

# 42 years

**Cocaine Anonymous  
Carrying Its Message to the  
Addict Who Stills Suffers!**



**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)



# The Importance of Archives

**On August 25, 1992**, in the Bosnian city of Sarajevo, nearly two million books went up in flames. Fragile, 500-hundred-year-old pamphlets and vibrant Ottoman-era manuscripts disintegrated into ash as the building holding them, the National Library of Bosnia-Herzegovina, was shelled and burned. The burning of the National Library was an attack on more than physical objects, it was “cultural heritage destruction”: intentional and unnecessary destruction of sites and records that act as a community’s collective memory.







**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”). 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 C.A. World Service Archive Committee collects, preserves, catalogs and curates 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.







## **The Archives Committee of Cocaine Anonymous**

We, as a World Service Committee and those of you as Archivists in your respective Areas have done much to collect and preserve C.A.'s history.

C.A. is an expanding global concern and our responsibility to preserve and protect C.A.'s legacy leaves us with much to do.

If you are not already involved in C.A. Service, please consider joining us in the Archives, either at the Group, District, Area or World level and play an integral part in protecting C.A.'s future, by preserving C.A.'s past.



# Cocaine Anonymous Archive Goals

- **Create a District/Area Archive Committee**
- **Develop an archives policy:** clearly define its purpose, goals and the type of material it will acquire.
- **Collect appropriate C.A. material:** actively gather records from the District/Area/Group and the C.A. Fellowship at large.
- **Be responsible for the archival holdings:** know what material is in the archives and where it came from; storing the archives properly and securing it against theft, damage, and environmental or human hazards.
- **Make archival materials available for use by the C.A. fellowship.**





# Cocaine Anonymous Chronology

## The Early Days

### Los Angeles, California 1982

*'If you truly want to understand the present, or yourself, you must begin in the past. You see, history is not simply the study of the past. It is an explanation of the present.'* - Paul Hunham (The Holdovers 2023)



# Earliest Appearance of Cocaine Anonymous

**October 12, 1979** is the earliest known date for the name “Cocaine Anonymous” was used by a New York drug counsellor, John Burrell, who launched a special treatment group for coke users calling it “Cocaine Anonymous.” (*Albany Student Press, October 12, 1979. p. 9*)

Later, on **November 20, 1979**, on WBAB Radio with Joel Martin, the topic of discussion is Cocaine Anonymous and John Burrell is featured as the founder of Cocaine Anonymous. (*Newsday Nov. 20, 1979. p. 104*).




# In the Beginning: Los Angeles, November 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.

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."

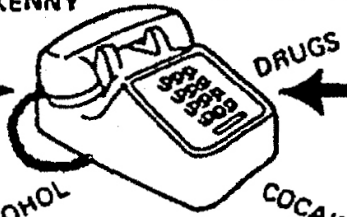


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MARY FRAMPTON / Los Angeles Times

*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.*



To advertise its new program to combat cocaine addiction, the Beverly Glen Hospital in West Los Angeles took out ads (**Billboard, Aug. 22, 1982**) in the entertainment trade publications, such as Billboard, The Hollywood Reporter and Daily Variety, as well as the Westside edition of The Times.

Working at the Beverly Glen Hospital, **Psychotherapist Allan Rosenthal** called cocaine “the most psychologically devastating” drug and developed a voluntary \$7000 – 21 day program, which included detoxification, drug education and intensive individual and group therapy. **By the fall 1982**, the program has 17 adults and six adolescent in-patients. Rosenthal said the hospital offers one of the most specialized treatment programs against cocaine addiction in the nation, he stressed that in-patient treatment offers no guarantee of permanent recovery. In fact, he said, the long-term recovery rate of cocaine abusers “is so small that I will not work with anybody privately unless at the end of the first month of treatment” they join an ongoing self-help group such as A.A.

(LA Times, Dec. 26, 1982 p. 208)

## Late Summer of 1982 The Beverly Glen Hospital Los Angeles, CA

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WITH DEPENDENCIES UPON

### **COCAINE, ALCOHOL and DRUGS**

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For additional information please contact:

### **BEVERLY GLEN HOSPITAL**

10361 **West Pico Boulevard** • **Los Angeles, California 90064**

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# 1st H&I Meeting at the Beverly Glen Hospital Meeting

In the late fall of 1982, Allan Rosenthal suggests to **Chip P.** to start a 12 Step “Cocaine Anonymous” meeting at the Beverly Glen Hospital. Chip rewords some A.A. preambles and changes them to Cocaine Anonymous and asks his friend, Bobby N. to be the first C.A. speaker. In addition, the Beverly Glen hospital provided a room for the weekly, free “Cocaine Anonymous” meeting which was open to drug abusers. The hospital also provided a small room with an answering machine for taking inquires about getting help with cocaine abuse. **Chip P. stated that this was really the first central office for early Cocaine Anonymous.**

By December of 1982, the group averages 30 people in attendance. Allan Rosenthal said the response from doctors and other health-care professionals has been “so overwhelming” that he envisions a mushrooming “Cocaine Anonymous” organization in Los Angeles, complete with a telephone hotline, literature and an administrative office.

In the fall of 1982 (date unknown) Tom Kenny, director of alcoholism services for the Motion Picture and Television Fund, a charitable organization supported by contributions from people who work in films and TV, approaches Allan Rosenthal and inquires about the Beverly Glen Hospital program for the treatment of cocaine addiction and wanted to know more about the program and Allan’s approach to recovery.



# 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**, with 12 people in attendance 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."*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> C.A. Meeting Our 1<sup>st</sup> H&I Meeting

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. **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



# Early 1982-1983 Meeting List

**Pictured Right: An early Tom K. C.A. Meeting List**

**\*Note: The Tuesday meeting is the A.A. "Whatever Group." Tom K., an A.A. member, is a "strong help" to the budding C.A. group.**

**Tom helps to the early C.A. fellowship find rooms for meetings, set up work committees and shows the C.A. members 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)  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS
- TUESDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 7429 Sunset - Los Angeles  
(cross street Gardner - Oriental Theater)  
MEETING ADDRESSING COCAINE AND OTHER DRUGS
- WEDNESDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 10361 W. Pico - West Los Angeles  
Lobby - Beverly Glen Hospital  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS
- THURSDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 335 North La Brea - Los Angeles  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS
- FRIDAY - 7:30 P.M. - CDC - 22nd & Arizona - Santa Monica  
First Floor  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS
- SATURDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 16037 Sherman Way - Van Nuys  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS

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

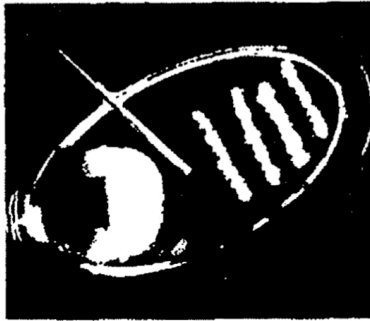


# First C.A. Media Story

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 AA. 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



# 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.

## LOCAL C.A. MEETINGS

TUESDAY - 7:30 PM.

