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Special Pre-Registration Package Pricing Deadline is April 1st!

**By Elizabeth W.
CAWS 2008 Committee
Utah Service Area**

A spiritual experience awaits you at the **24th annual C.A. World Service Convention in beautiful Salt Lake City, May 22-26, 2008** as we meet to fellowship with C.A. members from all around the world.

The pre-registration package pricing deadline is April 1st, so log on to www.cawsconvention.org to download and submit your registration today for the best pricing! Package pricing will not be available after April 1st, or on-site. You may also contact Ruby L. at 801-698-8087 to have the forms mailed to you. There are three packages to choose from: Basic for just \$90, Special for \$99, and the Total Package for \$199. We have worked hard to arrange packages that are suitable and affordable for everyone. Of course, there are à la carte registration options available as well.

Register online for your room NOW at <http://cwp.marriott.com/slcut/caws>. Affordable downtown luxury accommodations are just \$109 per night per room (*single/double/triple/quad*) plus applicable taxes, at the Marriott City Center, which is just 10 short minutes from Salt Lake International Airport. Transportation to the hotel is also extremely reasonable, and there are shuttles and taxis waiting to bring you to the convention.

Spaces are filling up for the Special Events, so register NOW to participate in Friday’s golf tournament, the high-flying adventure in a hot air balloon, or one of the engaging tours of Park City or Salt Lake City. There’ll be a whole lotta shakin’ goin’ on, as we have a rockin’ dance planned! We’ll also have a live band and a hypnotist to keep you entertained, along with a very special comedian! Of course, there will also be marathon meetings 24 hours a day throughout the convention. We are working to plan some events for the kids, so bring them with you to the Convention!

We have arranged for some very special speakers from around the world to share their stories of experience,

strength and hope. We also have some exciting recovery workshops planned, including morning yoga! We will also have sign language and Spanish interpreters to translate the speaker meetings and selected workshops. We have put together a cozy hospitality room that will be open around the clock for coffee and snacks and as a place to gather with friends old and new.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of Cocaine Anonymous, the CAWS 2008 Convention Committee is presenting a beautiful sterling silver bracelet. These bracelets feature a place to be engraved with your name or your sobriety date. Hurry and get yours before they are sold out. Quantities are limited and orders will be filled as payment is received. These are available now by contacting Brandon P. at b_prestwich@comcast.net.

Salt Lake City is nestled in a valley between two spectacular mountain ranges, combining the amenities of a major metropolitan city and the friendliness of a small western town. The Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous thrives in Salt Lake City, and the Utah Area of Cocaine Anonymous is honored to have the opportunity to welcome you for the 24th annual C.A. World Service Convention.

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25th Anniversary Memorabilia Now Available!

**Fleece Pullover \$39.00
(available in sizes S, M, L,
XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)**

Brimmed Beanie \$15.00

**25th Anniversary Coin \$25.00
(available with key chain
for \$30 and with necklace
for \$35.00)**

**C.A. logo leather journal
\$10**

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Trustee Corner

Service - A Progressive Disease

By Trevor S.
Pacific North Regional Trustee
and WSBT Secretary

Service work for me began at around four months sober. I started to chair meetings, made gallons of coffee, greeted people at the door, helped clean up and stack chairs, pretty much anything that needed to be done. It was my first sponsor who instilled in me the desire to give back. He told me that unless I did my part, I would miss so many gifts of the program. How right he was.

My first district position came around the 18-month mark of my recovery. I was new to C.A. and attended my first C.A. district business meeting. That night I became the vice-chair of the district. Exactly one month later at the following meeting, I became the district chair. Talk about being thrown into the fire. I was completely lost, but with the help of some people with time and experience, and keeping the attitude that God is in charge, we all made it through. For the next eight years, I never went longer than two months without a position. I got to experience every position my district had. Some were a lot of fun, and some were incredible. For a service junkie, being from a small Fellowship certainly has its advantages.

