

It's Survey Time Again!

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Over the next few months, you'll all be seeing those strange survey forms around the meetings. Some of us will happily fill them out and some of us will shrug our shoulders wondering how a survey can help us in our primary purpose. I'd like to try and explain the how's and why's of the CAWS PI Survey.

The survey is a wonderful opportunity to get a snapshot of our membership's makeup and, while not scientific, is useful in evaluating the demographics, character, and diversity of our Fellowship. If you refer to our CAWS PI 'Fact File,' the results from previous surveys are presented in a way that is easy to read. This information can be used for interested members in the community and as a valuable source of information within our Fellowship. When talking with professionals or other interested organisations within the community, they often ask for details on our membership's makeup, posing questions like, "What percentage of your membership is female?" or "Did most of your members use other drugs as well?" or "Do you attract young members?" Answering these questions helps alleviate the stereotypical image of addicts many professionals may have and may encourage referrals to C.A., thereby serving our primary purpose: to carry the C.A. message of recovery to those who may be in need.

The other use of the survey results is within our Fellowship, where it may help us see where we're effective and where we could improve our effectiveness. There is a wonderful page in the Fact File with a graph entitled "How Did You Get to C.A.?" As you'd expect, a large percentage (20% from recent results) come in through H&I. Looking further along the graph, however, you notice that many of our members got here through a variety of community-based PI endeavours. *(Continued on page 4)*

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Note from the WSO:

A Sage and My Old Sponsor Wayne on Love and Service

**By John B.
World Service Office Board Chair
Los Angeles, California, USA**

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

The sage "got it," C.A.'s founders lived it, and my old sponsor Wayne helped me to comprehend it in words that I could understand. He said, "John, if you're not giving back to the world around you, you're just letting the best in life pass you by."

The world around us today is one of recovery and gratitude for a program that showed us how to never have to use a mind-altering substance again, one day at a time. We had to experience and learn that it was through action, love, and service to our fellows that we were truly able to achieve the peace and freedom that we had heard shared in meetings.

I urge you to reflect on the gift of your own recovery. Take a moment to consider how it came to you and how you can "give back to the world around you." Perhaps you already do service in C.A. or are considering it. We hope you participate in the World Service Contribution Program to support our ability to carry the message globally (see page 12 of this NewsGram). No matter what you do to give back to C.A., whether it be great or small, please know that it is deeply appreciated and you are making a difference in the lives of many, as well as your own.

This month we bid farewell to Taffy W., who has been a tremendous gift to our organization and brought a warm spirit to our office. We wish her well in the future.

Congratulations to Tom P. on his election as your new World Service Office Board Chairperson starting this summer.

Much love and many thanks to you all.

Trustee Corner

By Randy G.
Southwest Regional Trustee
Chandler, Arizona, USA

Hello family! As one of your new Trustees, I take the position with humility and the knowledge that many have dedicated years of service to this Fellowship, tireless efforts to build our manual and, most important—years of carrying the message of Cocaine Anonymous to the addict who still suffers. To the Fellowship that saved my life and gave me the miracle of a new one, I am forever indebted.

In the 15 years I've spent being of service to this Fellowship, I've been blessed with consistent participation in H&I. I did my first panel at a treatment center at 90 days sober. At one year sober, I started a jail commitment that I still have today. Beginning at six years sober, I served my term as a Delegate on the H&I Committee, as the H&I Guidelines were being crafted. Now I'm back, almost eight years later, as the Southwest Regional Trustee and the Trustee serving on the World Service Conference H&I Committee. This resume is not meant to identify anything except a passion for the work done by the men and women taking the message of Cocaine Anonymous to those confined to jails and institutions who cannot make it to regular meetings for their recovery.

I believe all levels of service are equally important, from sponsorship, to groups, to districts, to areas and to World Service, in every committee and every effort. None is higher than another in its importance to the success of our Fellowship. For me, the resounding difference in the H&I effort is the essence of its establishment. H&I efforts carry the message to those who are confined and CANNOT participate in this Fellowship without our help. Even the most isolated member in our Fellowship with a computer has access to all of our literature and our online meetings, and thus to the C.A. message of recovery. Not so with most of the inmates we strive to serve. They rely on a weekly or sometimes monthly H&I panel and the literature that most would otherwise have no access to or funds with which to secure it without the generosity of our Fellowship.

Speak with anyone who has received our message of recovery through this effort, with anyone that came out and stayed with us on our path, or with any family member positively affected by the miracle of living a life of recovery incarcerated—living free behind bars! Early in my recovery, I was asked to take the time to reflect and recognize that purely by admitting my problem as a drug addict, I was also admitting my own criminal activity. Whether I had spent time behind bars or not (and I have—lol) was irrelevant because I committed a crime every time I purchased, sold, used and/or possessed a substance

where it was against the law to do so. So, those institutionalized men and women are no different than me—they *are* me!