Union Hall  
Motion Picture, TV, Health & Welfare Fund  
7429 Sunst Blvd.  
Hollywood

Sunset & Gardner

WEDNESDAY - 7:30 PM.

Conference Room - Upstairs  
Beverly Glen Hospital  
10361 W. Pico Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Pico & Beverly Glen Blvd.

THURSDAY - 7:30 PM.

Motion Picture, TV, Health & Welfare Fund  
335 N. La Brea  
Hollywood

Hollywood & Beverly Blvd.

FRIDAY - 7:30 PM.

Chemical Dependency Unit, 1st Floor, North Corridor  
St. John's Hospital  
1328 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Santa Monica

SATURDAY - 12:00 PM.

Step Study  
6721 Melrose Ave.  
Hollywood

La Brea & Highland

SATURDAY - 7:30 PM.

Pathfinders Building  
16037 Sherman Way  
Van Nuys



# Cocaine Anonymous World Services

Non-profit corporation effective June 18, 1984

In the beginning, C.A. was "Cocaine Anonymous of Los Angeles." But, 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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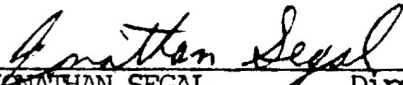
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COCAINE ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES

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

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



# 1st C.A. Chips - 1983

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.

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.





# Early C.A. Metal Sobriety Coin

N. California "Calligraphy" Font

1 Year - Roman Numeral



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."



# Early C.A. Northern California Sobriety Chips



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.





# Early C.A. Media Hype

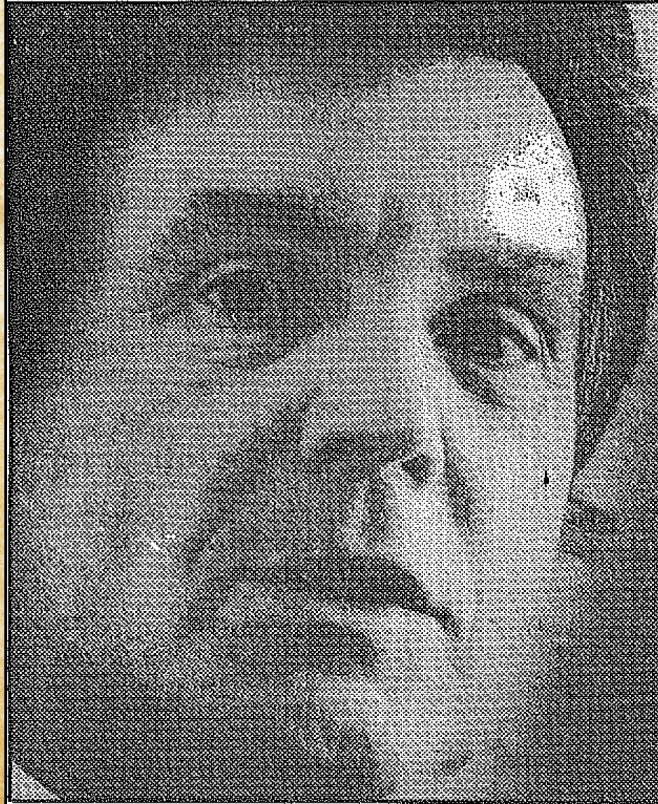
April 11, 1983, Time Magazine Cover features a story on fighting cocaine's grip on millions of users. The article references Cocaine Anonymous..."In Los Angeles, new Cocaine Anonymous groups draw 700 people to weekly meetings."





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

May 8, 1983, The Los Angeles Herald Examiner publishes an extensive 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.



Chris Gultier/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

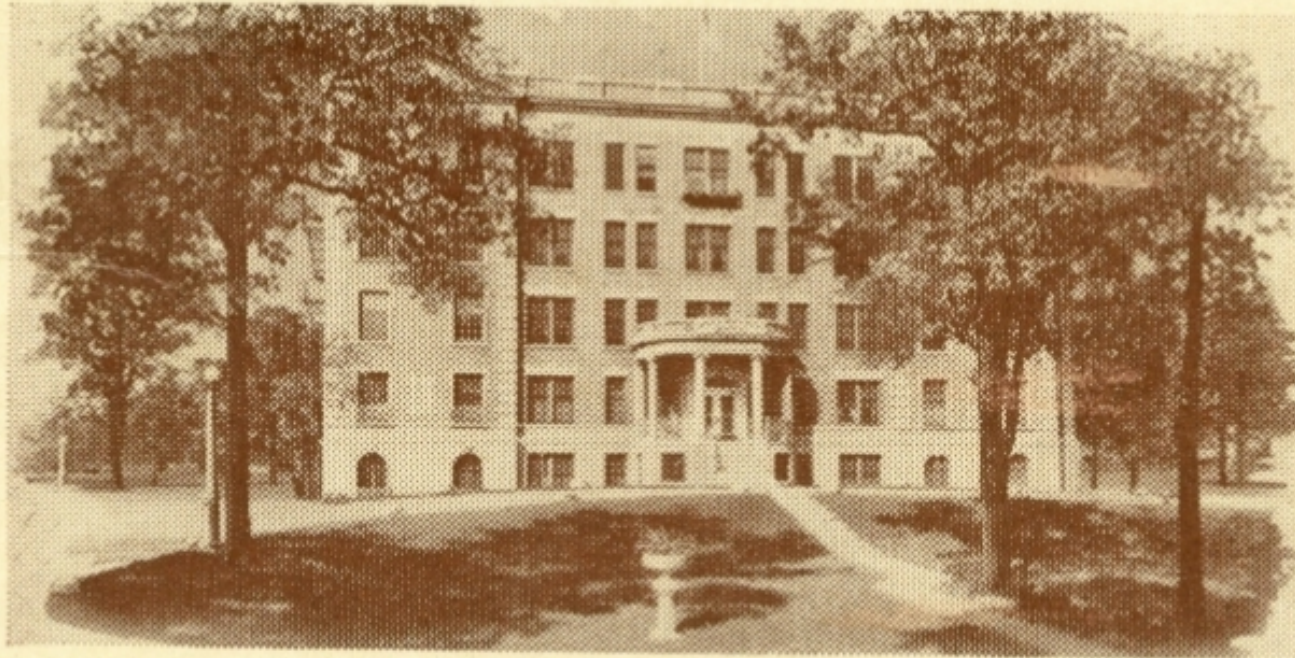
their accountants may hit them over the head and say, 'You don't have any more cash to pay for cocaine.' "

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 —



# Chicago C.A. Inception – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

## Thursday, May 5, 1983



MARTHA WASHINGTON HOSPITAL

IRVING PARK ROAD, AT WESTERN AVE.

CHICAGO, ILL.