I got involved in the Area service structure soon after my second term as district chair was over. I was vice-chair, only this time I actually served a full term under the area chair. When she rotated out, I became chair of the area, which I enjoyed a lot. From there, I became an alternate delegate, and after three years doing that, I was elected as a delegate for my area. At the time, I thought it was the most amazing thing possible. Going to the Conference, meeting so many

wonderful people, and doing work on a world level was the greatest honor I had experienced. We worked hard and had a lot of fun.

Somewhere early along the way, I met my first Trustee. I had absolutely no idea what that was, but I was very impressed with him. He had something about him that drew me to him. After watching him for three days, I told him that someday I wanted his position. He chuckled and told me to stay involved in service, never stop working on my recovery, and leave the results to God. I have always tried to follow that advice. I suited up and showed up, always trying to leave God in charge, and at the 2006 World Service Conference, I was selected as the Trustee for my region. After crying for a few hours (okay, it was weeks), it started to sink in. I get to give back to the Fellowship that saved my life, and try to do Gods work. Talk about a humbling experience.

In the last year as the work has progressed, I have gotten to know some incredible people, whose first love *is* Cocaine Anonymous. People who give so much time and energy to this Fellowship that I am grateful they allow me to walk with them. I get to put into practice all the lessons I learn along the way. Initially, I started doing service because my sponsor told me I should. He said that the message was carried to me, and it was my responsibility to carry it to the next new person. I have stayed involved in service not for what it gives me, but to pay my debt to God for allowing me to have the life that I do today—a debt I am happy to say keeps growing, one day at a time.

Have questions about how to handle your group's 7th Tradition? See the 7th Tradition pamphlet and the Financial Guidelines for Groups, Districts and Areas (both of which are available at www.ca.org), or contact your Regional Trustee.

7th Tradition October - December 2007

Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total	
Southern & Central California (continued)	Foothill District	\$1,722.63	
	Get High on Hope	\$30.00	
	Men on a Mission	\$20.00	
	OCCA	\$1,240.00	
	One Step at a Time	\$33.00	
	Pacific South Regional Caucus	\$78.00	
	Recovery in the Desert	\$70.00	
	Recovery in the Desert Marathon Event	\$297.93	
	San Diego C.A.	\$1,037.10	
	Starting Point	\$15.00	
	WIECA	\$100.00	
	WSOB	\$93.88	
	Northern California	Anonymous - Oakland	\$ 2.11
		Anonymous - Santa Cruz	\$ 2.08
Colorado	C.A. Area of Colorado	\$350.00	
	C.A. of Colorado - Southern District	\$39.00	
	Cocanuts	\$14.00	
	Nirvana	\$25.00	
	The Promises Meeting	\$90.00	
	Anonymous - Golden	\$20.00	
	Changed Attitudes	\$49.03	
	Florida Area C.A.	\$5,040.54	
	Ft. Myers District	\$100.00	
	Monday Night Cocanuts	\$200.84	
Georgia	Spiritual Awakening	\$200.00	
	Today's Hope	\$274.63	
	Tucker Turtles	\$136.80	
	Anonymous - Twin Falls	\$ 1.65	
Idaho	Wed. N.O.S.T.R.I.L.S.	\$16.50	
	Anonymous - Chicago	\$50.00	
Illinois	Anonymous - Des Plaines	\$500.00	
	Illinois Area of C.A.	\$600.00	
	Northwest Suburban District	\$461.71	
	South & West District	\$422.87	
	Ft. Wayne H&I	\$89.60	
Indiana	Saturday Morning Breakfast	\$40.00	
	New Reunion Group	\$10.00	
	Anonymous - Des Moines	\$ 5.10	
Iowa	Anonymous - Sidney	\$ 0.05	
	C.A. District 1	\$30.00	
Kansas	Anonymous - Wichita	\$ 0.05	
	Wichita District	\$ 0.69	
Louisiana	Anonymous - Baker	\$17.80	
	Anonymous - Pearl River	\$10.35	
	Sober Cobras	\$50.00	
Maine	New Way of C.A.	\$25.00	
	Massachusetts Area of C.A.	\$40.00	

