La Brea & Highland
<u>SATURDAY</u> - 7:30 PM.	Pathfinders Building 16037 Sherman Way Van Nuys



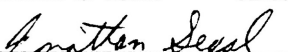
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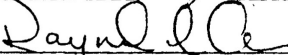
Cocaine Anonymous World Services

Non-profit corporation effective June 18, 1984

We, the above-mentioned initial Directors of this corporation, hereby declare that we are the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which execution is our act and deed.


GILBERT A. MOSKO Director


JONATHAN SEGAL Director


RAYMOND GROSSA Director

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ONE: The name of this corporation is COCAINE ANONYMOUS
WORLD SERVICES.

In the beginning, Cocaine Anonymous was “Cocaine Anonymous of Los Angeles.” Due to the number of C.A. fellowships emerging across the country in the first two years, it was decided that a guiding organization for the country was needed.

In 1984 “Cocaine Anonymous World Services” was created. They retained a lawyer to expedite forming a non-profit corporation. The elected 3 trustees (Ray Grossa, Gil Mosko, and Jonathan Segal) and created an office board of a number of people.



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C.A. Chips - 1983

Business meetings occurred every Tuesday night at the home of Johnny S. (May/June 1983) to work on public information, phone lines, formats, steps, traditions, chips, and logo. Meetings go on for hours.



C.A. Chips were created with the hope that they would be a unifying factor in the young fellowship.

Unfortunately, the hard, white square chip with letters and numbers would easily wear off and relapsing addicts would use them to chop cocaine.





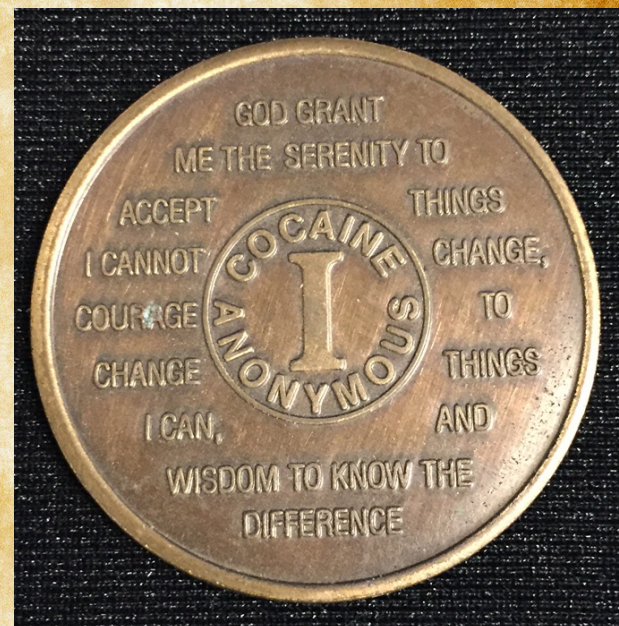
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Early Metal Sobriety Coins



1 Year
“Calligraphy” Font
(Left)

1 Year
Roman Numeral
(right)



Johnny S. was asked to come up with three words to epitomize the spirit of Cocaine Anonymous. Originally it was “Hope, Faith and Willingness.” But “Willingness” was too long. At the time, Johnny was listening to a speech by John F. Kennedy about having courage to do difficult things in your life. Johnny decided that the word “*Courage*” was appropriate because it fit nicely in the circle, and he felt “it took courage to walk into the doors of C.A.”



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First Generation – Sobriety Chips

Early Northern California



Since Northern California had the first metal chip, the chip company would not make chips for C.A. World Service. In 1987 Northern California deeded to C.A. World Services the right to make metal chips with the C.A. logo that was voted on in 1986 first World Service Conference.





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First Generation – Sobriety Chips

Atlanta, Georgia



It was Doc Crandall who brought C.A. from California to Atlanta, Georgia. August 1, 1983 – First Atlanta Area meeting of Cocaine Anonymous. Atlanta, Georgia made their own sobriety chips from 1985 to 1986. When Georgia was ratified as an Area at the 1st World Conference Feb. 8,9, 1986, it was agreed that they would buy their sobriety chips from World Services in L.A.



Early C.A. Media Hype

April 11, 1983, Time Magazine Cover features a story on fighting cocaine's grip on millions of users. The article references Cocaine Anonymous..."In Los Angeles, new Cocaine Anonymous groups draw 700 people to weekly meetings."

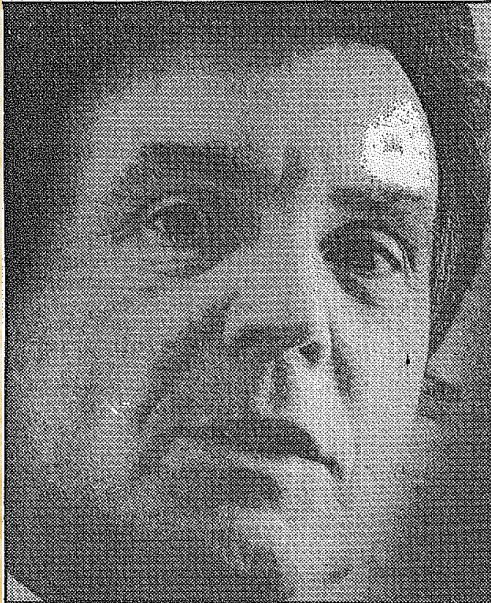
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Media awareness and public information was vital to the early growth of C.A.

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Chris Glicker/Herald photographer

*"People help each other,
they heal each other,
through understanding. A
lot of people have a lot of
wreckage in their life
that's caused by cocaine.
They have a lot of
emotional pain. They have
to deal with that, and it's
not easy a lot of times."*

Tom Kenny

Tom Kenny, director of an alcohol and drug abuse program for the Motion Picture and Television Fund, started Cocaine Anonymous.

Cocaine

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strength in recent years, it has traversed demographic boundaries, changing from an upper-middle-class high to a drug that has solidly infiltrated the middle class

their accountants may hit them over the head and say, 'You don't have any more cash to pay for cocaine.'"

Not only is cocaine the most addicting of drugs, it is also the most expensive. In Los Angeles, most cocaine comes directly from Colombia, (bypassing the Miami connection which supplies the East Coast) where the Peruvian coca leaves are refined into crystalline white cocaine. The current street price is \$125 a gram —

May 8, 1983, Los Angeles Herald Examiner publishes a large article on cocaine abuse in the canyons of Beverly Hills and the streets of South Central L.A. The article highlights the good works of Cocaine Anonymous.



Chicago C.A. Inception – 1st Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 1983

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MARTHA WASHINGTON HOSPITAL

IRVING PARK ROAD, AT WESTERN AVE.

CHICAGO, ILL.



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Chicago C.A. Inception – 1st Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 1983

Tony S., and Greg D., original C.A. Members of Chicago, gets the first meeting going at the Martha Washington Hospital.

