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CHAIR'S CORNER:

Goals being met by new board

The temporary Board of Directors of the World Services Office has been hard at work the past two months. Each and every committee head also has been active in bringing this office together.

Being of service is what this new office is all about. The World Services Office of Cocaine Anonymous is committed to the first tradition, which states, "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on C.A. unity." It is our intention to promote C.A. and carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

The first three goals of this board have already been accomplished. We have straightened out our financial status, hired a new office employee to staff the office daily and begun this newsletter so that communication within the fellowship is strengthened.

Our present goal is to straighten out and create a new system for the sales of chips and literature. We are well aware of the condition of this system and are in the process of changing it to better serve the needs of the fellowship.

Please bear with us as we trudge the road to making this office function at its maximum potential. Each and every area of this office is being fine-tuned to best serve you and other addicts all over the world.

The Third World Services Convention is over the 4th of July weekend in San Francisco and I hope at this weekend of sobriety that I can get the opportunity to meet and share with as many of you as possible.

Thank you for letting me be of service to the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous.

Coco C.
Beverly Hills, CA
Temporary Chair

Hundreds expected to attend San Francisco Convention

By Fred H., Staff Writer

Hundreds of recovering addicts will step out of the fog and pass through San Francisco's Golden Gate this July 4th weekend to attend the Third Annual Cocaine Anonymous World Services Convention. They will don C.A. T-shirts, attend meetings and a variety of workshops, eat, dance, and enjoy a jam-packed, fun-filled weekend of sober excitement.

As of this writing, close to 500 members of the fellowship have reserved rooms at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, the convention site near Union Square in downtown San Francisco. An equal number of recovering addicts have pre-registered for the convention,

and late registrants could bring the total number of conventiongoers to nearly 1,000.

It all starts at noon on Friday, July 3, when registration opens. A wide array of convention memorabilia will be on sale -- such keepsakes include mugs, T-shirts, sleeveless T-shirts, sweatshirts, key chains, and convention logo stickers.

A meeting marathon also will be launched at this time with meetings starting every hour on the hour running through to the end of the convention on Sunday.

Along with the hourly marathon meetings, a series of other meetings will

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'... And God created C.A....'

By Margie G., Staff Writer

There were two major ingredients that came together in November, 1982 that led to the first Cocaine Anonymous meeting in Hollywood, CA.

First, there was a desperate need. Cocaine addiction was reaching epidemic proportions. Second, there were no 12-step programs that specifically addressed cocaine addicts and their associated problems.

"Other programs seemed not to address some of the problems of the cocaine addict -- mainly the excitement and paranoia surrounding the drug and its procurement," according to Trustee Ray G. of Riverside, CA, who was one of the core group. Cocaine addicts simply felt more comfortable around other cocaine addicts. The term narcotics was threatening to many.

"When people have a cocaine problem," Ray said, "that's all they can see. The word 'narcotics' scares a lot of them."

Two major events occurred simultaneously that sparked C.A. into existence.

A private hospital in the Los Angeles area began holding closed meetings for its patients. It called the meeting "Cocaine Anonymous" and it later became a regular C.A. meeting.

At the same time, an A.A. meeting was formed in Hollywood that dealt primarily with cocaine and other drugs. This Tuesday night meeting was called "The Whatever Meeting."

"The meeting was started to address cocaine," said Johnny S. of Pacific Palisades, CA, one of the core group that did the service to start C.A.

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Directors involved in service to fellowship

By Jim G., Editor

The four members of the C.A. World Services Board of Directors, who join with Temporary Chairperson Coco C. of Beverly Hills, CA, have been involved in service to the fellowship on all levels and combine more than 133 months of sobriety.

Rusty F. of Long Beach, CA, is the temporary vice chair. He continues to be involved in activities at the meeting level as a literature person, GSR and secretary.

A practicing attorney for 14 years, Rusty has more than two years clean and sober.

Helene H. of Van Nuys, CA, is the temporary secretary with a wealth of service during her more than three years of sobriety. She has been a delegate to

the World Services Conference, was secretary of the San Fernando Valley C.A. Central Office for 13 months and has been GSR, secretary and treasurer of local meetings.

As secretary for the board of directors, Helene takes and prepares the minutes of each board meeting.

The temporary treasurer of the WSO is Linda H. of Beverly Hills, who also has a long list of service commitments during her more than three years of sobriety. She served as treasurer of the Los Angeles Central Office for a year and on the financial committee for the Los Angeles convention. She continues with various panels and meeting commitments for both C.A. and A.A.

As temporary treasurer, she organizes and manages the WSO's financial affairs, prepares monthly reports on the

financial condition of the World Services Office and prepares all tax filings.