# Chicago C.A. Inception – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

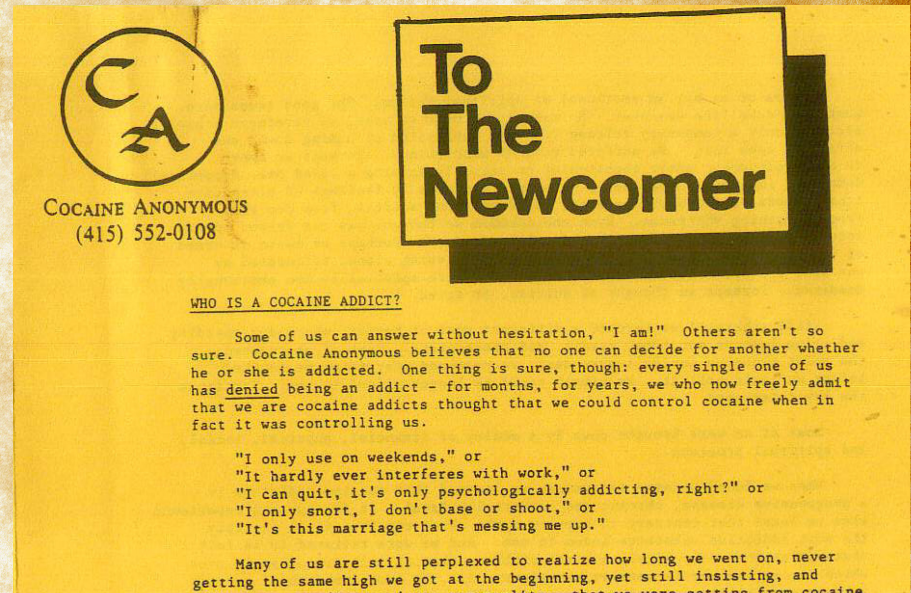
## Thursday, May 5, 1983

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. Then a second meeting soon afterwards started on Tuesday night.

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

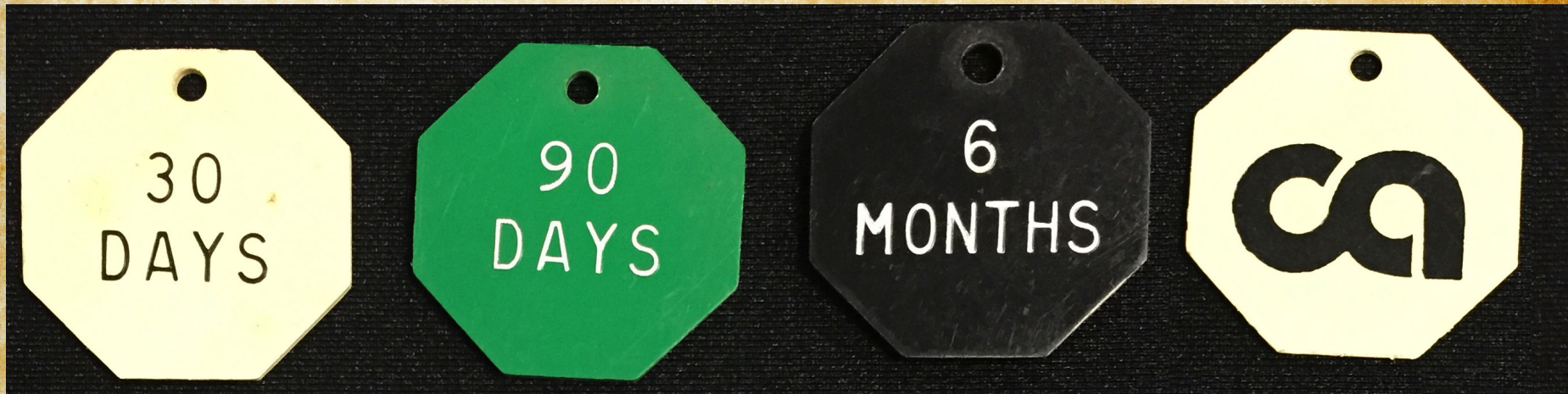
The fellowship in Los Angeles loved the piece, "To The Newcomer," and it was immediately incorporated it into C.A. Meetings and Starter Kits. This piece of literature is still with us today. And it has never been changed.





# Early C.A. Chicago 1983-1986

## Prototype Octagonal Sobriety Chips



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.



**Early C.A. Atlanta,  
Georgia Sobriety Chips  
- 1985 - 1986**

Atlanta, Georgia had their own sobriety chips too. 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.





# The Early Days of C.A. in Atlanta, Georgia

## Addicts anonymous

Help is on the way for those who suffer from cocaine addiction.

The first Atlanta area meeting of Cocaine Anonymous is scheduled for Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 4755 North Peachtree Road in Dunwoody.

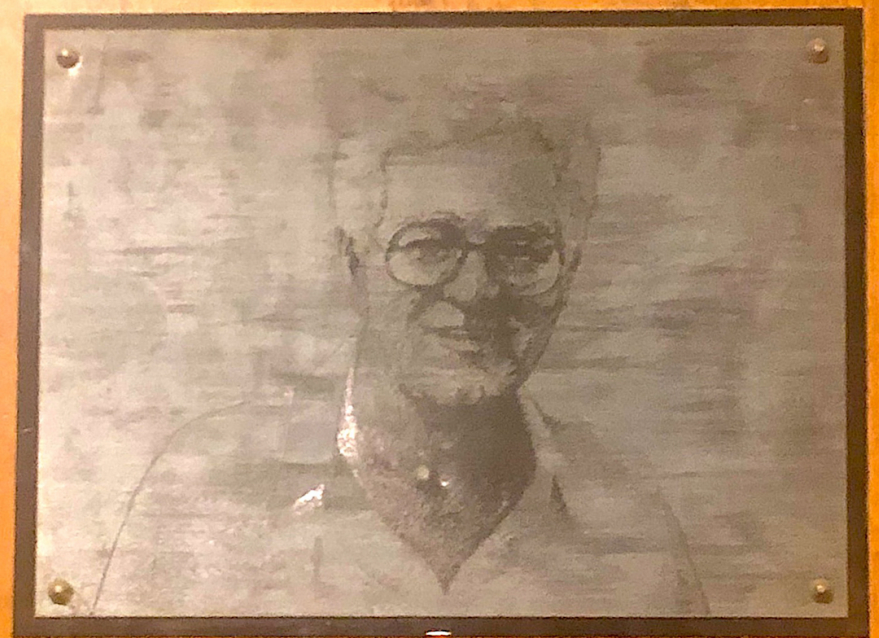
"There will be people there who are recovered cocaine addicts. They will share their experience in overcoming the addiction," a spokeswoman, who asked to remain unidentified, said.

An estimated 50 to 75 people are expected at the first meeting.

The Atlanta Constitution, Thursday, July 28, 1983, p. 26

According to Leon K., Dock Crandall, an A.A. member brought C.A. from California to Atlanta, Georgia in August of 1983 because many of his prospects were "cocaine junkies."

According to Leon K., says "Dock" was killed accidentally on a 12 Step call to one of his sponsees who had relapsed and was going to commit suicide with a shotgun. "Dock" tried to intervene and the shotgun accidentally discharged killing "Dock" November 26, 1985.