There was a recovery center in the hospital and Tony was given a room for an answering machine and phone number for the beginnings of Chicago C.A.

A second meeting soon afterwards started on Tuesday night.



First Generation – Chicago 1983-1986

Prototype Octagonal Chips

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The Octagonal Shape of Chicago's Sobriety Chip was chosen because it replicates a "traffic stop sign" signifying the amount of time a C.A. Member had "stopped" using cocaine. The early "C.A." logo (pictured right) was designed by Randy R. of Chicago.



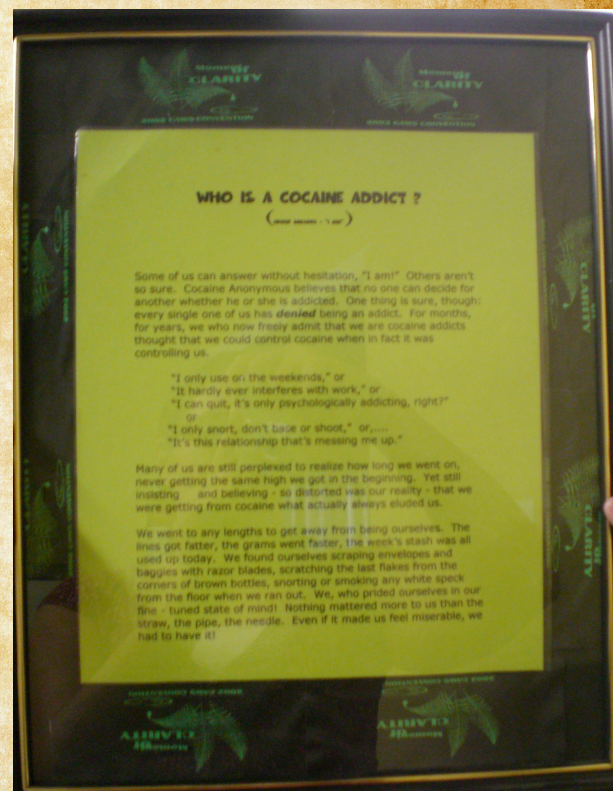
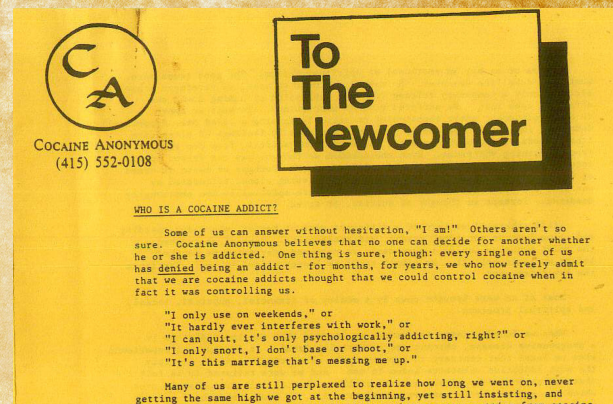
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Early Chicago C.A. Facts

Tony S. (Chicago C.A.), was responsible for writing the 1st draft of, “To The Newcomer” (1st C.A. Pamphlet) and “Who is a Cocaine Addict?”

The fellowship in Los Angeles loved the piece, “To The Newcomer,” and it was immediately incorporated it into C.A. Meetings and Starter Kits.

This piece of literature is still with us today. And it has never been changed.





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Coc-Anon | Co-Anon 1983

Co-Anon is started by Johnny S.'s wife at the time. It is initially named Coc-Anon.

Johnny S. reports his wife, Janine P. would get upset with him about having the meetings at their home all the time and Johnny S. suggests that C.A. needs a group like Al-Anon and that she should start it.

Sometime during the second year of C.A., she did.

COCANON

**Twelve Step discussion group
for friends and
families of addicts.**

Wednesday 8:00-9:30 p.m.

**Beverly Glen Hospital
10361 West Pico Blvd.**

**Conference Room 2
(upstairs - west side of entrance)**



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1st Year C.A. Anniversary November 1983

January 3, 1984 –
Santa Cruz Sentinel
publishes Cocaine
Anonymous just like
Alcoholics
Anonymous. One
year after inception,
C.A. in Southern
California has more
than 2000 members.

WE'RE 1 YEAR OLD!

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US
THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY
of COCAINE ANONYMOUS**

SAT. NOV. 19

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1st C.A. World Convention

Seaside Unity & Acceptance – Santa Barbara, CA - 1985

1st Annual World Services Convention

*Seaside Unity
& Acceptance*

May 3, 4, 5



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Convention Highlights: Over 600
people in attendance. People from
as far away as the Bahamas and
Hawaii to attend.



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A number of Areas from across the C.A. Fellowship attended. During the convention, a 3 hour business meeting was held to let the C.A. fellowships know what the fledgling World Service organization was doing. It was decided the next year to have the first World Service Conference.

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CONVENTION SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1985

5:00pm	SEX AND SOBRIETY WORKSHOP	MIRAMAR ROOM
8:00pm	JOINT C.A./COCANON SPEAKER MEETING	MIRAMAR ROOM
10:00pm	DANCE TILL 1:00am	MIRAMAR ROOM

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1985

9:00am	WOMEN'S STAG	GARDEN ROOM
9:00am	MEN'S STAG	COTTAGE ROOM
9:00am	FOURTH STEP WORKSHOP-3 HOURS	MIRAMAR ROOM
10:45am	COCANON MEETING	COTTAGE ROOM
12:45am	C.A. BUSINESS MEETING	COTTAGE ROOM
2:00pm	COCANON MEETING	MIRAMAR ROOM
3:45pm	COCANON BUSINESS MEETING	COTTAGE ROOM
4:00pm	GAY MEETING	GARDEN ROOM
6:30pm	DINNER-BANQUET	MIRAMAR ROOM
8:30pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	MIRAMAR ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1985

8:00am	BREAKFAST	MIRAMAR ROOM
9:30am	FAREWELL SPEAKER	MIRAMAR ROOM
NOON	C.A. GOODBYE MEETING	MIRAMAR ROOM
1:30pm	BUSINESS MEETING	COTTAGE ROOM



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1st C.A. World Service Conference

Scheduled Feb. 7-9, 1986

- Gil M., Chairman, Conference Committee Letter to World Services Delegates dated January 2, 1986:
- Not a convention, but a business conference to deal with the needs of the Fellowship.
- Be prepared to be confronted with a working environment.
- Sole purpose—the continuation and growth of C.A.
- Delegates to listen to the voices of their Area and bring issues to be heard and voted on.
- Establish Standing Committees and develop an agenda for the year; to be carried back to the Fellowship for amendments and approval to be voted on at the next Conference.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS
WORLD SERVICES CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 7,8,9, 1986

HOLIDAY INN EMBARCADERO

1355 North Harbor Drive

San Diego, California 92101

KIT INCLUDES:

- Introductory Letter
- Agenda
- Suggested Ground Rules
- Suggested Committees to be Formed
- Possible Topics to be Discussed



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Suggested Ground Rules:

- Conference Chair Person serves a two year-term.
- Conference Parliamentarian may be a non-addict.
- Robert's Rules of Order are to be followed
- Conference open to the Fellowship.
- Non-delegates cannot participate on the Conference floor, but welcome on the Committees.
- Conference Secretary supplied ahead of time, end of conference a Secretary will be elected for the upcoming year.
- Minutes transcribed, published and mailed to Conference delegates within 30 days of the Conference.