Steve P. of Monrovia, CA, is the newly appointed director-at-large on the board. In his nearly 2 1/2 years of sobriety, he has been tremendously active in service on all levels. He has been a delegate to the World Services Conference, founded a candlelight meeting at his area office, is chairperson for a Hospitals and Institutions panel and leader of two others, has been secretary, treasurer and GSR for several meetings and works a shift on his area hotline.

A director of manufacturing for a furniture company, Steve served a short while as chairman of the Newsletter Committee until his appointment to the board in May.

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begin on Friday afternoon. These meetings address specific issues and needs of different groups of people in recovery.

Visitors to the city of San Francisco will be warmly embraced by the locals at the Welcome Meeting that starts on Friday night at 7 p.m. Jennifer R., a trustee from Yonkers, NY, will be the main speaker.

Other special meetings relate to age, sexual issues, and sexual orientation. Women's stag and men's stag meetings will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday. A gay and lesbian meeting will be conducted Saturday afternoon. A young peoples' meeting will also start that afternoon.

A variety of issues recovering addicts face in day-to-day living will be discussed in numerous workshops.

"Fun in sobriety" also will be the theme for the evening activities. Following Jennifer R.'s pitch Friday night, the Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra will play for our dancing pleasure 'til after midnight. Saturday night's banquet (tickets are required because seating is limited) will stimulate palates and satiate appetites. Following the speaker meeting, where Randy C. from Sausalito, CA, will share his experience, strength, and hope, fun seekers will sway to the strains brought to us by a live D.J. into the latenight hours.

Sunday marks the conclusion of the convention. The breakfast will lead into a spiritual meeting at which Tommy S. of Emeryville, CA, will speak. Closing ceremonies after the spiritual meeting will wind up the weekend's activities.



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San Gabriel Valley	(818)447-2887		
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(Please submit any information on new meetings or hotline numbers to the CAWSO, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232.)

Ray G.: Committed to the principles of C.A.

By Alan G., Staff Writer

Ray G. of Riverside, CA, chairman of World Services Office Board of Trustees, is a highly spirited and devoted individual, whose service resume reveals more than four years of commitment to and initiative for Cocaine Anonymous.

Ray's position on the board of trustees comes after having chaired service committees for the telephone lines, directories, chips and literature, communications and starter kits to name but a few. He also started several meetings in Southern California when C.A. was in its infancy.

As a trustee, Ray works together with the other trustees to make sure conference decisions comply with the Traditions and the Concepts. The trustees are "sort of the protectors of the principles," he said.

There are seven trustees, who hail from New York, Houston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and two from San Francisco as well as Ray. These individuals meet four times annually in addition to corresponding on a weekly basis since July 1986, when the board of trustees was formed.

While Ray feels that the structural goals of C.A. as a whole have basically come true through the conferences, he notes that the direction we are headed is for greater unity and growth.

"Just look at the newsletter," he said. "the 'NewsGram' is great because the fellowship never knew what was going on with C.A. on a world services level."

Ray is quick to point out that the structure of C.A. was set up after 17 months, a direct benefit of having had the opportunity for delegates representing all the

varied interests and regions of C.A. to participate in and vote on the direction of C.A. as a whole.

However, the basic sentiment that Ray expresses and a point he always returns to is that "the power stays with the meetings; that's the most powerful thing there is."

One topic that Ray would like to direct attention to involves the structure of C.A. regionally. He would like to see a more comprehensive design in the structure "from meetings on up." That would provide for the most effective communications and support system for areas, districts and regions.

All things considered, it is safe to say that Ray sees nothing but good, positive things ahead in the future of C.A.: "There's only one way -- that's to grow."

World Services 1988 Budget Forecast

Following is the Cocaine Anonymous World Services projected budget for 6/1/87 to 5/31/88:

INCOME:	BUDGET	MONTHLY
Chips and literature	47,000.00	3,916.67
Events	15,000.00	1,250.00
Donations	20,000.00	1,666.67
Connection	2,500.00	208.33
TOTAL INCOME	84,500.00	7,041.00
EXPENSES:		
Chips	18,800.00	1,566.67
Conference Expense	5,000.00	416.67
Trustee Expense	6,000.00	500.00
Connection	4,000.00	333.33
Newsletter	1,800.00	150.00
Photocopies & Supplies	2,500.00	208.33
Literature	5,000.00	416.67
Postage/UPS	5,000.00	458.33
Postage Meter	200.00	16.67
Legal	5,000.00	416.67
Office Rent	4,500.00	375.00
Phone	3,000.00	250.00
Utilities	600.00	50.00
Salaries	10,500.00	875.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00	208.33
Insurance	500.00	41.67
Accounting	2,500.00	208.33
Employee Withholding	1,470.00	122.50
Sales Tax	2,925.00	243.75
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	166.67
TOTAL EXPENSE	84,295.00	7,024.58
NET INCOME	205.00	17.08

--History--

Meeting count

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A group conscience to change the name of the meeting to Cocaine Anonymous was defeated. So a Thursday night meeting was begun that became the first C.A. meeting of record in November, 1982.