**Dock Crandell**

1916 - 1985

This room is dedicated to  
the loving memory of Dock Crandell

*"The Only Reason You Will Ever Take Another Drink  
Is Because You Want To!"*



# Coc-Anon | Co-Anon 1983

Co-Anon was started by Johnny S.'s wife, Janine P. It was initially named Coc-Anon.

Johnny S. reported his wife 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)**



**1<sup>st</sup> 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!**

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THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**COCAINE ANONYMOUS**

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# 1st C.A. World Convention

*Seaside Unity & Acceptance – Santa Barbara, CA - 1985*

1st Annual World Services Convention

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



# 1st C.A. World Convention

*Seaside Unity & Acceptance – Santa Barbara, CA - 1985*

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.

## 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



# 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



# 1st C.A. World Service Conference Feb. 8-9, 1986

## **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.



# **1st C.A. World Service Conference Feb. 8-9, 1986**

**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**



# 1st C.A. World Service Conference Feb. 8-9, 1986

## 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.



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

## The First World Service Office Board of Trustees

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

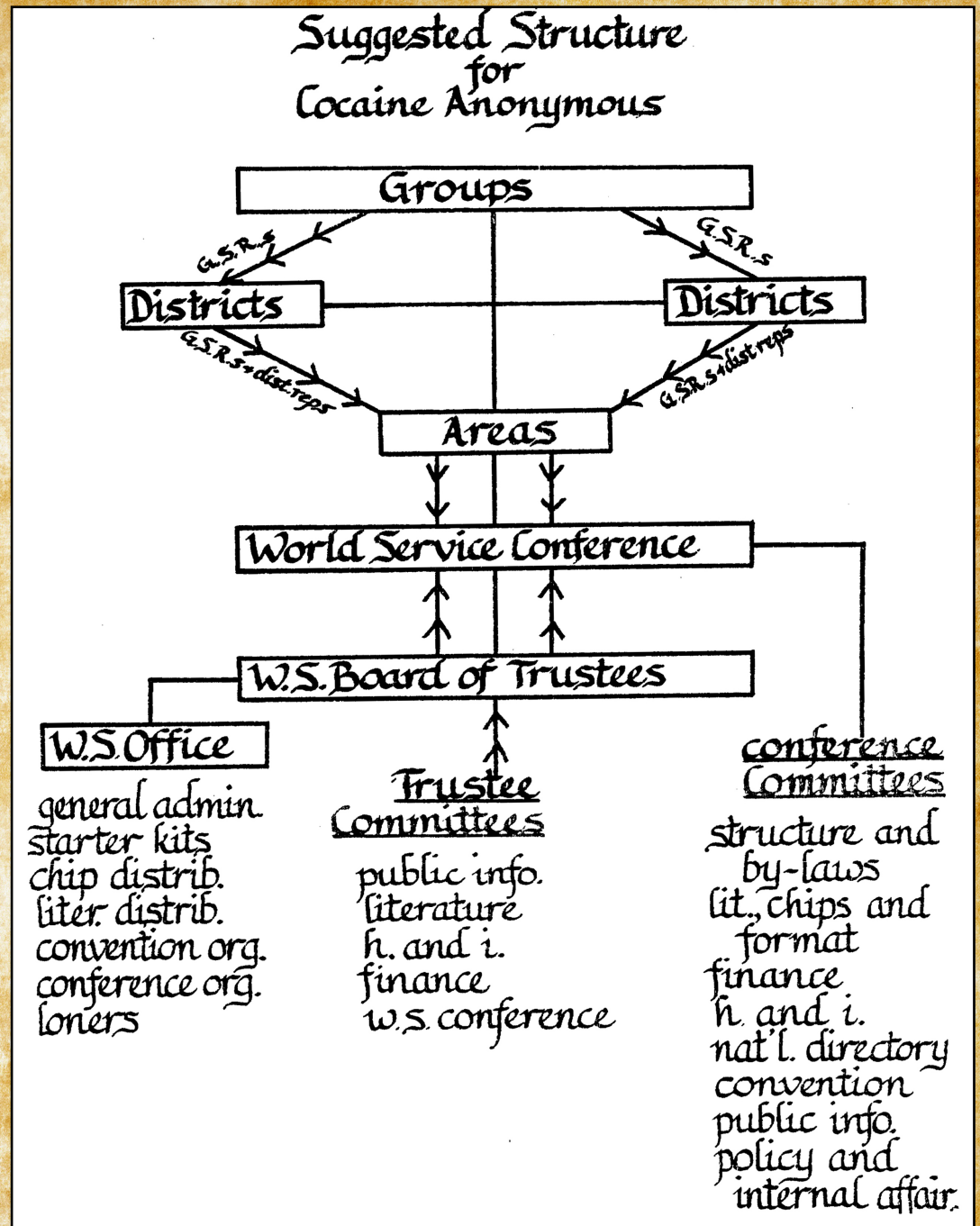
It was felt at the 1986 Conference that a Board of Trustees was needed to represent the Fellowship as a whole. Johnny and Ray (Gil had resigned by this time) interviewed candidates that were presented to them from a slate.



**Suggested Structure  
for Cocaine Anonymous**

Temporary Working Guide  
to the Service Structure

Ratified at the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> World Service  
Conference in San Diego,  
CA, July 1986**





# Other C.A. WSC Firsts

**At the 1st World Conference (Feb. 9, 1986)** it was ratified: “WSO approved literature – whenever Cocaine is mentioned it should read “Cocaine and all other mind altering chemicals.” Cited in the 2nd World Conference (July 2, 1986) minutes, under “Qualifications for a Trustee,” point 5, it reads, “A minimum of 2 years of continuous abstinence from cocaine and all other mind altering substances.” **The First Step of C.A. was changed to say,** “Cocaine and all other Mind Altering Substances when the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions were ratified at the 3rd WSC, on March 22, 1987.

**March 1987 — 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference:** Woodland Hills, California. At this conference, it came up that there seemed to be an imbalance of our voting procedures. Lionel’s motion that **ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE ARE THE ONES PERMITTED TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS AT THE MICROPHONE; THAT INCLUDES DELEGATES, TRUSTEES, AND ONE VOTE FROM THE WORLD SERVICE OFFICE** was passed (45 to 15). They were not happy. And original Office Board left the conference in protest. One member stayed, and became the Conference Chair. His name was Lionel. Shortly after the conference, the WSBT had to appoint an Office Board to replace the walk out members. (March 1987 Conference Minutes - Summary of Motions).