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Topics were suggested, put on board and then voted on. The following topics were unanimously passed for this conference:

TOPICS FOR CONFERENCE (Committees):

- Literature; Chips; Meeting format
- Internal Affairs; Policy (intergroup); Communications.
- Public Information; International; Coconon
- Treasury
- Structures; by-laws
- H & I
- Convention
- National Directory



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The original C.A. Areas represented were:

1. Los Angeles
2. San Gabriel Valley
3. San Diego
4. San Fernando Valley
5. Antelope Valley
6. Orange County
7. New Mexico
8. Texas
9. Washington
10. New York
11. Illinois
12. Georgia
13. Michigan
14. Arizona
15. Northern California
16. Inland Empire



Northern California attended, sending six representatives all wearing T-shirts with the logo that they had created. Later in the March 1987 at the 3rd World Service Conference, delegates voted between the CALA logo and the logo that Northern California created (pictured right). The CALA logo won and is the same C.A. logo used today.



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2nd C.A. World Service Conference – July 2-3, 1986

It was felt at the 1986 Conference that a Board of Trustees was needed to represent the Fellowship as a whole. Johnny and Ray (Gil had resigned by this time) interviewed candidates that were presented to them from a slate.

The First World Service Office Board of Trustees, (1986)

H. Lee S., Houston Texas
Bob L., Northern California
Jennifer R., New York, NY
Ray G., Riverside California
Fenn P., Northern California
Reggie L., Southern California
Greg D., Chicago, Illinois
Johnny S., Los Angeles

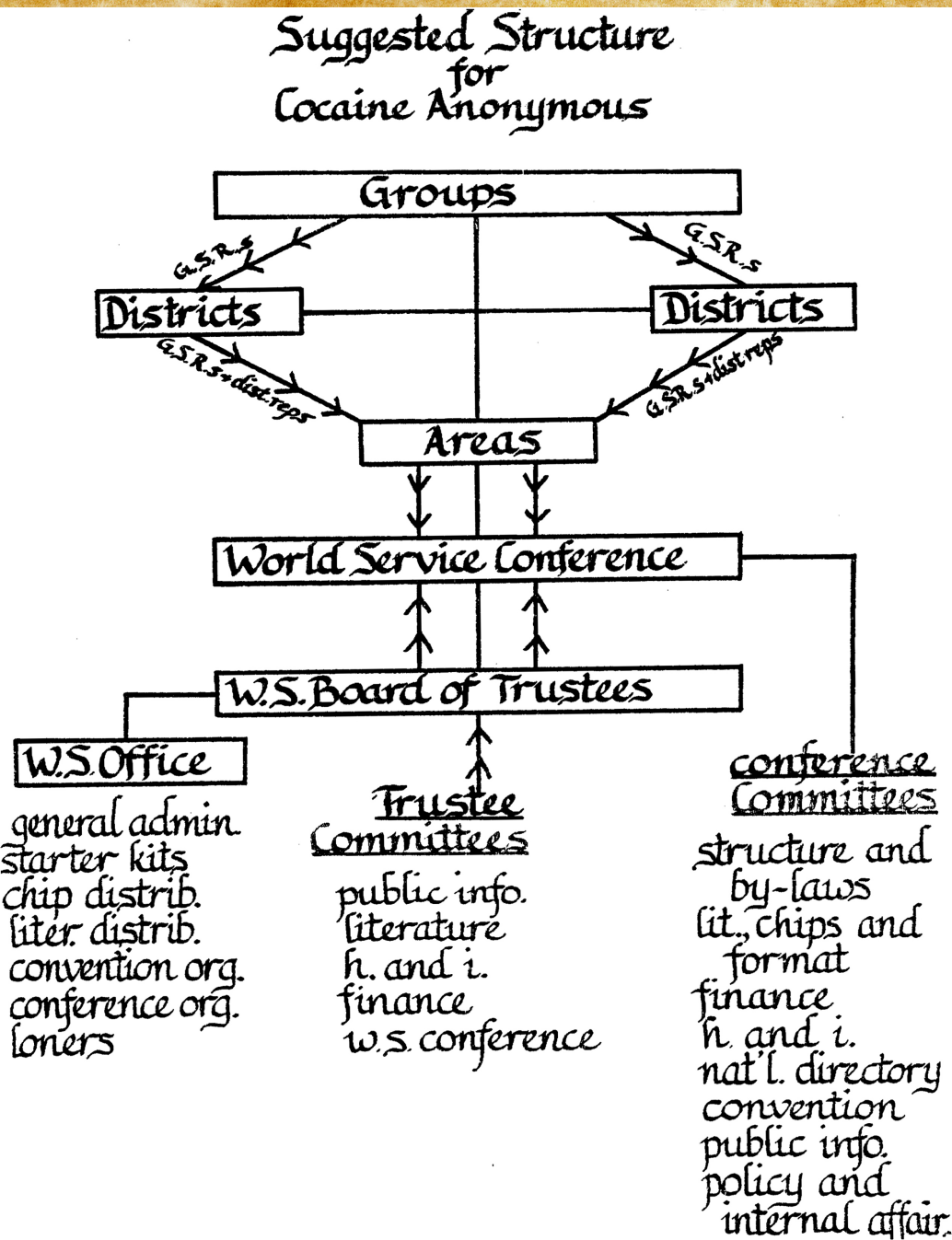


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Suggested Structure for Cocaine Anonymous

Temporary Working Guide
to the Service Structure

Ratified at the
2nd World Service
Conference in San Diego,
CA, July 1986





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Other C.A. WSC Firsts

March 1987 — 3rd World Conference: There was a Voting Imbalance: Office Board (10 votes), WSBT (7 Votes) and delegates. It was decided that the Office Board only have 3 votes. The original board walks out of the Conference. Only 1 member stayed, Lionel B., who became the Conference Chair. After the Conference, WSBT appoints a new Office Board to replace those who walked out.

November 1987 — 4th World Conference: Bylaws and Charter were approved and 70/30 Plan was created and passed.

Not reflected in the first three World Conference Minutes (1986-1987), **the First Step of C.A. was changed to say**, "Cocaine and all other Mind Altering Substances. (*Note: At the 1st World Conference (Feb. 1986) it was ratified: "WSO approved literature – whenever Cocaine is mentioned it should read "Cocaine and all other mind altering chemicals.")