In the recent past, the issues surrounding the H&I effort, some of the misunderstanding of its premise, and the mismanagement by a few of the funds provided have generated a buzz about the effort itself and its alignment with the Traditions. As with all of the committees and efforts of C.A., this scrutiny is worthy and holds the backbone of our Fellowship's future. Everything we do that represents C.A. should stand that litmus test and H&I is no different. However, in every view, the H&I effort not only stands the litmus test, but is a glowing reflection of the Traditions! [Editor's note: See related article on page 13 of this issue.]

With all this being said, I believe that the H&I Guidelines can and will be updated, improved and held to the scrutiny that every committee's guidelines should be. I also believe that the efforts of those men and women who spend hours and years of their lives bringing the C.A. message of hope, faith, and courage into jails and institutions do not go to waste because of a small few who have not been educated as to the process required to do so correctly. I am as passionate about the process as I am about the result and I look forward to serving this Fellowship in the only way I know how—with my best.

Two weeks ago at my home group, a man picked up a two-year chip, came back to where I was sitting, sat down and said, "I just got out of prison this week after serving two years. Before I went down, I attended the C.A. meeting in jail that you did. I know you don't remember me, but you guys coming in every week gave me hope that I could turn my life around. I made a commitment to follow the path of recovery while I did my time and come out and find you. Thank you." I would like to personally invite all of you to join us in the H&I effort and experience the same tears I did that night over hundreds of stories like that one.

One of my favorite lines from the Doctor's Opinion is, "let them stand with us a while on the firing line, see the tragedies, the despairing wives, the little children; let the solving of these problems become a part of their daily work."¹ I just wanted to introduce myself, and to honor and thank those who came before me in the effort of service by sharing my experience in the passion for H&I. Thanks for letting me be of service.

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.

¹ *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th edition, page xxviii.

It's Survey Time Again! (Continued from page 1):

As C.A. grows around the world, we can also see from our results the need for C.A. literature in additional languages. As many Dutch-speaking members returned surveys as Spanish-speaking. C.A. Holland even translated the survey for its members! There are other wonderfully inspiring results, such as the fact that 65% of our surveyed members have group level service commitments.

For me, one of the most useful graphs is "Drugs Used." This graph clarifies both to our membership and to those in our communities that we are not just cocaine addicts, and that our disease and our solution are not drug-specific.

So how can you help? As an individual member, please take a few moments to fill out a survey (one is included on page 5 of this issue). We also really need the GSR's to help raise awareness in each group and coordinate returning the surveys.

We offer these helpful hints on how to present this survey at your meetings:

1. Have many copies of the survey available and provide writing utensils with some table space to fill the surveys out.
2. Have a trusted servant be responsible to help promote the survey before the meeting, during break, and after the meeting.
3. Announce the survey during the GSR report at every meeting. Tell what the survey is about and the importance of all members' participation. *Please emphasize the importance that members only complete the survey one time, whether on paper or online.*
4. Please collect the completed surveys at the end of the meeting and return them to your representative at the Area/District. Your Area/District will then send the surveys on to CAWSO, to be received no later than July 31, 2009.

If your Area or District is holding a convention over the next few months, how about setting up a small table to allow your local

membership to fill one out? Ask your Area World Service Delegates about the survey if you don't see copies in your local meetings, or visit <http://www.ca.org/service/wscpi.htm> for the survey and all related instructions. You can also email cawso@ca.org to receive an electronic copy. Either way, just print them off and get them out there! If you prefer to send your completed survey back to the World Service Office yourself, please feel free to do so.

The CAWS PI Committee will tabulate the results of the survey and present them in the 2009 Fact File. The World Service Public Information Committee is grateful for your cooperation!

Celebrate Around the World

By Rose J.
CATW Chair, WSC Unity Committee
Twin Falls, Idaho, USA

We are now seeking artwork for CATW in 2010. The 2010 World Service Convention Committee has selected a theme for the convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Farfrümusin'

Please show your talent and submit your artwork ideas for Celebrate Around the World in 2010. Submissions must be received by August 1, 2009 so that we can take them to the World Service Conference. Art must be submitted in either jpeg or jpg format, and artists must release all rights to their artwork to CAWS and CAWSO, Inc. For more info or to submit your artwork, please contact catw@ca.org.

**Cocaine Anonymous World Service Conference
Public Information Committee
2009 Membership Survey**



The C.A. World Service Public Information Committee in conjunction with the C.A. World Service Office would like your participation in our anonymous survey. This will enable us to effectively carry the message to the addict who still suffers through a better understanding of the diversity regarding our fellowship.