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

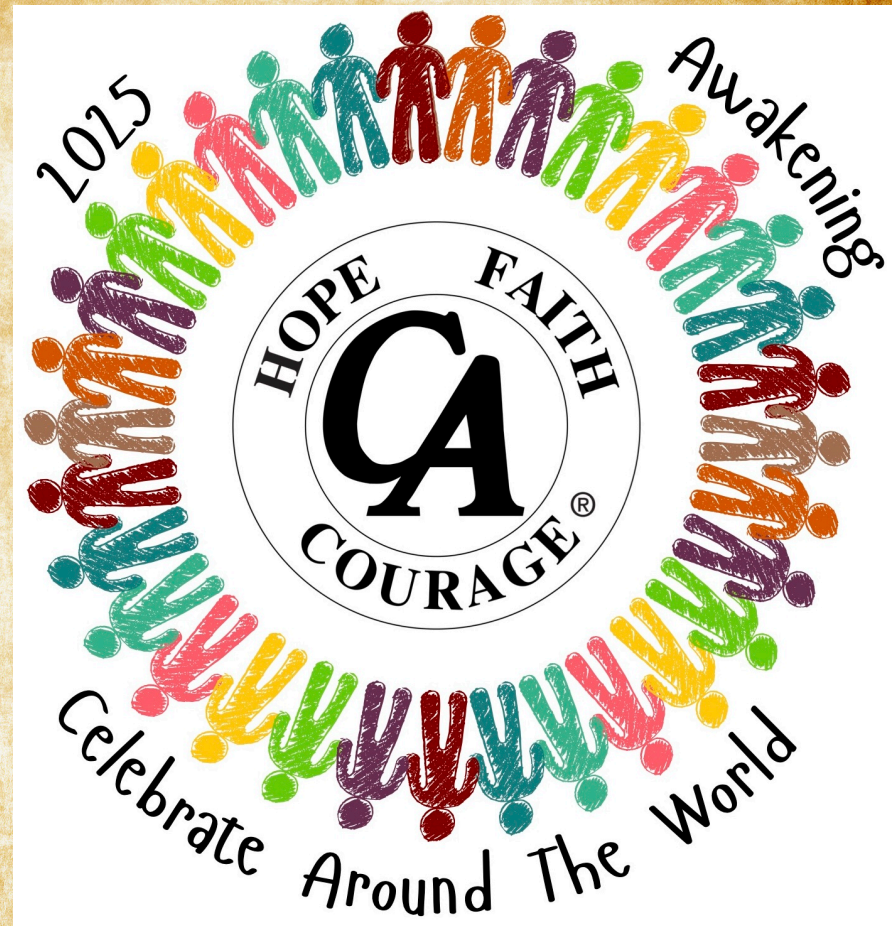
**August 1988 — 5<sup>th</sup> World Conference:** Descriptions of Areas, Districts and Regions were created, along with who can use the C.A. name.

**August 1989 — 6<sup>th</sup> World Service Conference:** The 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.



# Celebrate Around the World

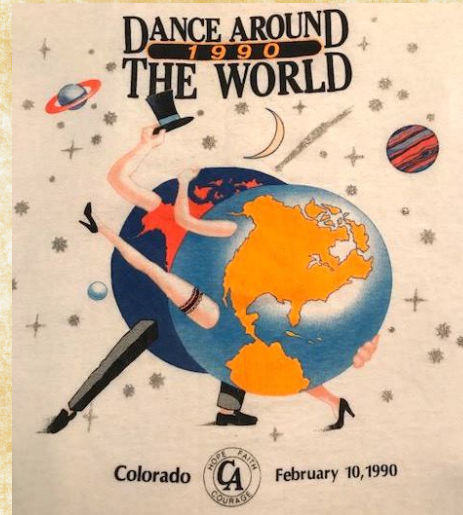
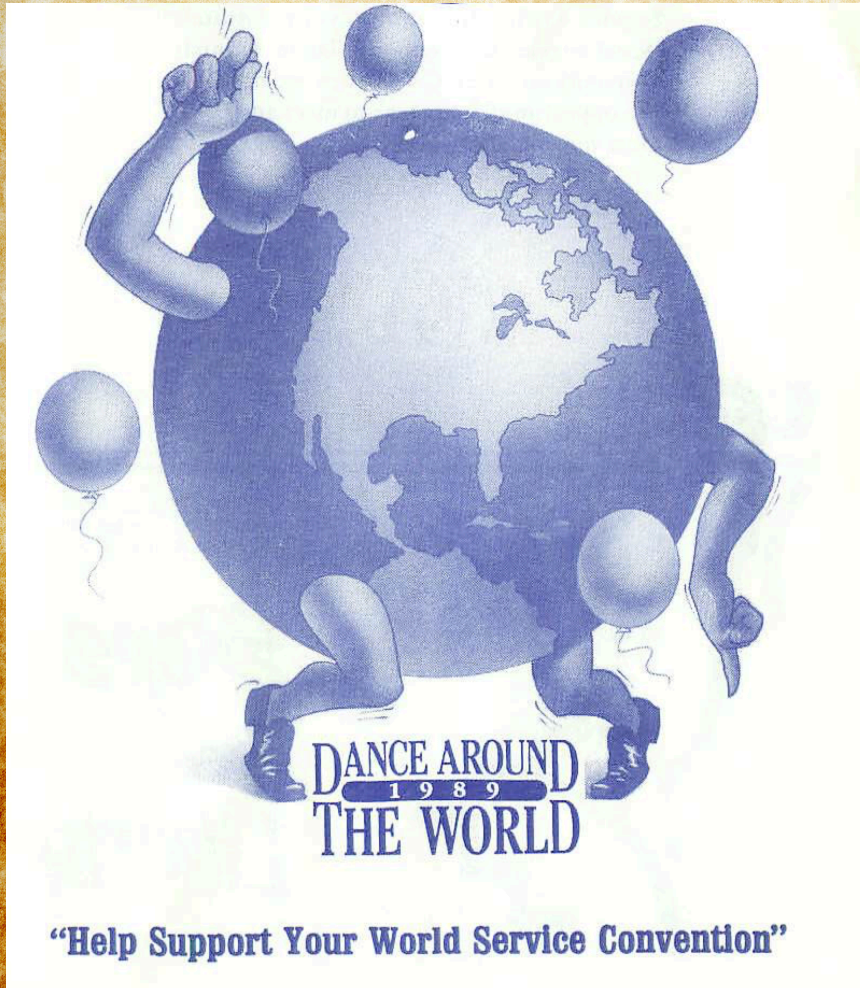
*A Brief History...*





# 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



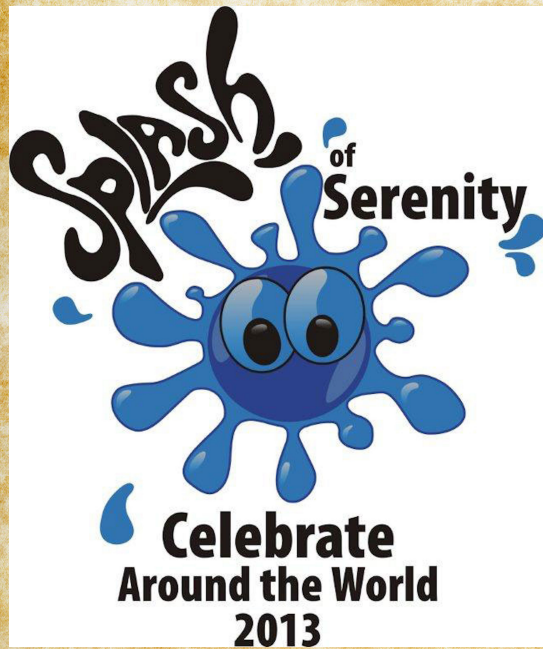
2007



2012



# Celebrate Around the World



- **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."*



# C.A. Newsletters

<https://museum.ca.org/ca-newsgram/>



## 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 the 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 those 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 notecard 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 Ringo's 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 experiences, 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 caller 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 2-9. 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 G.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*.