August 1988 — 5th World Conference: Descriptions of Areas, Districts and Regions were created, along with who can use the C.A. name.

August 1989 — 6th World Service Conference: he A.A. Big Book and A.A. 12 Steps and 12 Traditions were accepted as our tools of recovery. Passing this motion made by the LCF Committee (Alan S. was the Chair) allowed the Big Book and the 12 X 12 to appear on the tables of C.A.



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THE CONNECTION

SHARING WORLDWIDE RECOVERY

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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO AA

*One of the original nineteen members
recollects the beginning of Cocaine Anonymous,
what happened, and what it's like today.*

I have been a member of Cocaine Anonymous from its beginning and I owe my life to the people who pushed to give CA its own identity and took commitments to keep CA going. I might not have made it these three-and-a-half years without a place to go and talk about my Cocaine problem.

I was nearly ninety days sober in November of 1982 when someone handed me a yellow notepad at an AA meeting. The card read: AA FOR COCAINE—TUESDAY NIGHT, and it gave an address. This was for me. Up until then I had whispered "Cocaine" under my breath at AA meetings when they said alcohol. Nineteen sober men and women showed up at this meeting.

The Alcoholism Director of the Motion Picture Industry Health Fund had called the meeting in the hopes of finding a program he could refer all the calls he was getting from people with Cocaine problems who didn't feel they had a drinking problem. Some, he said, didn't drink at all.

At one time the Whatever Meeting was listed in both the CA meeting directory and the AA meeting directory at the same time.

Most of the nineteen of us all had found our way into AA from Cocaine; yet we didn't feel comfortable starting up an entirely new program... at least not that Tuesday night. There was discussion about how simple a process it could be—just change alcohol to cocaine in the steps and Bingo! instant program. Still, that first Tuesday everyone's allegiance was to AA. The group consensus was that this Tuesday night meeting would be an AA meeting called the "Whatever" Meeting and anyone could share and take chips. We would risk not being a true AA meeting and not getting listed in the AA meeting directory for letting non-alcoholics participate and take chips.

At one time the Whatever Meeting was listed in both the CA meeting directory and the AA meeting

directory at the same time. Over 150 people regularly attended.

One of the local hospitals had a meeting on a Wednesday night that they called Cocaine Anonymous. They just changed Alcohol to Cocaine in the Twelve Steps. There is the strong likelihood that there

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“COCAINE ANONYMOUS. MAY I HELP YOU?”

Working the phones—being there to share our experience, strength and hope with the addict who is reaching out for the first time—remains the very essence of our daily activities at Central Office. After all, as it's clearly stated in our Fifth Tradition, we have but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

And, if we can't get the message to the addict, we do our best to get the addict to the message, to whatever meetings there are in his or her area. That's really all we can do. We are not professional drug counselors; nor are we qualified to advise the caller on the other end of the line to take any action, except to stop using and start attending meetings on a regular basis.

We cannot recommend hospitals, doctors or treatment centers of any kind. Nor can we send volunteers on "12-Step Calls" to anyone at their residence or place of business, due to the very illegality of the drug and the kind of situations that could so easily arise from a mission of this sort.

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World Service conference Seeks unity nationwide

Delegates from as far away as New York, Florida, Alaska and Hawaii are expected to attend the 1st World Services Conference in San Diego, California, February 7-9. Their objective? To establish nationwide unity and open up meaningful communication between the close to 20 states across the U.S. actively participating in the growing Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous.

"This is not a convention," stressed Conference Committee Chairman Gil M. "It is a business conference where we'll be dealing with the immediate needs of the Fellowship and forming committees in an effort to set up guidelines for the future."

The 2nd Annual World Services CA Convention is tentatively scheduled to be held in San Diego, California, July 11-13. Watch for further information in our next edition.

Committees to be formed include: a Conference Committee to prepare an agenda for the next conference, a By-Laws Committee to write amendments to By-Laws currently in effect, a Literature Committee to gather drafts of new literature for publication, a Public Information Committee to interface with the general public and a committee to compile and distribute a National Directory.

In addition, elections will be held to elect officers to attend the next World Services conference. Details of this first conference, what took place, what was resolved and who got elected to what will be reported in the next issue of **The Connection**.



NewsGram

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C.A. World Services, Inc. P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232

May - June, 1987

CHAIR'S CORNER:

Unity the goal of new board

I am honored to have been asked by the trustees of Cocaine Anonymous to fill temporarily the position of chairperson of the World Services Office. I am committed to making the World Services Office function smoothly and properly.

Temporary directors and committee heads have all been chosen with great care. We represent the fellowship as a whole. As a board, we look forward to working with all the areas we represent and invite you to get involved. We welcome your participation in making this new office work.

I am looking forward to being of service and hope to meet many of you at the World Services Convention in San Francisco.

Coco C.
Venice, CA
Temporary Chair

Welcome to the 'NewsGram'

Welcome to the first issue of the Cocaine Anonymous World Services Office 'NewsGram'.

When the new temporary board of directors took over recently, one of its first actions was to institute a newsletter to keep those in the fellowship informed.

The 'NewsGram' will report on activities at the world level and on news of interest to members of the fellowship. It is our thought that in order to unify the fellowship, we first must keep it informed.

'NewsGram' will be published on alternate months with 'The Connection,' C.A.'s other publication.

12 Steps, Traditions approved at World Services Conference

More than 50 delegates from across the country approved several important documents at March's World Services Conference in Woodland Hills, CA.

The 12 Steps of recovery and the 12 Traditions of Cocaine Anonymous were officially approved as were the 23 questions to help determine who has a problem. The steps and traditions were adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous with changes to indicate addiction to cocaine rather than alcoholism.

The new 'To the Newcomer' brochure that had been making its rounds at individual meetings failed to be approved and is back on the drawing boards. The old 'To the Newcomer' brochure will continue to be used.

Jennifer R., Ray G. and Greg D., trustees from New York, Riverside, CA, and

Chicago, respectively, attended the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Board of Trustees meeting in New York and reported that they were well received.

They were given permission for C.A. to adapt the 12 Concepts for World Service for use by C.A. Those concepts also were approved at the Woodland Hills conference.

Johnny S. of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, announced his resignation from the Board of Trustees at the conference. It was announced that the 1988 World Services Convention will be on the July 4 weekend in Chicago and that the next World Services Conference will be in November in the Los Angeles area.

Also approved was the purchase of a computer for the World Services office.

WSO San Francisco Convention

Workshops, dances and banquets will be on tap July 4th weekend in San Francisco for the Third Annual Cocaine Anonymous World Services Convention.

Hundreds of members of the fellowship are expected at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel near Union Square in downtown San Francisco for the July 3-5 convention.

It all begins Friday, July 3, with a dance featuring (really!) the Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra.