This survey will be entered into a computer and the information will only be distributed on an anonymous overall basis. We ask that you **ONLY PARTICIPATE ONCE** in this survey. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey.

Please submit all surveys by July 31, 2009 to the
C.A.W.S.O., 3740 Overland Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90034
Or complete on-line at www.ca.org

WHO ARE WE?

What C.A. Area are you from? _____
What is your gender? Male _____ Female _____ Transgender _____
What is your age? _____
What is your occupation? _____
What is the last school grade you have completed? _____
Have you attended College/ University? _____ Do you have a degree? _____
What is your Ethnicity? _____ What is your primary language? _____

WHAT GOT US HERE?

What mind-altering substance(s) did you use? Cocaine _____ Alcohol _____ Marijuana _____ Heroin _____
Speed/Meth _____ Depressants _____ Psychedelics _____ Pills _____ Other _____

How did you get to C.A.? (Check all that apply) Family _____ Friend _____ On your own _____ Doctor _____
Internet _____ Courts _____ Help line _____ Media _____ Job _____ Recovery Program/Hospital _____
Another C.A. Member _____ Other 12 Step Group _____ Other (Specify) _____

WHAT ARE WE LIKE NOW?

How much clean time/ sobriety do you have? _____
How many attempts at recovery have you made? _____
How many C.A. meetings a week do you attend? _____ **Do you attend other 12 Step meetings?** _____
What Step are you currently working on? _____
Do you have a C.A. sponsor? Yes _____ No _____
Do you sponsor anyone? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any C.A. Service Commitments: Group _____ District _____ Area _____ World _____ No _____

QUESTIONS TO THE FELLOWSHIP

Do you need more meetings in your area? Yes _____ No _____
Does your area keep you informed on current C.A. events? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have a comment or question for the Public Information committee?

2008 Conference Summary

A number of important changes were adopted at the 2008 World Service Conference, including:

- The suggested meeting formats were updated, including the addition of a new optional reading entitled "Who is a C.A. Member?" The new format is available for download at <http://www.ca.org/formats.html>.
- Effective immediately, all price discounting for the sale of books, chips, literature and all other WSO products, is based on volume only. The following is the new discount structure: Orders of \$200.00 receive a 10% discount; orders of \$500.00 receive a 20% discount; per case discount on books is 25%. The percentage discounts apply to the aggregate of all items ordered excluding books by the case. Books by the case receive no additional discount. There is no discount on taxes, shipping, or handling.
- Numerous changes were made to the World Service Manual. The updated version is available for download at <http://www.ca.org/service/wscbylaws.htm>.

The complete 2008 Conference Summary will be part of the March Delegate mailing. For additional details, ask your Area's Delegates or look for the electronic version coming soon at <http://www.ca.org/service/wscconference.htm>.

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WANTED: AUCTION ITEMS FOR CAWS 2009!

Calling ALL Areas!!!!

Here is **YOUR** chance for **you** and **your** Area to take part in the 2009 CA World Service Convention. **Your** participation can greatly aid in the success of the auction and ultimately in helping to carry the message of recovery at the World level. Do **you** or a friend (or a friend of a friend) know someone famous??? Are **YOU** famous??? Items, artwork, and autographed collectibles from well-known individuals make **great** auction goodies. Can **you** get your hands on some cool stuff to either donate or sell (at a reasonable cost)? Get **your** Area involved to help raise money for Cocaine Anonymous. Put together a basket full of cool stuff unique to **your** Area and donate it to the AUCTION. To be of service, contact Kristin G., CAWS 2009 Auction Chair, at Auction2009@cawsconvention.org.

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Tradition Four

By Ellen U.
Kansas City, Missouri, USA

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or C.A. as a whole.

The first thing I need to be clear on is what constitutes a group. Just like a member is a member when he or she says they are, so is a group, although there are some conditions that need to be met. The following is an excerpt from the 2009 World Service Manual:

DEFINITION OF A COCAINE ANONYMOUS “GROUP”

A meeting is when two or more people gather together to share their experience, strength and hope with each other.

A meeting may call itself a C.A. Group when:

1. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.
2. It is fully self-supporting.
3. Its primary purpose is to help addicts recover through the Twelve Steps of C.A.
4. It has no outside affiliations.
5. It has no opinion on outside issues.
6. Its public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion.

With that said, there are just about as many type of groups as there are individuals! I have found that just as members have their own nuances and personalities, so do groups. That is part of the beauty of Cocaine Anonymous: we are not just cookie cutter groups. If you come across a group that doesn't necessarily appeal to you, you don't have to discount the whole Fellowship, but you are free to seek out another group that may be more to your liking! Another option, especially if there is a need for it and it's not just sprouting from a resentment, is to grab another addict and start a new group! There are plenty of places that still do not have C.A., and there are plenty of opportunities to reach the still suffering addict.