Within 30 days, five more C.A. meetings were established and thriving. In February, 1983, the secretaries of the six meetings got together and formed what eventually became the first General Services Organization. The Los Angeles Central Office was formed in April, 1983.

During the next year, C.A. received a lot of national media coverage.

"We were pretty hot," Ray said.

Magazine articles appeared in such diverse publications as "Time," "Newsweek" and "Hustler." But the articles eliciting the most response were in the "Los Angeles Times" and a doctor's newsletter. The "Times" article on C.A. was picked up by the United Press International news service and ran in newspapers nationwide. A doctor from UCLA Medical Center devoted a com-

plete newsletter to C.A. that went to doctors across the country.

Responses poured in from all parts of the nation to the Los Angeles Central Office.

The need for an entity to handle the responses was evident, so a steering committee was formed in May, 1984 to plan a world services office.

By July of that year, the first World Services Organization meeting was held, a board was elected and plans were made for the first C.A. convention in February, 1985.

It was at that convention in Santa Barbara, CA, that the groundwork for the first WSO Conference in San Diego the following February was laid.

In the three WSO conferences, the fellowship has developed a voice and a format on which to work out issues.

In the five years since C.A.'s first meeting, the fellowship has come into its own with nearly 650 meetings worldwide.

"There was a core group of us helping to put the thing together for the first few years," Johnny said.

"But it was God who started C.A.," Ray said with a laugh.

NewsLines

The WSO has received its largest single contribution -- some \$2,900 from Connecticut, which will be used to finance the purchase of the office's computer. "This should end the controversy over the computer purchase," said Trustee Ray G

The Public Relations Committee has been hard at work on several fronts. Chaired by Bob G. of Venice, CA, the committee has been answering phone and written requests, preparing several mailings to the fellowship and to the media. Bob wants to improve communication between his committee and the various central office public relations committees.

Melodi P. of Los Angeles has outlined what she would like to do as chair of the Archives Committee for the WSO. She wants to maintain records of all conferences, conventions, special meetings and events as well as all publications and minutes of WSO board meetings. If anyone has any memorabilia that would be suitable for the archives, it should be sent to her at the WSO, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232

"The Connection," Cocaine Anonymous's publication on recovery, is doing very well, according to its editor, Bruce McC. of Hollywood, CA. The publication is close to breaking even and sales are going well. The publication is available at many meetings and also by subscription. The single-issue cost is \$1 and a one-year subscription is \$10. To start a subscription, mail \$10 to "The Connection," P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, CA 90232.

California

Third Annual C.A. World Services Convention, July 3-5, 1987, Ramada Renaissance Hotel, San Francisco, CA. For reservations contact C.A. World Services Convention Committee, P.O. Box 4802, Mt. View, CA 94040

Third Annual Greater Los Angeles C.A. Convention, November 6-8, 1987, Marriott Hotel, Woodland Hills, CA. For further information contact L.A. Central Office, 6125 Washington Blvd., Culver City, CA 90230, Attn: Convention Committee

There are now nearly 650 meetings worldwide in Cocaine Anonymous. Following is a list of meetings by state and country in 1985, 1986 and 1987

State	1987	1986	1985
Alabama	3	3	--
Alaska	3	3	--
Arizona	35	19	4
California	303	221	108
Colorado	8	3	--
Connecticut	21	17	4
Dist. Columbia	10	1	1
Delaware	2	--	--
Florida	23	8	--
Georgia	25	7	7
Hawaii	4	4	1
Illinois	35	28	13
Kansas	2	2	--
Louisiana	3	--	--
Maine	1	--	--
Massachusetts	3	3	--
Michigan	11	10	--
Missouri	3	--	--
Nebraska	1	--	--
Nevada	3	2	2
New Hampshire	1	1	--
New Jersey	3	3	3
New Mexico	4	2	--
New York	25	15	8
Ohio	7	7	1
Oregon	8	5	--
Pennsylvania	5	--	--
Tennessee	13	9	2
Texas	26	20	5
Utah	2	--	--
Virginia	2	2	1
Washington	24	10	3
Wisconsin	18	13	4
Canada	9	7	--
TOTAL	646	425	167

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Calendar of Events

Texas

Second Annual Texas C.A. Convention, August 28-30, 1987, Houston, TX. For reservations contact C.A. Houston Area Service Committee, P.O. 300154, Houston, TX 77230-0154

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