Saturday is the big day of the convention with a full schedule of workshops on such topics as sponsorship, nutrition, relationships, sex and sobriety and the Fourth and Ninth steps; special meetings for women, men, gays and young people and round-the-clock marathon meetings. The day ends with a banquet, speaker meeting and disc jockey dance.

The convention ends Sunday with a farewell breakfast, spiritual speaker and

closing ceremonies.

Cost for the convention is \$20 for those who register before June 15 and \$25 for those who register after that date. The Saturday night banquet is \$25 and the Sunday morning breakfast \$10. For those who register for both the convention and the limited-seating Saturday banquet will receive a free convention T-shirt.

Rooms at the hotel are \$75 for either a single or double and reservations should be made directly with the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 55 Cyril Magnin, San Francisco, CA 94102-2865, telephone 415/392-8000.

Conference reservation forms are available at most meetings or reservations may be made by writing to C.A. World Services, San Francisco Convention Committee, P.O. Box 4802, Mt. View, CA 94040.

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The Connection and the NewsGram were simultaneous publications. The Connection was primarily recovery stories, whereas The NewsGram was about what was going on in the Fellowship, Conference Reports, Committee Reports, etc.



Ann Landers applauds C.A.

Chicago Tribune, September 13, 1988

- A letter and reply by Ann Landers in which the author of the letter Cocaine Anonymous as essential to her husband's continuing recovery.
- Signed it "A True Believer"
- Ann Landers replied by printing the address and phone number of the WSO.
- Response was phenomenal: over a 3-day period, Helene H. WSO Chairperson reports receiving over 600 letters of inquiry!

Dear Ann Landers:

"Teardrops in Shreveport" wrote that what had been a warm relationship with her husband has turned into a cold war and her marriage is falling apart. You suggested that he might have a fear of intimacy or that he may be having an affair with another woman.

Ann, I could have written that letter myself two years ago. I would bet anything that Teardrops' husband is having an affair, not with another woman, but with cocaine. His coldness and indifference are classic symptoms of an addict who is hiding his drug use.

Please make this woman aware of this. Take it from me, I've been there. Two years ago my husband went to a rehab clinic and he has been clean ever since. It's been a long, difficult road and our marriage is by no means perfect, but we're together now and the worst is behind us.

We couldn't have done it without the excellent support provided by Cocaine

Anonymous. Please plug the growing self-help organizations, Ann. They do a fabulous job.—A True Believer in Lake Ariel, Pa.

Dear Believer:

Cocaine Anonymous often succeeds when other attempts to get off the junk have failed. This organization has more than 1,000 groups and is based on the concept of Alcoholics Anonymous—people who share a common problem.

Anyone interested in learning about a chapter near you can write or call: Cocaine Anonymous, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, Calif. 90239. The phone is (213) 559-5833.

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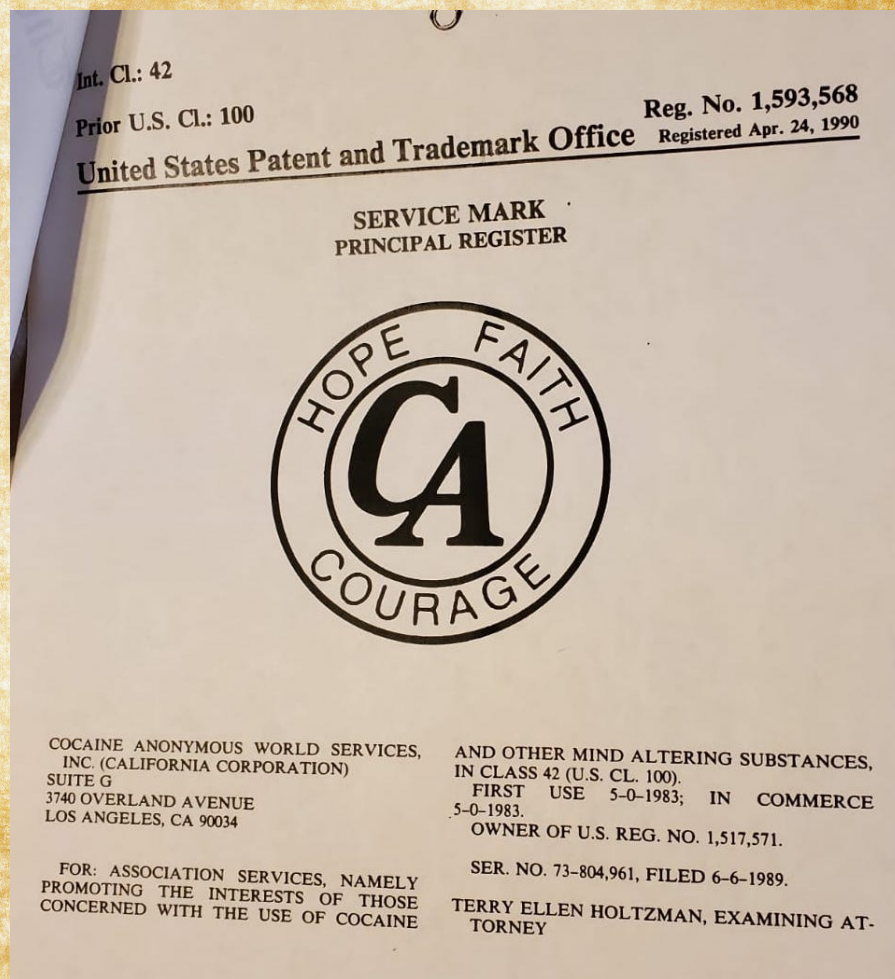
“ENFORCE IT OR LOSE IT”

C.A. Battles to Protect Copyright Privileges

July/August **1989** – Trustee Jack P. spearheads “Enforce It or Lose” campaign whereby C.A. battles to protect copyright privileges. **In 1989, a Dr. Baron advertised a C.A. recovery program in Houston, Texas by the name of “C.A. Aftercare.”**

C.A. had to defend itself by sending communication to Dr. Baron that this was not an organization that had anything to do with C.A. It came to the point where this issue may have had to go to court. But after much communication between our C.A. lawyer and Dr. Baron he finally changed the name of his program.

(CAWS NewsGram, Vol II., No. 4, pg1., July-August 1989)





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**First Overseas
C.A. Meeting in
London, UK
January 8, 1992
by Lisa C.**

**One Step at a Time
1st Birthday Convention**

COCAINE ANONYMOUS



**St Luke's Hall
St Luke's Street
Chelsea SW3**

Saturday 16th January 1993

10.00 a.m.	Registration
11.00 - 12.30 p.m.	Speaker Meeting
12.45 - 1.45 p.m.	Brunch
2.00 - 3.00 p.m.	Step 1 Meeting
4.00 - 6.00 p.m.	Speaker Meeting & Countdown

Pre Registration £4.00 (to include Brunch)

Registration on the day £5.00 (to include Brunch)

NAME:

Pre-registration after every Meeting

Contact ~~Charles~~, Alan F ~~or Lisa C.~~ LISA C.