However, that is leaning toward the next Tradition; let me stick with Tradition 4. The Fourth Step asks us to take a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves and this Tradition asks the group to inventory its own actions, to see where decisions made and actions taken may be affecting C.A. as a whole. That does require a willingness of the group to look at itself, but also to not just be thinking of itself: we need to look outside and see how our actions are affecting others.

We also have the option of turning to others for guidance. One of the purposes of the District is to serve the groups and their members, and you are free to bring

group concerns to the District. Another option is the Area. We also have the benefit of the knowledge of World Service Delegates, who also have access to Delegates in other Areas, who have quite often had experience with the same issues. Just as we as individuals can benefit from other individuals' experience, strength and hope, we can benefit from other groups' experience, strength and hope. Another available resource is our Regional Trustee. They meet with the other Trustees regularly via e-mail, conference calls and regularly scheduled meetings and have access to a wealth of information.

If your group is making a decision which you think may affect C.A. as a whole and you really like it, consider the fact that maybe it is something that could be beneficial to the entire Fellowship. Again, that is where your Delegate can assist you. The World Service Conference is taking place right before Labor Day, and if you have an idea that you would like to see presented to the entire Fellowship, contact your Delegate regarding how to submit a Referral to the Conference.

If, on the other hand, you change your mind and think well, maybe it's not such a great idea, then it might be a great time to institute Rule #62: "Don't take yourself too damn seriously."²

ORDER YOUR ETERNITY COIN NOW!



Need a gift for a meaningful member?
This elegant epoxy-finished coin is a perfect addition to any C.A. collection! The coin is gold-colored with the Eternally Grateful symbol in green on the front and the C.A. logo on the reverse. Price is \$20 (shipping & handling for all locations included; coins shipped to California subject to local taxes). Order via the website at www.ca.org or contact the World Service Office at cawso@ca.org or 310-559-5833.

² Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 149.

Register Today for C.A.'s Biggest Party of the Year!

By Craig W.
Advanced Info/Newsletter Chair
CAWS 2009 Committee



The General Committee for the 25th World Service Convention realizes that recent shifts in the world's financial stability have forced us all to reexamine how our money can be spent best. For this reason, we are committed to hosting a convention that has value and substance for every member of our Fellowship.

We Hope to See You in Denver May 21-25

Stunning mountain views, moving speakers, a thriving Fellowship and enlightening workshops await you at this year's Cocaine Anonymous World Service Convention. CAWS 2009 will be held May 21-25 at the Omni Interlocken Resort outside of Denver, Colorado.

Nestled against Colorado's towering Rocky Mountains, CAWS '09 will be the perfect backdrop for becoming **One With the Spirit of Recovery**.

Affordable Registration Packages

Basic packages start as low as \$40, and full registration including meals and entertainment is just \$199 per registrant.

Register online at www.cawsconvention.com. You can also visit this site for complete descriptions of this year's packages, including a la carte pricing. You can also contact the outreach chair at Outreach2009@cawsconvention.org or call Vicki R. at 719-216-1941 to have registration forms mailed to you. Mail-in registration ends May 1, so act fast.

Convention Activities

The Colorado Convention Committee has planned some exciting events for Fellowship members from around the globe this Memorial Day weekend. Whether you're looking forward to hiking Colorado's mountains, visiting historic Denver or just relaxing in recovery, this convention has it all.

These events are filling up fast, so register now:

- Golf Tournament on the Omni Interlocken Resort's championship course with fantastic prizes for the top three players;
- Journey to Historic Downtown Denver, including the 16th Street Mall and many other attractions;

- Sunrise meeting in the Rockies with a local speaker;
- Tour of Echo Lake in the shadow of Colorado's Mount Evans.

Speakers, meals and entertainment have all been lovingly planned. In addition, CAWS '09 will feature an assortment of spiritually-centered workshops, including an art workshop with a renowned artist in our Fellowship, the history of Cocaine Anonymous around the world, daily walking meditations in a beautiful labyrinth, and many more opportunities for enlightenment. Coffee and snacks will be available around the clock in the hospitality room.

For guests arriving early, transportation will be available for joining our burgeoning Boulder Fellowship on Wednesday night.

Beautiful Accommodations

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Golfers will enjoy the 27-hole, championship course with its challenging fairways and striking panoramic scenery. Throughout the convention, green fees will have a \$45 discount for Fellowship members. Tee times are going fast.