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# NewsGram

Vol. I, No. 1

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

## 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 top 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 415/392-9000.

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.



# “ENFORCE IT OR LOSE IT”


## *C.A. Battles to Protect Copyright Privileges*

July/August 1989 – Trustee Jack P. spearheads “Enforce It or Lose It” 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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Prior U.S. Cl.: 100  
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Registered Apr. 24, 1990

SERVICE MARK  
PRINCIPAL REGISTER



COCAINE ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES,  
INC. (CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)  
SUITE G  
3740 OVERLAND AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90034

AND OTHER MIND ALTERING SUBSTANCES,  
IN CLASS 42 (U.S. CL. 100).  
FIRST USE 5-0-1983; IN COMMERCE  
5-0-1983.  
OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 1,517,571.

FOR: ASSOCIATION SERVICES, NAMELY  
PROMOTING THE INTERESTS OF THOSE  
CONCERNED WITH THE USE OF COCAINE

SER. NO. 73-804,961, FILED 6-6-1989.  
TERRY ELLEN HOLTZMAN, EXAMINING AT-  
TORNEY



# First C.A. Meeting Outside the United States

Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 21, 1986, Robert F. 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.

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)
Late 1986 Montreal Meeting List						



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

**Europe Region Ratification History**

1. CAUK Area - Aug. 28, 1996
2. Hong Kong Area - Sept. 1, 2004
3. South Africa - Aug. 30, 2005
4. European Region - Aug. 30, 2005
5. Ireland Area - Aug. 31, 2010
6. Central UK Area - Aug. 31, 2016
7. London Area - Aug. 31, 2016
8. Thailand Area - Aug. 28, 2019
9. Wales Area - Sept. 1, 2021
10. West County Area - Sept. 1, 2021
11. Sussex Area - Aug. 31, 2022

**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 ~~Cheryl E.~~, Alan F ~~or Lisa C.~~ LISA C.



# **Mainland Europe Region Ratification History**

- 1. Spain Area - Aug. 29, 2006**
- 2. Germany (Deutschland) Area - Aug. 28, 2007**
- 3. Switzerland Area - Aug. 28, 2013**
- 4. Russia Area - Aug. 28, 2013**
- 5. Peru Area - Aug. 28, 2013**
- 6. Denmark Area - Sept. 2, 2015**
- 7. Mainland Europe Region - Aug. 28, 2019**
- 8. Portugal Area - Aug. 28, 2019**
- 9. China Area - Sept. 1, 2021**
- 10.Indonesia Area - Sept 1, 2021**
- 11.Greece Area - Aug. 31, 2022**
- 12.Holland Noord Area - Aug. 31, 2023**
- 13.France Area - Aug. 28, 2024**



# Mainland Europe Region Ratification History Poland Area Aug. 29, 2024



The first C.A. Poland group took place on February 19, 2021.

Today there are some 300+ members, 10 groups, 16 meetings per week.



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*C.A. POLSKA 1. KONWENCJA*

**22-23 LUTY 2025**

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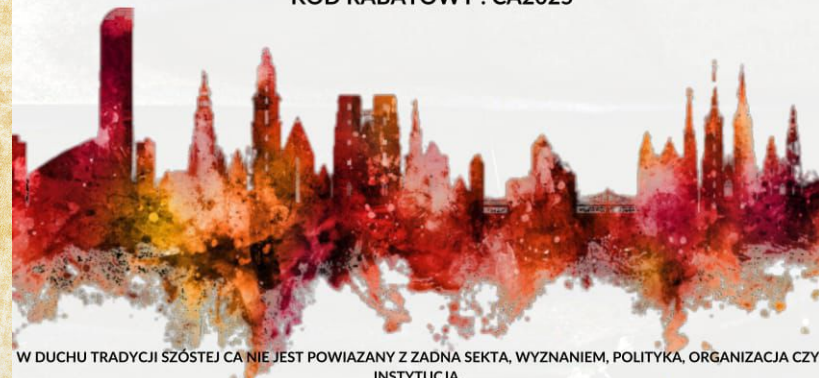
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**50-257 WROCŁAW**

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KOD RABATOWY : CA2025



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8<sup>ème</sup> CONGRÈS DES SERVICES  
MONDIAUX  
MONTRÉAL 1992  
HÔTEL MÉRIDIDIEN  
Les 22, 23 et 24 Mai 1992  
MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA



**C.A. World  
Convention  
Firsts**

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



*United*  
**KEYS OF THE KINGDOM**

**28th World Service Convention  
May 24-28, 2012 Birmingham, UK  
First Convention outside North America**



# C.A. World Convention Firsts

First Non-English  
Speaking, Mainland  
Europe

35<sup>th</sup> 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

STOCKHOLM  
SYNDROME  
2019



Registration and  
all the info you need:  
**CAWS2019.org**



**2nd Non-English  
Speaking, Mainland  
Europe**

**2024**

**38<sup>th</sup> World Convention**  
Noordwijkerhout  
Nederland

**Meetings in Holland**  
today number:  
157 in-person  
27 online  
10 H&I



The poster features a dark background with a purple-to-blue gradient. At the top, the word "World" is written in a large, cursive, pink font, with "SERVICE" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font to its right. Below this, the words "CONVENTION" and "2024" are written in large, bold, yellow, 3D-style block letters. A white outline arrow points down from the top left towards the word "World", and another white outline arrow points up from the bottom center towards the word "2024".

**COCAINE ANONYMOUS**  
HOSTED BY C.A. HOLLAND AREA

In the spirit of traditions 6 & 7 C.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution. We are fully self-supporting through our own contributions.



The logo is circular with a white border. Inside the circle, the words "HOPE" and "FAITH" are written in a small, white, sans-serif font at the top, and "COURAGE" is written at the bottom. In the center of the circle is a large, white, stylized letter "CA".