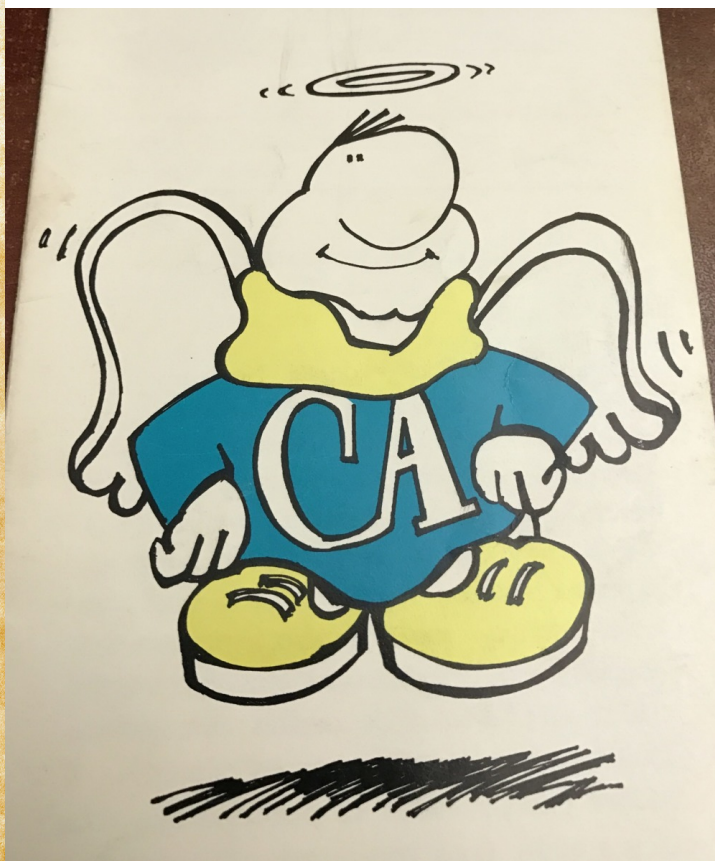


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C.A. World Convention Firsts

8^{ème} CONGRÈS DES SERVICES
MONDIAUX

8th World Service Convention
Montreal, PQ – 1992.
First Convention outside the USA.



28th World Service Convention
May 24-28, 2012 Birmingham, UK
Jackie S. - Chair

First Convention outside North America



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First Non-English Speaking, Mainland Europe

**35th World
Convention 2019**
Stockholm, Sweden

Today Sweden has
more than 72 C.A.
meetings.

Cocaine Anonymous
35th World Convention
4-8th July 2019
in Stockholm, Sweden at Infra City

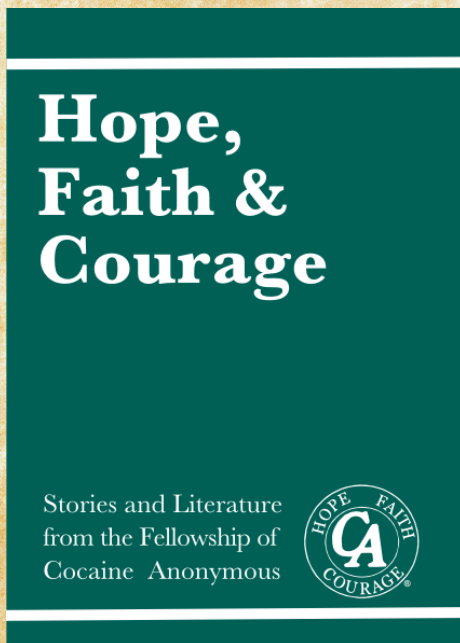


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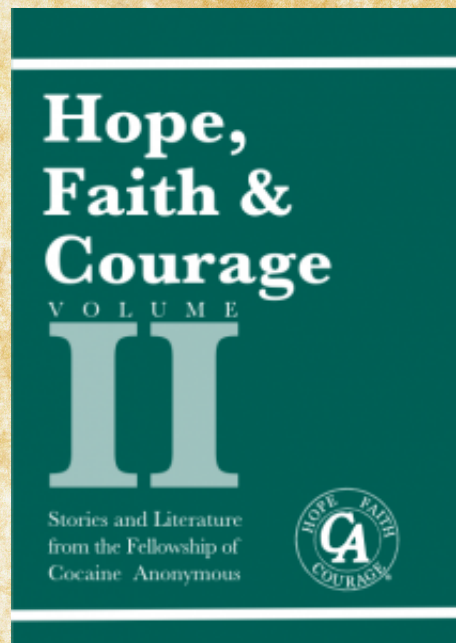


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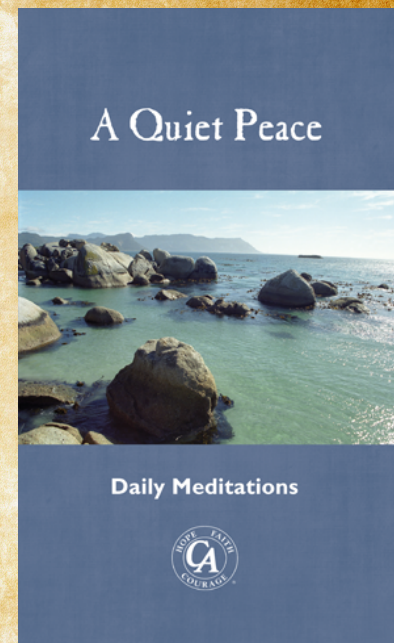
C.A. Publications



1993



2007



2014

Alan S., LCF Chair, brought an idea to the 1989 Conference that C.A. should have its own book comprised of stories from our members. Stories from around the C.A. fellowship were collected, selected, edited and approved. Bill Z. (San Diego, CA), as the chair of the LCF CA Book sub-committee contributed greatly to getting HFC to publication in 1993. It was a HUGE success for C.A. garnering a “pre-sale” of hundreds of cases of books.



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1st C.A. Website – <https://ca.org>

Escape Cocaine

For Free Confidential Help
"We're Here and We're Free"
1-800-347-8998

Cocaine Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.

We use the [Twelve Step Recovery Program](#), because it has already been proven that the Twelve Step Recovery Program works.

[Go to index](#)

1994 - Two members of the 1994 Conference, Craig H. (Midwest Regional Trustee) and Jim S., a delegate from Northern California Area brought a motion to the Conference floor through the Public Information Committee. This motion was to obtain an internet domain (ca.org) and to put up a very limited web site on a server that Craig H. managed. The site was to be limited to the Preamble, the Self-Test and local telephone contact numbers. The "Escape Cocaine" billboard art was also used. This motion passed after considerable debate.