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Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total
CANADA		
Alberta	Anonymous - Calgary	\$ 0.10
	Saturday Nite Live Group	\$100.00
Manitoba	C.A. Service Committee	\$150.00
ISRAEL	Anonymous - Jerusalem	\$ 8.80
UK	Anonymous - Stanmore, England	\$45.75
	CAUK	\$20,799.25
USA		
Alabama	Valleydale C.A.	\$72.00
	Arizona Area	\$9,062.00
Arizona	Saturday Night Live	\$122.00
	Sun Valley Intergroup	\$300.00
	Tucson District	\$1,103.00
	Arkansas Area C.A.	\$725.00
Arkansas	Primary Purpose	\$25.00
	211 In Progress	\$ 5.00
Southern & Central California	Anonymous - Dana Point	\$ 2.00
	Anonymous - Los Angeles	\$426.07
	Anonymous - Palm Desert	\$ 0.18
	Anonymous - San Diego	\$ 0.90
	Anonymous - Tustin	\$ 0.41
	Ayúdenenos Estar Dispuestos	\$20.00
	C.A. Southbay Beach Cities	\$180.00
	CALA Long Beach	\$303.85
	Compton District	
	CALA South Central District	\$2,111.53
	CALA South Central District H&I	\$ 5.21
	CALA Westside/Hollywood District	\$37.50
	Central California C.A.	\$465.00
	Come Alive	\$145.00
	Drop the Rock	\$110.00
	Eastside Early Bird Adjustment	\$266.00

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Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total
Michigan	Living in the Solution	\$50.00
	Saturday Morning Alive	\$20.00
Minnesota	Red Wing C.A. Sunday	\$ 5.00
	Wednesday Fairview C.A.	\$58.00
Missouri	End of the Line	\$50.00
	Fried Pipers & Cocanuts	\$15.00
	Men's Meeting	\$200.00
Nebraska	C.A. of Nebraska	\$319.40
New Hampshire	Chapter 2 Group	\$110.93
New Jersey	Hope, Faith & Courage Group	\$50.00
	New Freedom Group	\$40.00
New York	Brooklyn C.A.	\$50.00
	CANY	\$50.00
Ohio	Anonymous - Cleveland	\$ 3.63
	Anonymous - Columbus	\$ 0.25
Oklahoma	End of the Line	\$ 9.70
Oregon	Anonymous - Gresham	\$ 0.20
Pennsylvania	Anonymous - Aliquippa	\$ 6.78
	Western PA District	\$250.00
PA/NJ/DEL	PA/NJ/DE Area	\$50.00
Tennessee	Nashville District of C.A.	\$66.00
Texas	Anonymous - Houston	\$30.00
	Anonymous - Port Arthur	\$ 0.50
	Freedom Hill C.A.	\$300.00
	Sisters In Action	\$50.00
	South Central Texas Area	\$5,772.15
	Step Sisters	\$102.00
	Texas Eastern District	\$ 1.13
	C.A. Central District	\$1,020.00
	Blade Runners	\$68.70
	Carpet Cruisers	\$60.00
WSCA District 3	\$309.26	
Washington D.C.	Anonymous – Washington D.C.	\$47.55
	Fri Nite Uncolas	\$162.19
Wisconsin	Inner Peace	\$44.83
	Razor's Edge	\$33.00
	Sunday Night Strength	\$30.00
	Anonymous	\$5,000.00
ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM	To sign up, see page 6	<u>\$5,185.00</u>
Total		\$69,865.69

World Service Contribution Program

Cocaine Anonymous World Services depends on the financial support provided by individual members, groups, committees, Districts and Areas. We use your contributions as efficiently as possible, to maximize the services we are able to provide to addicts throughout the world. When you participate in the World Service Contribution Program, you ensure that we are able to serve the needs of those in our Fellowship, and reach even more with our message of Hope, Faith and Courage. And because your Contribution Program gifts are conveniently transferred by your bank from your checking account, savings account, debit card, or credit card account directly to the World Service Office, your contributions go farther than ever before. The C.A. World Service Contribution Program is safe, secure and confidential. You have complete control of the process, because you specify the amount of your contributions, and when they are made. You can always increase, decrease or suspend your participation at any time by writing the World Service Office. And your contributions may be tax deductible (consult your tax advisor). To help the C.A. World Service Office meet the needs of members, groups, areas and addicts still suffering, please fill out the authorization form on the next page, attach a voided check or deposit slip (if necessary), and mail everything to the address shown. Thank you for your support.