For those who prefer more relaxing activities, the resort's Makora Spa will offer professional massage and personal treatments at discounted rates for convention attendees.

Room rates are as low as \$122 per night for attendees. Call 800-843-6664 and mention "CAWS Convention" or simply visit <http://tinyurl.com/d4x53v> to register online. **Reserve your room today!**

We Hope to See You Soon

The thriving Colorado Fellowship continues working toward May 21-25, 2009. The Colorado Area of Cocaine Anonymous is honored to welcome members from around the world to our beautiful state for the 25th C.A. World Service Convention this Memorial Day weekend.

Help Write Our First Meditation Book



Wouldn't it be great to have a C.A. meditation book to read out of each day?
We need **YOU** to help make it a reality!

Perhaps you're thinking that with a Fellowship as large as C.A., more than enough submissions must have been sent in by now. Here's the reality: **We've received fewer than 150 submissions in over 4 years. That means we still need hundreds more in order to complete the book.** Or maybe you're thinking that you don't write well enough; never fear, we have committee members and a professional editor to help 'polish' whatever you write; what we can't do is come up with YOUR experience. Perhaps you already write about your recovery in journals, Step work or C.A.'s online meetings. We have our wonderful *Hope, Faith & Courage* books because so many of our members were willing to take the time to share their story. Why not submit your experience, strength and hope for the meditation book?

- ▶ **Content should focus on the C.A. message of recovery, for example:**
 - ▶ The application of the Steps and/or Traditions in your daily life.
 - ▶ Your experience with a Higher Power (not to be nosy, but just how do you communicate with the Higher Power of your own understanding?).
 - ▶ An experience you found particularly uplifting or powerful.
 - ▶ A solution to an issue or character defect you've dealt with.
 - ▶ A thought to ponder in meditation and/or throughout the day.
- ▶ **Personal experience must be the author's original content**
- ▶ **Length should be approximately 250 words or less**

In addition to a personal excerpt, each daily reading will contain a quotation from C.A. Conference-approved literature. If there's a particular passage that relates to your recovery experience, please share it with us. Please summarize your personal passage in a sentence or two to be used as the thought of the day.

February 7th

"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.



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Northern California	Anonymous - Sacramento	\$ 40.00
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Colorado	Anonymous - Denver	\$ 57.20
	Anonymous - Golden	\$ 21.00
	C.A. Area of Colorado	\$ 2,912.75
	Nirvana	\$ 89.84
	The Promises Meeting	\$ 90.00
DC/MD/VA	DC/MD/VA Area	\$ 25.00
Florida	District of Ft. Myers	\$ 250.00
	Florida Area	\$ 2,836.98
	Florida Area 2008 Convention	\$ 1,807.52
	Last Chance Group	\$ 1,000.00

7 th Tradition October-December 2008		
Category or Location	Donor Name/City	Total

Georgia	South Florida	\$ 180.00
	Monday Night Cocanuts	\$ 195.60
	Tucker Turtles	\$ 117.30
Illinois	Friday Night Faith, Hope, & Courage	\$ 15.00
	Illinois Area of C.A.	\$ 1,200.00
	Northwest Suburban District	\$ 325.54
	South & West District	\$ 411.83
Kansas	KC District	\$ 80.00
	Wichita District	\$ 30.00
Maryland	New Way of C.A.	\$ 30.00
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Area	\$ 296.84
Michigan	Anonymous - Wyoming	\$ 5.00
	Saturday Morning Alive	\$ 25.00
Minnesota	Anonymous - Saint Paul	\$ 15.00
	Mon Night New Beginnings	\$ 25.00
	Wednesday Fairview C.A.	\$ 32.71
Missouri	Courage to Change	\$ 19.35
	End of the Line	\$ 33.50
	Fried Pipers & Cocanuts	\$ 5.00
	Working With Others	\$ 30.00
Nebraska	C.A. of Nebraska	\$ 250.88
New Jersey	Anonymous - Newark	\$ 50.00
	New Freedom Group	\$ 75.00
New York	Anonymous - NY	\$ 106.04
Ohio	AM Sunday C.A.	\$ 50.00
	Canton District	\$ 200.00
Oklahoma	Oklahoma C.A.	\$ 125.00
	Sunday Night C.A.	\$ 98.54
	The Rock Stops Here	\$ 75.00
PA/NJ/DEL	PA/NJ/DE Area	\$ 225.00
South Carolina	Common Solutions Group	\$ 105.00
Tennessee	Anonymous - Nashville	\$ 7.72
Texas	Anonymous - Irving	\$ 150.10
	Anonymous - San Antonio	\$ 40.00
	Free at Last II	\$ 12.00
	South Central Texas Area	\$ 500.00
	Texas Area	\$ 4,465.93
Virginia	Gimmie Shelter From the Rock	\$ 100.00
Washington	Blade Runners	\$ 256.90
	Carpet Cruisers	\$ 38.00
	WSCA District 3	\$ 216.90
Wisconsin	Fri Nite Uncolas	\$ 57.00
	Razor's Edge	\$ 160.00

Total \$ 45,582.73

Donations from the World Service Contribution Program accounted for over 10% of our 7th Tradition last quarter! For details on how you can participate, see page 10.