The **domain ca.org** was registered on **October 20th, 1994**. The site was online shortly thereafter generating a small number of telephone contacts to CAWSO. There was no e-mail address. **CA was the first 12-Step Fellowship** to have such a web site—NA, AA and AI-Anon all put up sites during the following year.



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1st C.A. French Translation Website



Services Mondiaux des Cocaïnomanes anonymes

"Nous sommes ici et nous sommes libres"

E-Mail: montreal@ca.org

"Les Cocaïnomanes anonymes sont une association d'hommes et de femmes qui partagent entre eux leur expérience, leur force et leur espoir dans le but de résoudre leur problème commun et d'en aider d'autres à se rétablir de la cocaïnomanie. La seule condition pour en devenir membre se résume à un désir de cesser l'usage de la cocaïne et de toute autre substance qui altère le comportement. Il n'en coûte rien pour devenir membre. Nous suffisons à nos besoins par nos propres contributions. Les Cocaïnomanes anonymes ne sont associés à aucune secte, religion, groupe, association politique, organisation ou institution. Nous ne nous engageons dans aucune controverse, nous n'endossons ni ne contestons aucune cause. Notre objectif premier est de se libérer de l'usage de la cocaïne et de toute autre substance qui altère le comportement, et d'en aider d'autres à acquérir cette même liberté.

Nous nous servons [des Douze Étapes](#) pour le rétablissement, car il a été prouvé qu'avec le programme des Douze Étapes, ça marche."

Pourquoi C.A. ?

Les C.A. sont uniquement intéressés au rétablissement personnel et à la sobriété continue des individus toxicomanes qui s'adressent à l'association pour de l'aide. Nous ne nous engageons pas dans les domaines de la recherche en toxicomanie, du traitement médical ou psychiatrique, de l'éducation aux drogues, ou dans toute forme de propagande - même si certains de nos membres peuvent participer à de telles entreprises à titre personnel.

<https://web.archive.org/web/19980115064558/http://ca.org:80/francais/index.html>

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1996 - A motion was passed at the 1996 World Conference that any future *substantive* changes to the site would require Trustee or Conference approval and a motion was passed to translate the web site into French. The Montreal Fellowship translated the web site into French, and provided text and *detailed* information on how that text correlated to the English version, so that posting the French web site was merely a technical issue. The French version of ca.org went up August 1, 1997, with WSO approval.



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First Online C.A. Meetings

On February 1, 1997 the "Hope, Faith & Courage" (aka HFC) became the first online/virtual meeting facilitated through email.

Initially a speaker/discussion meeting patterned after AA's "Lamplighters" online meeting, but soon changed to mostly a discussion format.

In time, the "speaker" portion of the meeting was replaced by inviting people celebrating a birthday to post their stories online. After a slow start, the meeting began to thrive. Due to the very low initial cost of operating the meeting, no 7th Tradition was taken initially. After some discussion, and a long talk with former Trustee Bob L, it was decided that the HFC meeting needed to take a 7th Tradition, as this was the only one of the 6 points regarding group status that HFC was not currently meeting.

1998 - In August, the second email subscriber meeting, "KISCA," was started.

1999 - Two more email meetings were formed, "Sisters in Sobriety" and "The Study."

Web page capture (2001-02-20 on web.archive.org)
of the first online C.A. group, Hope, Faith & Courage



Hope, Faith & Courage

"Hope, Faith & Courage" E-Mail Group



The HF&C; E-mail Group is an
Email-based meeting of Cocaine Anonymous.

Like most E-mail lists, each message to the list is echoed to each subscriber. In order to prevent unsolicited mailings to the group, we limit participation to subscribers. There are no dues or fees for a subscription -- the only requirement is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.

HF&C; is an E-mail group. *It is not a chat line.* It is best described as the world's slowest cross-talk meeting of C.A. The format is participation with an occasional "speaker."

We currently have over 200 members on 3 continents.

To **SUBSCRIBE**, [click here](#).

NOTE: To permit open discussion, HF&C; is only open to addicts who are seeking recovery. Friends and family of cocaine addicts should try Co-Anon, which also has an E-mail Group. They can be found at www.co-anon.org.

UPDATED:
Frequently Asked Questions page!

WARNING:

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First Online C.A. Area

<https://ca-online.org>

1999-09-03 - Conferences approves the creation of an Online Service Committee and ca-online.org is registered on 1999-09-16.

2000-09-03 - The C.A. World Conference ratifies ca-online.org as a Cocaine Anonymous Online Service Area. OSA Delegates representing the OSA are: Michael C. (2 votes) and Alt. Del. Sherri H. (1 vote).

2001 “There is a Solution” meeting began.

2002 - “Steps On Line” meeting started.

2010 - Voice meetings were introduced.

2020 - Global pandemic starts and C.A. moves to the “ZOOM” platform. OSA experiences exponential growth.





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Cocaine Anonymous Chronology

Toronto, Ontario

Inception February 2, 1987



First C.A. Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 21, 1986

In 1986, Robert F. (Montreal, PQ) meets with his friend, Dave S. who is dating a woman from California who introduces him to some C.A. meetings. Dave's enthusiasm for C.A. — a fellowship where one could talk freely about drugs— inspired Robert F. and together they ordered a C.A. starter kit and on a Thursday night, August 21, 1986, the first Canadian C.A. meeting was held in Montreal, Quebec—the first C.A. meeting outside the United States. There were about 20 people who attended. Dave S. was the speaker and Robert F. was the secretary.

Late 1986 Montreal Meeting List

DIM / SUN	LUN / MON	MAR / TUE	MER / WED	JEU / THUR	VEN / FRI	SAM / SAT
2:00 PM St. Patrick Cath. 1110 St. Alexander st. (ENGLISH)		12:00 NOON Baron Byng High School 4251 St-Urbain Room 121 (ENGLISH)			12:00 NOON Baron Byng High School 4251 St. Urbain st. Room 121 (ENGLISH)	
	8:30 PM Queen Elisabeth Hosp. 2100 Northcliffe 2nd floor, Room 2B (ENGLISH)	8:30 PM Montreal General Hospital Cedar ave, Room 640 (ENGLISH)	8:00 PM Baron Byng High School 4251 St-Urbain st. Room 103 (ENGLISH)	8:30 PM St. Ignatus Loyola 4455 West Broadway rear Lounge entrance (BILINGUAL)	7:00 PM 2273 boul. des Laurentides Vimont, Laval (FRANCAIS)	9:00 PM Maison Jean Lapointe 361 Youville st. Vieux Montréal (BILINGUAL)

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First Toronto Chapter - February 2, 1987, Toronto Ontario

In the **winter of 1986, Colette B.-R. went to Montréal** where she attended a C.A. meeting, which had only been in existence a few months. At this meeting Colette **met Robert F., and many other people who shared similar experiences** with alcohol and drugs. Colette's response, *"Oh my God I've got to bring this back to Toronto."* Colette was given a "Starter's Kit" from Robert F. and so, on February 2, 1987, the First Toronto Chapter of Cocaine Anonymous had its inception meeting at the St. Andrews United Church on Bloor St. West. Most of the early Toronto C.A. members came from the A.A. **Delisle Group**. According to early members, the sub-culture of cocaine users was quite different than that of A.A., so it was exciting to have a meeting focused entirely on recovery from cocaine and all mind-altering substances. The meeting (First Toronto Chapter) later changed its name to the "First Toronto Group."