**39<sup>th</sup> World Convention - May 22nd - May 26th**

**<https://caws2025.org>**



# **Awakening**

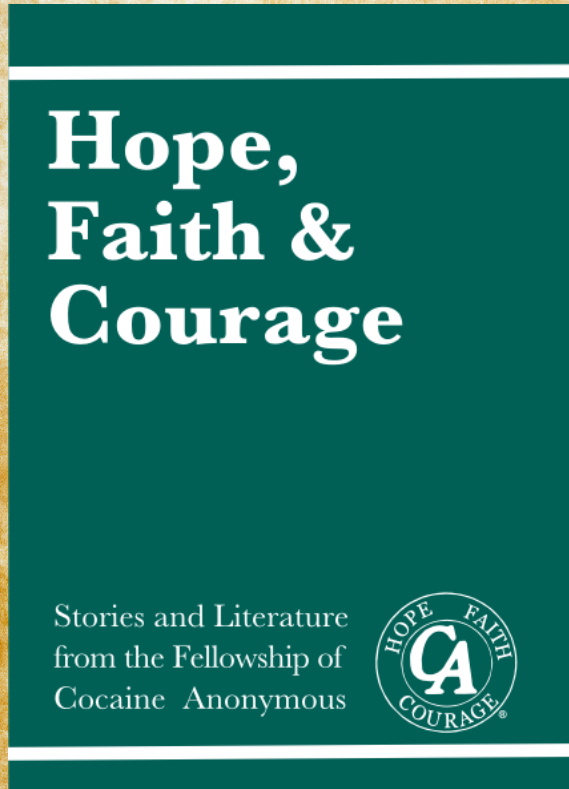
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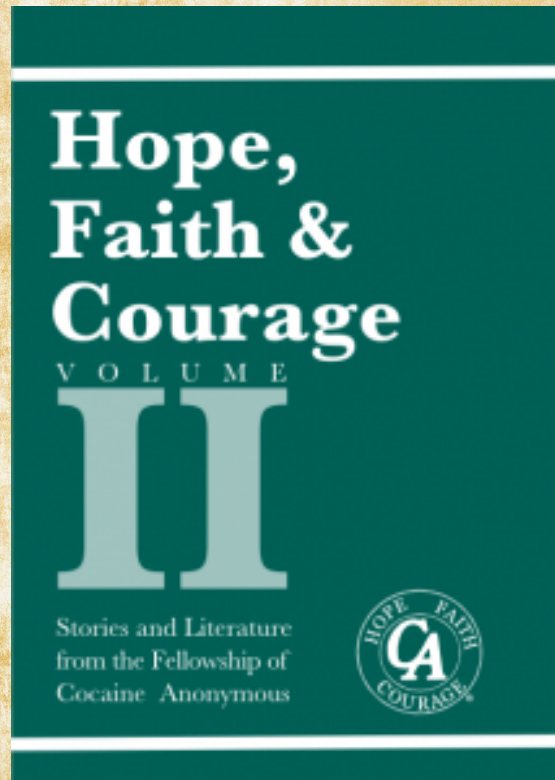


# C.A. Publications

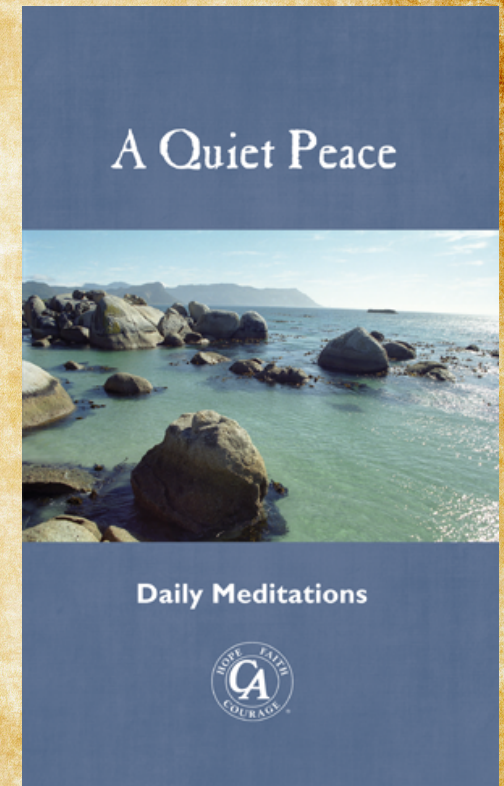
**Alan S., LCF Chair**, brought an idea to the 1989 Conference that C.A. should have its own book comprised of stories from our members. Stories from around the C.A. fellowship were collected, selected, edited and approved. Bill Z. (San Diego, CA), as the chair of the LCF CA Book sub-committee contributed 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.



1993



2007



2014



# C.A. Online

1994 Inception to 2025





# 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**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 20, 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.



# 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.

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**1995** - PI brought a motion to the Conference floor to add certain specified information to the website, such as "What is CA?", "...And All Other Mind-Altering Substances" and "To the Newcomer." The motion passed with an amendment to allow the PI committee to add Conference-approved information at its discretion.

Kevin M. undertook a redesign of the website. More pieces were added: a page on the Storybook, the PI Fact File, the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, "Crack", and some of the results of the PI Survey of the previous year and an opening page describing the Fellowship and its goals. There was still no e-mail contact listed.

This new version of the site went up, but it should *have been reviewed and approved first* by the WSBT and/or the WSOB, but none of them had Internet access!

**1996** - The new website was formally announced at the Conference and made available for viewing by the fellowship. E-mail addresses for Public Information inquiries ([pubinfo@ca.org](mailto:pubinfo@ca.org)) and for technical comments ([webmaster@ca.org](mailto:webmaster@ca.org)) were also created, and all of these addresses were listed on the web site.



# 1<sup>st</sup> C.A. French Translation Website



## *Services Mondiaux des Cocainomanes anonymes*

*"Nous sommes ici et nous sommes libres"*

*E-Mail: [montreal@ca.org](mailto:montreal@ca.org)*

"Les Cocainomanes 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 Cocainomanes 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>

accessed 2021-02-05

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.



# 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](http://www.co-anon.org).

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**UPDATED!**  
Frequently Asked Questions page!

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**WARNING:**  
E-Mail volume is currently running at 50-60 messages per day. If this volume of mail would be a problem for you, you might want to consider the **DIGEST EDITION** of HF&C;.  
Each digest contains the last 20-25 messages.



**First Online C.A. Area**  
<https://ca-online.org>

**1999-09-03** - The Conference approves the creation of an Online Service Committee and [ca-online.org](https://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.



**6 Online CA Meetings:**


- \* there is a solution
- \* keep it simple ca
- \* theStudy
- \* sisters in sobriety
- \* stepsOnline
- \* hope, faith, & courage

**O** my goodness!  
**/**

**on the internet 24/7  
unlimited seating**

**www.ca-online.org**

- \*carrying the message
- \*promoting unity
- \*having fun



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# First Online C.A. Area

<https://ca-online.org>

Today the OSA has some 50 + virtual meetings with hundreds of members participating from countries throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

<https://www.ca-online.org/home/meetings/>

## A VISION FOR YOU

TUESDAYS  
7PM PST | 10PM EST | 3AM UK  
*A Quiet Peace Reading / Share*

Zoom Meeting ID: 858 1405 4303  
Password: 499896

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Download the free Skype App request the contact intoaction.online

## Into Action Online Big Book Study

Every Tuesday and Friday 9pm UK 10pm Europe

<https://join.skype.com/IyvSmhPaRff9>

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## REACHING OUT 121

*Meets Daily*

*You're Invited!*

11PM UK, 6PM EST, 3PM PST

**COME JOIN US ON ZOOM!**

ZOOM ID: 879 7745 8088  
PASSWORD: 750811

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## GUERREIROS DA LUZ

REUNIÃO ON LINE  
SEGUNDA 8-00 PM (GMT)  
MONDAY 3-00 PM (EST)

ID: 863 475 1104  
PASS: LUZ

**\*NO ESPÍRITO DA SEXTA TRADIÇÃO, C.A. NÃO ESTÁ ALIADA A NENHUMA SETA, DENOMINAÇÃO, POLÍTICA, ORGANIZAÇÃO, OU INSTITUIÇÃO.\***

THERE IS A SOLUTION!