Has your Area submitted its 2008 Delegate and Area Information Worksheet yet? This form should be completed and returned to the World Service Office by March 1, 2008. Each Area must fill out this form. Filling out this form should facilitate the assurance that each delegate and participant receives the proper mailings. Current and accurate information will also help make the upcoming Conference a seamless and positive experience for all involved. The registration form for the Conference will be sent in a future mailing. The Conference Committee's letter and the worksheet can be found online at www.ca.org/pdf/Conference/Conference/2007/2007_conference_information_worksheet.pdf.

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YES! As a member of C.A., I want to participate in the C.A. World Service Contribution Program to help keep C.A. World Services going strong!

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Help Write the Cocaine Anonymous Meditation Book

We need you to submit your spiritual experience, strength and hope!

- Personal experience must be the author's original content
- Content should focus on recovery topics
- Length should be approximately 250 words or less

In keeping with the 11th Tradition, submissions will be reviewed anonymously and the authors of meditations ultimately selected for the book will be asked to maintain their anonymity. Replies will be sent when the selection process is complete.

The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2008

E-mail submissions are preferred. Submissions in any language accepted. Each submission also requires a properly signed original hard copy release (please use the form on the back of this page, or see the flyer available for download at <http://www.ca.org/pdf/Conference/LCF/meditation2007.pdf>). Please send your experience to cawso@ca.org or by regular mail to:

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February 7th
Sharing

*"What we failed to do alone,
we can do together."
(Tools of Recovery)*

We share our experiences at meetings because it helps us to stay sober. By sharing, we express our love for others who might be having the same difficulties and joys we have had. It helps us all to understand we are not alone and that we have common situations we work through on a daily basis.

Thought of the Day

I will share my experience today so that others may take comfort in the knowledge that others have been there and done that. I will share my experience today in the hope someone will help me. I will share today to bring us together.

The NewsGram is always looking for material that communicates a message of hope, faith and courage. We welcome original articles from our members sharing their experience with recovery, unity and service in C.A. If you have such an article (or perhaps an idea, cartoon, poem, story or other material related to recovery in C.A.) that you would like considered for publication in a future issue of the NewsGram, please send it and the completed release form on the reverse side of this page to: NewsGram Editor, c/o CAWSO, 3740 Overland Ave., Suite C, Los Angeles CA 90034, or via e-mail to newsgram@ca.org.

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Tradition Seven

“Every C.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

**By Josephine P.
Plymouth, UK**

As a newcomer, the Tradition Seven pot was ‘just something that happened at C.A. meetings.’ I’d toss in a bit of loose change because that’s what I thought everyone else did. Until I started to practise the principles of C.A. in my life, it was not something that I took seriously.

As an addict, I was always dependent on other people for my material welfare. The dole office, my family, partners, etc. Anytime that I did have money it was frittered away on drugs or other things that I thought would make me feel good about myself. I would then find myself left with no money to buy food or pay my rent. I relied on other people to bail me out constantly.

Now, I am trying to practise spiritual principles in my life, and to make amends to those I have wronged. Part of this is learning to be financially self-supporting. I pay my own way today.

This is the reason that C.A. groups are all self-supporting. We have been a burden on others in the past and its high time that we pay our own way now!

At first I was more than happy to spend hours upon hours passing the good news on to other addicts, but seemed to have an aversion to putting anything more than a couple of twenty pence pieces in the pot.

After working out my weekly budget, I came up with a figure that was affordable yet significantly expressed my gratitude for C.A. and my home group.