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. Plus, 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 below, attach a voided check or deposit slip (if necessary), and mail everything to the address shown. Thank you for your support.

AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT (ACH DEBITS)

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!

Cocaine Anonymous World Service Office
3740 Overland Avenue, Suite C
Los Angeles, CA 90034
(310) 559-5833
cawso@ca.org

As part of my 7th Tradition contributions to Cocaine Anonymous World Service Office, I authorize Cocaine Anonymous World Service Office (CAWSO), to initiate variable entries to my account described below:

Type of Account: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Debit Card ☐ Savings

Credit Card or Debit Card Name: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Financial Institution's Name: _____

Financial Institution's Address/Branch: _____

If using a savings account, please include a deposit slip.

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Amount in U.S. Dollars: \$ _____ Date of first payment: ☐ 1st of month ☐ 15th of month

PAYMENT FREQUENCY:

☐ Monthly ☐ Annually ☐ One-time basis Effective date: ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until CAWSO has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford CAWSO a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name: _____
(Please print name as it appears on the account)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City and State/Province: _____ Country: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone/Cell: _____

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

(The complete World Service Contribution Program brochure, which includes this form, is available for download at www.ca.org/contribute.html)

What is “Earmarking” and Its Relationship Specifically to the H&I Effort?

By The World Service Board of Trustees

These two questions have been a source of confusion to some in the Fellowship and we hope to shed some light on the subject. These are two very unique and separate questions and—even though related—need to be addressed separately.

Through much discussion, “earmarking” might best be defined as “any unsolicited funds sent to the district, area, region or world that have been tagged by the giving party to only be used for a specific intent.”

In a trustee response in 2004 regarding its return of funds to the UK that were earmarked for European Development, the letter read:

After careful review, discussion and prayer, however, the World Service Board of Trustees has decided that the 1000 pound contribution of the funds by the UK Area which was earmarked for European development cannot be accepted. We, unfortunately, cannot find any way to have the funds taken into the general accounts of the WSO and then segregated for this specified use. The reasoning is many-fold: 1) if the WSO were to accept these funds as earmarked, then other individuals, groups, districts, or areas might start segregating or earmarking their respective donations—we would be hard pressed to draw a line of where to allow earmarking or not; 2) if earmarked funds were to be accepted, this practice might then lead to diminished un-earmarked funds to the point that there would not be sufficient general un-earmarked funds within which to operate; 3) areas or districts which were perhaps better off would be inclined to send even more earmarked funds in under the guise perhaps of attempting to gain “clout” in the affairs of the Fellowship; and 4) there is and might remain some uncertainty of what constituted “European development or Trustee travel” and possible disagreement of how and when the funds might be able to be withdrawn and by whom—this uncertainty invites continued controversy at many levels.

So if defining what earmarking IS when it comes to CAWS does not clear up the matter at question, it is also important to define what it IS NOT.

In a trustee response in 2007 regarding fundraising, the letter read:

Creative methods to generate Seventh Tradition are acceptable to operate our service boards and committees. It is necessary to raise funds that allow areas to create budgets which address the needs of H&I and Delegate travel requirements; as well as all other Area responsibilities. It has no conflict with Tradition 7, as C.A. is fully self-supporting through our own contributions.

In reference to Tradition Nine, areas can create committees such as H&I, Unity and other committees within their structure to help carry the message to the addict who still suffers and use this as another avenue to promote unity and growth in the local Fellowship. Each Area may choose to budget for their standing committees to perform their duties. The idea of an H&I can is another choice that an Area/District or Group may choose to utilize in their local venue for their members to donate in order to raise funds.

Fundraising under the direction and guidance of CAWS, the CAWS Manual and associated Committee Guidelines is not earmarking and is an approved and proven option to assist in our efforts. Responsible guidance and suggestions are not earmarking under any definition. When it comes to issues regarding the financial behavior of any groups, districts or areas as to their fundraising efforts and fiscal responsibility, CAWS can only give guidance and suggestions, i.e.:

1. That excess funds at any level should be distributed under the 70/30 Plan;
2. That Celebrate Around the World should be a worldwide annual event to assist in funding Delegate participation at the Conference;
3. That funds collected from the optional use of an H&I can should be spent according to the intent of its donation; and
4. That groups, districts and areas should understand the application of a prudent reserve and move their excess funds forward, etc.