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Early C.A. Toronto District Growth

2nd Group: Phoenix Group
(September 1989) to present.

3rd Group: Deer Park Group of
CA (Friday, 1989) - 7:30 pm -
Now Dark

4th Group: Winner's Circle -
May 5, 1990 to present.

5th Group: Freedom Group -
May 31, 1990—October 27,
2011

6th Group: Unity Group
(Brampton) July 1990?

7th Group: Naturally High Park
Group - Sept. 11, 1990 to
present.



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ONE DAY AT A TIME

Upcoming Medallions

First Toronto Chapter	Jim G.	2 Years	July 23
St. Andrews Church	Moonsen	1 Year	July 23
117 Bloor St. E.			
Monday 7:30 p.m.			

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Deer Park							
Christ Church	Jeff L.	2 Years	July 1				
Yonge and Heath St.	Ray	1 Year	July 1				
Friday 7:30 p.m.							

NOTE: Due to the shut-down for July of Christ Church, Ray will
celebrate his medallion on August 3; Jeff will have his August 10

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Phoenix Group	Edith	2 Years	July 10				
(July location:)	Susan	1 Year	July 10				
Deer Park Public School	Todd	1 Year	July 31				
23 Ferndale Ave.	Kathy	1 Year	July 31				
St. Clair and Yonge	Bill S.	1 Year	August 6				
Tuesday 7:30 p.m.							

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Unity Group	Debra D.	1 Year	June 29				
Augsberg Lutheran Church	Ivor Q.	1 Year	August 17				
245 Mill St. S.							
Brampton							
Friday 8:30 p.m.							

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Winners Circle	Tom H.	1 Year	July 8				
Trinity Centre							
427 Bloor St. W.							
Sunday 4:00 p.m.							

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Our first World Delegate David L., submitted our petition to be an Area and it was ratified by the 13th C.A. World Service Conference on August 28, 1996 as the Toronto Ontario Canada Area. Our Area name was later changed to “Southern Ontario Area” on September 2, 1998 at the 15th World Service Conference. At the time of ratification, our Area had no districts and 15 C.A. Groups.

**First Toronto Convention -
TORCA I October 25, 1997**



<https://socaarchives.org/media/1997-torca-speakers/>

Audio clip of Johnny S.
(Torca I - Toronto, ON)



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Virtual Southern Ontario Area 2020 - 2022

Winners Circle
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
Literature Discussion or Speaker Meeting
Wednesday 7pm EST

Literature*Speaker
CA based books
& discussion

ZOOM ID: 865 3678 7777
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ORILLIA'S FIRST CA MEETING

**KEYSTONE
OF
RECOVERY**

Thursday's @ 7pm EST

Meeting ID: 752 699 2765
Password: 527460

**NO COKE IN
ETOBICOKE**

**Thursdays
ONLINE ONLY
STARTING @8PM**

LEAD SHARE: KIM C
Toronto, ON

**ZOOM ID:
5202749207**

8:00PM ET | 6:00PM MT
7:00PM CT | 5:00PM PT

**THE
REAL
DEAL**

MEETING ID:
614 669 9064
PASSWORD:
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MONDAYS

6 PM (CAT) 4 PM (GMT) 11 AM (EST)

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Thursdays at 7pm
*Open to addicts/alcoholics
who identify
as non binary or female*

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In Their Words

From spiritual malady to spiritual fitness, come explore the last 388 pages of the big book!

Mondays at 8:00pm
Big Book Discussion
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Online Meeting of CA
(Hamilton Canada)

Monday-Saturday 12:00pm EST (GMT +5)
Big Book Discussion Meeting
Zoom Meeting ID 528 138 192

Lead Shares

Mon Jan 3	Najjah J- Toronto
Tues Jan 4	Cass F- Alberta
Wed Jan 5	Danielle C- Ajax
Thurs Jan 6	George H- Nobleton
Fri Jan 7	Kala T- Florida
Sat Jan 8	Anthony V- Brighton

**Women in Recovery's
EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY TALK
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
focusing on 10, 11, 12
@ 8:30pm EST**

Fridays in January:
January 7th - Liz H, New York
January 14th - Ety A, New York
January 21st - Kathy T, Pennsylvania
January 28th - Denise C, New Jersey

Zoom ID: 857 7852 5682
Password: emotional
Phone pswd: 442519

Are you wrestling with cocaine
addiction or other substances?

**Join the Monday Night Raw
Group of Cocaine Anonymous
Every Monday night 7pm**

Monday January 3
Traditions Meeting
Lead Share: Jason N

Zoom Link: 552 613 377
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C.A. 2022 Facts

- Globally, C.A. has 84 Areas in 33 countries.
- One Global Online Service Area
- Approximately 6,000 C.A. Meetings worldwide.
- An estimated C.A. global membership of 60,000.
- 37 World Service **Conferences** (2021).
- 35 World Service **Conventions** (2019).



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*Remember, "Those who cannot remember the past
are condemned to repeat it."*

Santayana (in *The Life of Reason*, 1905)

Southern Ontario Cocaine Anonymous Area

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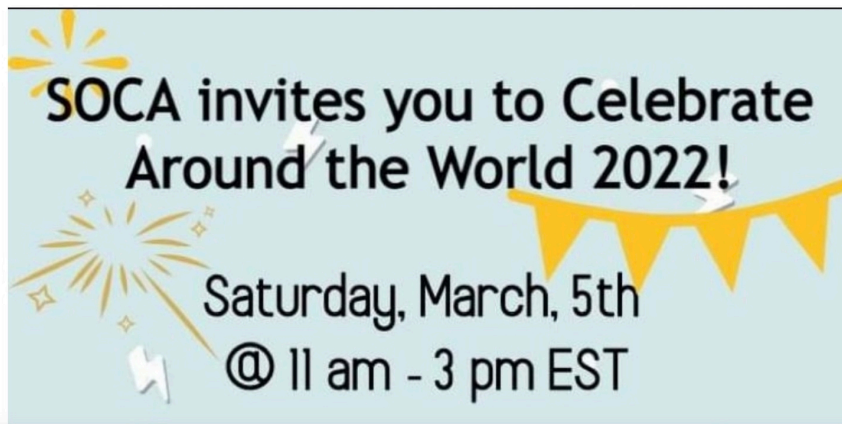
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