I knew that in order to live, C.A. has to come first, so I put aside this amount at the beginning of each week so that I didn’t spend it before my home group night. This has an additional personal benefit to me in that this practise eventually grew into a proper weekly budget, which I still keep up seven years later.

The money that I put in the pot all goes to help the still-suffering addict. Starting at group level, it is gradually filtered through the service structure. Money is used to pay for our rent, tea, coffee and biscuits, and literature. We also hold a prudent reserve (one month’s running expenses) should there suddenly be no Tradition 7 contributions whatsoever. Our group also pays for our GSR to travel up to district in Bristol.

Any leftover money, after group expenses are taken care of, is donated to District to be used for H&I work, PI work and conventions. District donates money to Area and the World Service Office. This is all used for things such as the publication of literature, maintenance of the website, public relations, and the Conference.

If it weren’t for addicts putting money in the pot at their home groups, many of us would never have found our way here. I want as many addicts as possible to know about C.A. and for our meeting to be running smoothly when they arrive. I also want to stay clean. This is the reason why I take my contributions seriously. They are *part* of my recovery, not an added extra.

DID YOU KNOW? If you’d like to learn more about the 12 Traditions, C.A. has a Traditions Group Inventory, which you can order with your chips and literature or download from <http://www.ca.org/pdf/Formats/groupinventory.pdf>. It is an excellent tool for helping your group, district or area deal with unity issues, for studying the Traditions with your sponsor or sponsees, or just learning more about the Traditions yourself. If you have Traditions questions or would like suggestions on how to conduct an effective group inventory, contact your Regional Trustee. If you don’t already know how to reach him or her, contact the World Service Office at 310-559-5833 or cawso@ca.org.

PI Corner

By Michelle D.
Bournemouth, UK

It's important to me to know that by being part of the Public Information service structure of C.A., I am helping carry the message to people who aren't yet aware that Cocaine Anonymous exists.

I got involved in PI service through a friend in recovery, and I remember the fear that the words 'Public Information' gave me. I thought PI service was for people with many years of sobriety and would involve going out into the public and talking to doctors, judges and other official people – and I just wasn't that type of person!

I don't enjoy speaking in public and I am not full of information regarding Cocaine Anonymous – but what I do have is a massive gratitude to C.A. and the thousands of addicts that found recovery in our Fellowship before me and had the willingness to make sure that people like me could find the rooms when we needed to.

As you all know, there are many different types of personalities in our wonderfully diverse Fellowship. What you may not know is that there is a service position within Public Information for each and every one of them. Of course, PI needs the members that can go out and carry our message of recovery directly to the public, but we also need the members, like me, who prefer the quieter side of service. Service such as holding committee positions like treasurer or secretary, sending out leaflets and meeting lists to those requesting information, or setting up internet links to the C.A. website. Maybe you are more of an artistic person? If so, then there are many opportunities to get involved by sharing your ideas or designing new posters and public information announcements. These are all important parts of Public Information.

I am quietly involved with PI at district, area and world level and whilst PI can sometimes lack the instant gratification provided by some service positions, knowing that something I have been involved with may have reached hundreds of still-suffering addicts is an amazing feeling.

WE'RE HERE AND WE'RE FREE. I want others to know that there is a solution and recovery is possible ... do you?

Tea or Coffee?

By Russell S.
London, UK

At the end of May 2007, I found myself dragging a suitcase out of yet another US airport arrival lounge and heading for a hotel in Kansas.

The journey was long and the hotel reception a welcomed sight. CAWS 2007 was kicking off and that convention buzz was in the air. The marathon meetings had started and I was meeting up with friends old and new, and just hanging out enjoying sobriety.

I'd been asked to facilitate a workshop and was trying to get through the jet lag thing to give it my best. During the workshop I mentioned, in jest, the fact that in the UK we don't have a "coffee commitment," we have a "tea commitment." I went on to ask, "What does a CAUK member have to do to get a decent cup of tea at a C.A. event in the US?"