These are not issues of earmarking, but issues of responsible guidance and experienced suggestions approved by the World Service Conference, being careful to consider the group conscience of the Fellowship and establishing committees to serve both. The CAWS’ responsibility for such committees and for

the guidance these provide is manifested through Tradition Nine, “may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Now, after defining what earmarking is and is not, we will attempt to address the question of its relationship to the H&I effort. It is important to understand and appreciate the history of the H&I effort and the optional use of the H&I can for a potential source of funding for the effort. As our Fellowship grew from its infancy, it was apparent that to provide our message of recovery to the addict who still suffers (Tradition Five), it was going to include those confined and not able to reach our literature and meetings as well. Taking from the experience of A.A., C.A. began establishing opportunities to bring the C.A. message to those confined and the H&I effort was born. Because of the specific nature of its delivery and the rules and regulations required to do so effectively, it was important to create a committee (Tradition 9) at the local level to manage and administer the effort so that it consistently met all of those rules and regulations. These committees were without consistent structure and it became an issue addressed by CAWS by establishing an H&I Committee at the World level to assist and give guidance to the effort.

As the C.A. H&I effort grew from just bringing in meetings to those confined, requests for literature grew as well. Often times in the early days of our financial “instability,” and even with the resources today, the funds to provide literature were not there. Again, C.A. looked upon the experience of A.A. and found options such as the H&I can, H&I Day, etc., as means to raise such funds necessary, careful to stay within the Traditions as well (Tradition Seven). The H&I can option for fund raising is still found today in the A.A. Guidelines, Corrections Committee section, stating:

Most committees find that adequate literature supplies are essential in a correctional facility group or meeting. Supplies are financed and obtained in several ways: Donated by local intergroup or general service committee; donated by members of the committee; purchased with individual contributions; provided by groups through their corrections representatives. Special funds: Buck of the Month Club, where members contribute, and funds are used for corrections literature; special meetings or dinners, at which a collection is taken; special cans at regular meetings, marked “For Corrections Literature.”

In understanding the history of the H&I Committee and its funding options, we hope this makes clear that H&I poses no threat to the unity of our Fellowship. In fact, by carrying the message to those who can’t receive

it any other way, it holds the cornerstone to our common welfare (Tradition 1) and our primary purpose of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers (Tradition 5). H&I receives no special treatment as a committee or as an effort. The effort can be self-supporting (Tradition 7) through a group’s, district’s or area’s decision as to how to fund its H&I efforts. That funding decision is left where it belongs, in the hands of our groups, districts and areas—the group conscience (Tradition 2). To use or not to use the H&I can is an individual group’s decision (not a district’s, area’s or World’s) and is absolutely optional, along with many other fund-raising activities that could incorporate financial assistance to the effort (Tradition 4).

The real Traditions in jeopardy here are these—the mere fact that so many groups in our Fellowship across the world choose to participate in funding the efforts of bringing the message to those that can’t get it otherwise through the use of the H&I can is a resounding voice as to the group conscience, and to turn a deaf ear to that voice would be governing (violation of Tradition 2). To not act responsibly as trusted servants of that voice and give guidance as to how to potentially handle those funds (the basis behind the guidelines of the committee) would go against the committee being directly responsible to those they serve (Tradition 9).

That any group, district or area H&I Committees are holding “excess” funds and would not utilize the funds given to them (for the intent they were given) expeditiously, responsibly and completely is extremely disappointing and rubs against the fabric of the members’ wishes and generosity. It is impossible to believe that every addict confined in any district and/or area has received the literature and message of C.A. recovery. This issue isn’t—and never should be—about “excess” funds, as there NEVER should be any. And because the very few committees currently mismanaging those funds are in violation of Tradition 2—the effort of H&I, if performed as to our current guidelines, is NOT!

We believe that all the committees on the World level should and will continue to hold themselves accountable to the scrutiny that H&I has recently received and we look forward to always making our Fellowship stronger by positively changing what needs changing and supporting what needs supporting. We hope this sheds some light on the definition of earmarking and its relationship to H&I.