### Big Book Sponsorship

**T.G.I.F. & the Midnight Rounders**

12 Step recovery from cocaine and all other mind altering substances

11:30 PM (EST) Friday nights  
Meeting ID: 251 044 227  
<https://bigbooksponsorshipgroup.org>

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HOPE FAITH COURAGE

We're Here and We're Free®

# DAILY REPRIEVE

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER/PARTICIPATION MEETING

1:30PM PDT  
4:30PM EDT  
9:30PM GMT+1

**ZOOM ID: 828 6005 8767**  
PASSWORD NOT REQUIRED  
7-DAYS A WEEK

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## THE REAL DEAL

[www.TheRealDealCA.org](http://www.TheRealDealCA.org)  
[info@therealdealca.org](mailto:info@therealdealca.org)

ZOOM: 614 669 9064  
PW: 416648

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS  
5PM CAT | 4PM GMT | 11AM EDT

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## WE THE NORTH

THE NATIONWIDE ONLINE GROUP

EVERY SUNDAY

9 AM PST | 12PM EST  
10 AM MDT | 1 PM AST  
11 AM CST | 1:30 PM NFL  
5 PM BST

**ZOOM ID: 772-7578-5862**

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# Saturdays



8pm UK - 3pm NY - 12pm CA

Meeting ID: 853 0632 1266

PW: AWOCA



Join us for experience, strength and hope from around the world

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# TOPIC THUNDER

C.A. Men's Topic Meeting  
International Speakers  
THURSDAYS

7 pm UK // 8 pm CET  
11 am PST // 2 pm EST

Room opens 15 mins before start time

**ZOOM ID: 840 6894 4694**

# Big Book Study

NEW ZEALAND COCAINE ANONYMOUS

NEW ZEALAND COCAINE ANONYMOUS INVITES YOU TO A BIG BOOK STUDY EVERY FRIDAY AT THE TIMES BELOW

Every Friday

Zoom ID  
**998 1352 2508**

NZST - 7:30 pm    BST - 7:30 am  
PST - 11:30 pm    EST - 2:30 am

# Tous les mercredis

réunion en ligne  
skype: la4e.Dimension  
22:00 CET / 9pm GMT / 4pm EST

rejoignez-nous via une tablette,  
un ordinateur, ou un téléphone



# La 4e Dimension

"Dans l'esprit de la Sixième tradition, C.A. n'est affilié à aucune secte, dénomination, organisation politique, organisme ou institution."

# Wednesday Women's

7:30PM - 8:30PM PST

# Literature Study

Come Zoom With Us!



Zoom Meeting ID  
858 7122 1139

Meeting Passcode  
96636

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# The Cocaine Anonymous Virtual Museum

protecting c.a.'s future by preserving c.a.'s legacy

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Early C.A. Sobriety Coin (1983-1987) created by the Northern California fellowship. Later in March 1987 at the 3rd World Service Conference, delegates voted between the CALA logo and the logo ...

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## Stuffed Teddy Bears – 1995

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Spirit of Service—SOS  
March 24 – 26, 1995,  
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- Colorado Area, Southwest (North America)
- Leave a comment



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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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Posted on November 22, 1983 by caws.archivist

MINUTES COCAINE ANONYMOUS GENERAL SERVICES MEETING NOVEMBER 22, 1983 No attendance taken. I. OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS A. TREASURER'S REPORT 1. FINANCIAL REPORT Old balance: \$477.75 Party profit: 1,370.00 \$1,847.75 Meeting: \$45.00 1,892.75 Meeting: \$95.00 New balance: 1,987.75 2. MEETINGS WITH OUTSTANDING PARTY TICKETS/MONEY a. Sat. Long Beach - Hank b. Thurs. Cedars - Veronica - \$10.00...

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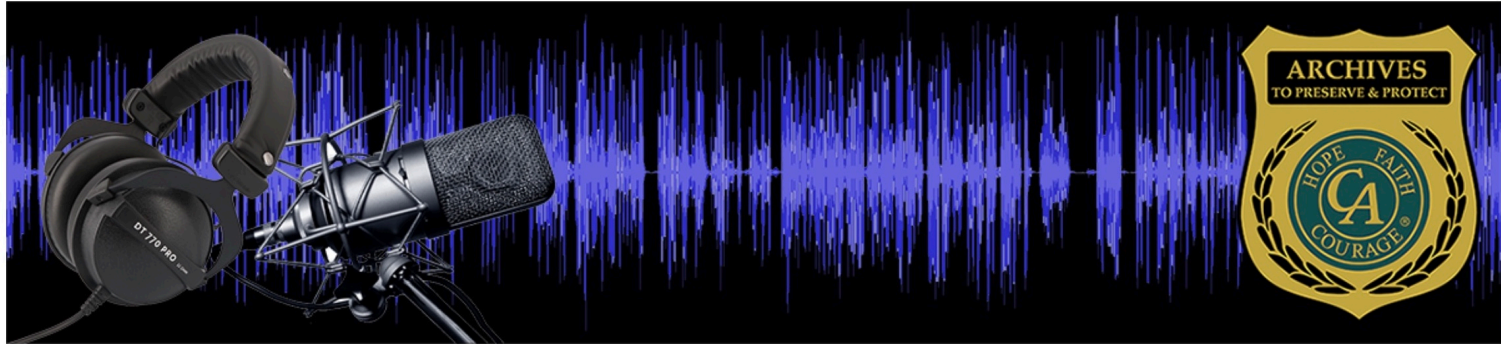
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# C.A. 2025 Figures

- Globally, C.A. has 79 Areas in 20 countries.
- One Global Online Service Area
- Approximately 6,000 C.A. Meetings worldwide.
- An estimated C.A. global membership of 60,000.
- 41 World Service **Conferences** (2024).
- 39 World Service **Conventions** (2024).



# PRESERVE & PROTECT YOUR C.A. AREA HISTORY!

## Contact the CAWS Archive Committee

Email us: ([archive@ca.org](mailto:archive@ca.org))

<https://ca.org/service/world-service-conference/archives/archive-request-form/>

## Download the CAWS Archive Guidelines & Procedures Manual

[https://ca.org/content/uploads/2024/03/2024-WSC-Archives-Committee-Guidelines\\_2023-WSC-Approved.pdf](https://ca.org/content/uploads/2024/03/2024-WSC-Archives-Committee-Guidelines_2023-WSC-Approved.pdf)

## How to build a C.A. Area Archive

<https://museum.ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/How-To-Build-An-Cocaine-Anonymous-Archive-2024-03-26-pdf-version.pdf>

## Protect C.A.'s Future by Preserving C.A.'s Legacy

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

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



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