The next morning as I came down from my room, a local C.A. member approached me and explained she had Googled 'tea houses in Kansas' and had a couple of addresses downtown if I would like a real cup of tea. We left the hotel and I was given a tour of Kansas and taken for tea. Our mutual passion for C.A. and the steps gave us constant verse, sharing recovery over a cuppa.

Now for me, CAWS 2007 was a great convention. The highlight of that event was a simple gesture of another C.A. member wanting me to feel at home ... at home with C.A.

Calendar of Events

(For additional information and links for e-mail and websites, see the Events page at www.ca.org)

March 14-16, 2008

CAUK 16

The Steps We Took

Brighton, UK

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Brighton, England
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April 11-13, 2008

Atlantic South Regional Convention

Miracles in the Magic City

Alabama C.A.

LOCATION:

Sheraton
2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N.
Birmingham, AL 35203
205-324-5000

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April 11-13, 2008

TRI - STATE CONVENTION

Contingent on Our Spiritual Maintenance

Central Michigan Area

Troy, Michigan, US

LOCATION:

Hilton Troy
5500 Crooks
Troy MI, 48098-2898
Phone: (248) 879-2100

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April 18-20, 2008

Oregon & SW Washington Convention 2008

I Am Responsible

LOCATION:

Vancouver Hilton
301 West 6th Street
Vancouver, Washington 98660
360-933-4500

CONTACTS:

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April 24-27, 2008

16th Annual SGPVCA Convention

Keys to the Kingdom

SGPVCA Area

LOCATION:

Northwoods Resort & Conference Center
40650 Village Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
800-866-3121

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April 25-27, 2008

2008 Pacific North Regional Conference and Convention

High Road to a New Freedom

Northern Nevada Area

LOCATION:

Super 8 Convention Center
3600 Lake Tahoe Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe, CA
800-237-8882

Please visit www.nnvca.org for registration forms and all hotel information. This will be a reasonably priced convention with low hotel room costs to the Fellowship. Come join us on the Broad Highway.

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May 16-18, 2008

18th Annual Ohio Area Convention

Under Construction

LOCATION:

DoubleTree Hotel
6200 Quarry Lane
Independence, Ohio
216-447-1300

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May 22-26, 2008

24th Annual CAWS Convention

To Practice These Principles

Utah Area & Pacific North Region

LOCATION:



Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown
75 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
800-228-9290

CONTACTS:

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Kelly C., Hotel Liaison 801-598-6375

August 1-3, 2008

New Mexico Area Convention

LOCATION: TBA

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Patrick P., Co-Chair 888-331-5567
Marc S., Co-Chair, kc@kc-cleansweep.com

August 8-10, 2008

Texas Area Service 2008 Annual Convention

For We Are Building an Arch Through Which We Past to Freedom at Last

LOCATION:

Marriott Westchase
9975 Briar Park Rd.
Houston, TX
713-978-7400

CONTACTS:

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Roland R., Registration Chair 713-254-2260
Regina A., Registration Co-Chair 713-874-4912

August 21-24, 2008

24th Annual CALA Convention

12 STEPS + 12 TRADITIONS = 24 YEARS OF MIRACLES

CALA/ Long Beach/ Compton District

LOCATION:

Desert Springs JW Marriott Resort & Spa
74855 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, Ca 92660
888-538-9459 or 800-228-9290

We also have a monthly convention newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy, please send your email address to Duane B. The rooms are available, so please make your reservations. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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September 5-7, 2008

4th Scottish Area Convention

The Fourth Dimension

C.A. Scotland

LOCATION:

The Beardmore Hotel & Conference Centre
Beardmore Avenue
Clydebank, Glasgow Scotland
0141 951 6000

Following the success of the Get Connected event in November 2007 we have secured the same venue at the same preferential convention rate and look forward to giving you a warm Scottish welcome

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October 10-12, 2008

Southwest Regional Convention

La Fiesta De Recovery

Arizona Area C.A.

LOCATION:

Hilton Tucson East
7600 East Broadway
Tucson, Arizona 85710-3705
520-721-5600

If you are going to be attending and would like to do a workshop, we need workshop facilitators. Please contact the Chair as soon as possible.

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