Calendar of Events (continued on page 14)

April 17-19, 2009

Atlantic South Regional Convention

A Vision For You in The Natural State

Arkansas Area

LOCATION:

Crowne Plaza
201 S. Shackleford
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211
(501) 223-3000

CONTACTS:

Hugh W., Chairperson (501) 584-1074 or (501) 568-9170

Jackie W., Entertainment Chairman (501) 744-1176

Deborah M., Hotel Liaison (501) 350-1921

Jeanette C., (501) 744-1176

April 23-26, 2009

17th Annual SGPVCA Convention

Keep On Trudging

San Gabriel Pomona Valley Area

LOCATION:

Northwoods Resort
40650 Village Drive
Big Bear, CA 92315
(800) 866-3121

CONTACTS:

Allison M., Convention Chair (626) 340-1793

Bob H., Vice-Chair (626) 848-4202

Brian G., Registration (626) 372-3591

Eric M., Hotel Liaison (323) 254-9225

May 1-3, 2009

2009 CAmption

Unity Under The Stars

Pacific South Region

LOCATION:

Lake Perris, CA
17801 Lake Perris Drive
Perris, CA
(909) 278-1813

CONTACTS:

Danny L., CAmption Chair (909) 278-1813

May 21-25, 2009

CAWS '09 25th Annual Convention

One With the Spirit of Recovery

Colorado Area

Go to <http://www.cawsconvention.org/> for official website

June 19-21, 2009

Freedom to Choose Convention

Recovery in Europe

Spain Area

LOCATION:

Hotel Atalaya
Marbella, Spain
+34952667691

CONTACTS:

Jodie B., Hotel Liaison +34 697 969 170

July 25-26, 2009

Taking Care of Business Convention

To the Newcomer

Stockholm Area

LOCATION:

Hotel Kristineberg (Stockholm)
+46-8-4407150 (bookingcode CA)

CONTACTS:

Mattias, Delegate +46-70-674333

September 19-20, 2009

Georgia Area CA Convention

Rarely have we seen a person fail

LOCATION:

Marriott Century Center
2000 Century Boulevard NE
Atlanta, GA 30345
1-800-228-9290

CONTACTS:

Chris R., Convention Chair 770-882-9254

Mike S., Registration Chair 770-337-9052

Tom S., Treasurer 404-786-2167

Todd S., Outreach Chair 404-819-2602

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September 25-27, 2009

5th Annual Scottish Convention

Freedom

LOCATION:

The Beardmore Hotel & Conference Centre
Beardmore Street
Clydebank, Glasgow
+44 (0)141 951 6006

CONTACTS:

Gemma, Convention Chair 07872 334 986
Jane B., Registration Chair 07528 824 216
Catherine E., Programming Chair 07796 264 023

October 2-4, 2009

2009 Midwest Regional Convention

Alive in the Midwest

Nebraska Area

LOCATION:

Double Tree Hotel
1616 Dodge St.
Omaha, Nebraska
(402) 346-7600

Nebraska Area is looking for anyone who would love to be of service, and chair a marathon or workshop. Contact Arrick A. 402-212-4465.

CONTACTS:

Terry J., Registration Chair (402) 812-7013
Doug W., Convention Chair (402) 706-0267
Willie A., Hotel Liaison (402) 689-1722

October 23-25, 2009

2009 WSCA Convention

Washington State Area

LOCATION:

Downtown Everett Holiday Inn
3105 Pine Street
Everett, Washington
(425) 339-2000

If you'd like to be of service by speaking or doing a workshop, please contact Yvette B. at (425) 753-7430 or yvtlve@yahoo.com.

CONTACTS:

Greg B., Convention Chair (425) 345-4115
Laurie L., Registration (425) 315-2134
Ingrid R., Outreach (425) 238-9805

November 6-9, 2009

CA PA-NJ-DE Area Convention

Hope In Our Hearts

LOCATION:

Four Points by Sheraton Hotel
9461 Roosevelt Blvd. (US Route 1)
Philadelphia, PA
(215) 671-9600, (800) 368-7764

CONTACTS:

Dan L., Convention Chair 267-987-5065
George F., Convention Vice Chair 215-715-4042
Jim D., Registration Chair 267-970-6448

Help Write Our First Meditation Book

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

Wouldn't it be great to have a C.A. meditation book to read out of each day? We need ***YOU*** to help make it a reality! Perhaps you're thinking that with a Fellowship as large as C.A., more than enough submissions must have been sent in by now. Here's the reality: **We've received less than 150 submissions in over 4 years. That means we still need hundreds more in order to complete the book.** Or maybe you're thinking that you don't write well enough; never fear, we have committee members and a professional editor to help 'polish' whatever you write; what we can't do is come up with YOUR experience. We have our wonderful *Hope, Faith & Courage* books because so many of our members were willing to take the time to share their story. Please, won't you take a few minutes to write a couple paragraphs for the meditation book? Personal experience should be your own original content, focus on a recovery topic, and be approximately 250 words or less. For a sample meditation and additional details, please see the flyer on page 9, which is also available for download at www.ca.org. Even if you're not sending in a submission, your help in distributing these flyers to your local Fellowship is much appreciated! Thank you.