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WHEN ALL ELSE FAILED, SERVICE SAVED THE DAY!

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As I think of service as a solution, I think back to 31 years ago when I came into the rooms of recovery. I began to experience some sober days and was really feeling good about myself, riding that pink cloud.

Eventually, the time came to find a job, for I was a mother of three small kids who had been placed back in my custody. To support them I needed a job. I spent days looking in the newspaper for jobs (this is what we did 31 years ago) and I walked into several places and filled out paper job applications in hopes of getting a job to support myself and my three young kids. I soon found my pink cloud turning into a gray cloud and fortunately the old timers had talked to me about ensuring I had a pink parachute to catch me if I ran into issues with the pink cloud.

It appeared that no matter how many applications I filled out no one was calling me for an interview. Fear set in and I began to feel completely worthless. My disease tried to convince me that I had made a mistake to stop using because nothing good was coming my way.

Because of the fear I was experiencing, I spent entire days at the recovery hall. I would go home and check my phone to be sure that it was still working by listening for the dial tone on the headset. Nothing seemed to be working out, so I kept going to the meeting hall daily. One day I was really feeling bad and went to a meeting and kept my head down for the entire meeting. I noticed that the floor was a bit tracked up. After the meeting I asked the group leader for a broom and mop, which he gave me. I swept the floor and mopped. I then emptied the ashtrays and washed them out with soap and water. It was like instantly I began to feel better. I felt useful once again.

After completing this task, I got into my car and headed home. When I got home, I went into the house and rushed to the phone as I always did to see if I had a message. Lo and behold the message light was

blinking on the phone. I got so excited, so I ran over to pick up the phone and see what was going on. And there it was three messages from three different companies requesting that I call to schedule a job interview.

I immediately contacted my sponsor to advise that I was so confused about what to do now. My sponsor said the simplest thing, "call and schedule the interviews." So, I did. I was offered all three jobs and decided on two of them to try and get ahead.

This miracle as a saw it was based on me getting out of self and into service. Today, I see The Potter trying to create a happy, successful life for me. Yet, I will get in the way by trying to exert my will and make things go my way. But, when I get out of The Potter's way and get into service seeking how I can best serve someone else, rather it be by cleaning, sponsorship, donations, or whatever benefits someone else, The Potter is able to get in there and work my issue out.

Page 89 in the Big Book of *Alcoholics Anonymous* is quoted to say "Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics"! You can help when no one else can. You can secure their confidence when others fail." Also, page 14-15 quotes "For if an alcoholic failed to perfect and enlarge his spiritual life through work and self-sacrifice for others, he could not survive the certain trials and low spots ahead."

These messages have been proven to me time and time again and still today when I find myself in a personal situation that seems unbearable, I look around to see what service is available to me and I get into service and it helps me feel useful and happily whole.

I thank God daily for Cocaine Anonymous and return of sanity through 12-step work and fellowship with others who've been set free thru service for others.

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SEEDS OF SERVICE

By Emily A. L..
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When I first read the 'Big Book' in treatment, I was directed to page 20, which reads "Our very lives as ex-problem drinkers depend upon our constant thought of others and how we may help meet their needs". My first, and prevailing thought at the time was on the lines of 'absolutely not, what about ME, what about MY needs?'

I found C.A through an addictions counselor at a youth shelter in which I lived, who had gotten well in this program 10 years prior. I had struggled with other 12-step fellowships, because I never felt like I could relate. In my first C.A meeting I had heard someone, who is now a very close friend of mine, say "When I do what I want, I end up back on the street with a pipe in my mouth, wondering how it all happened again". I knew from that moment I was home.

I would like to say that it took me another 18 months to finally sober up and get well from that time, but that day a seed was planted. A seed that told me I too could be well, just as this woman, who used the same drugs in the same ways I did, got to be well. I have no need to share my war stories, if you are reading this, I am sure you have plenty of your own. My final run was during a particularly warm October. I had searched out and used crack cocaine for several days straight. Upon returning home, I had felt more empty than ever before.

I took my last drink and drug on November 7th of 2022. I have not had one since. Those first 10 days were hell. I could barely leave bed, for fear that I was going to use again. On November 18th, 2022, the woman who I had asked to be my sponsor a few weeks before sent me a zoom link to the 40th anniversary world wide marathon-meeting of C.A. I logged in and listened as I sat in bed, dying my hair. I don't recall too much of what was said that day but I heard one thing repeated over, and over by these men and women with substantial sobriety time. 'Service saved my life' and 'being of service was the greatest thing I ever did for my sobriety'. It stuck with me.

That night, after listening to many people share, I had a vital spiritual experience, in which I felt the presence of a Power Greater than myself. I have not had the obsession since. However, I believe, as an addict & alcoholic, I will never be freed of my first thought. I have certainly had the first insane thought, time and time again.

Every time this insane thinking comes up for me, I remember what the book Alcoholics Anonymous says on page 20. I turn my attention away from myself, and what my perceived 'needs' may be, and to another person, particularly another addict, that I can help.

One of the greatest things I have ever done for myself, my sobriety, and my own feeling of purpose and satisfaction, is being of service to others. I started showing up at my local Area level business meetings to learn what went into putting on my favourite 10-person Wednesday night church basement meeting. I learned what policy and procedure meant. I joined the Hospitals and Institutions committee to learn how, I too, could be of service there one day. I threw myself into the book and the steps. I recovered, and immediately started taking other suffering addicts through the process.

Even in my worst moments, and the hardest days, when I turn my attention to another person that I can help, I, just as Bill W did, feel amazingly lifted up, and set on my feet once more. I can tell you today that the absolute bright spot of my life is working with newcomers, being of service, and carrying a message. I am free today, living a life filled with this incredible joy. The joy of service that was so freely given to me in the rooms and fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous.

QUOTE: HFC Vol. II, page 186

"Service has been huge for me. I got a coffee pot commitment early on at my home group. It became an opportunity to get out of myself, to think about other people, and to build some self-esteem. It's a special thing to be able to give something back. I'll always be in debt because the more I do, the more I get."

NO LONGER A NEWCOMER

Stuart L.

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It is two years since I entered rehab. I didn't get admitted with 'all my worldly possessions in a bin bag', I am not that type of addict. I am the other, admittedly rarer, go in 'laden to the gills – make sure I have everything I think I rely on and more' type of addict – I would have taken the kitchen sink as well (if I hadn't been able to get a fiver for it down at Cash Converters). I rocked up to the doors of the house (pun fully intended) – comfortably intoxicated, with a suitable amount of narcotics securely stashed - because I knew better than any doctor how to manage the pain of my withdrawals. This wasn't my first rodeo, in fact this was my nineteenth time doing treatment (possibly because I kept smuggling drugs in with me).

It was however, the first treatment I had paid for (of course when I say I paid for, I mean my parents – obviously). I had signed up for a nice easy 28-day detox, some respite, an M.O.T. – a few easy-going groups, meals cooked for me and definitely no housework. Simply due to it being the cheapest available, I ended up in a full-on 12 step rehab. At this point I had tried the fellowships on and off for 17 years (when hope or desperation were at a peak) and upon admission the only step I was vaguely interested in was the thirteenth one. And so, after a detox completed in isolation – this was the height of the pandemic – I entered the realms of the fellowship again: kicking, screaming and asking awkward questions every step of the way (no pun intended - but in retrospect it works really well).

Eventually, I began to buy into the programme and asked one of the Cocaine Anonymous H&I team if he would be my temporary sponsor, despite us living 30 miles apart and me not driving, he is still my temporary sponsor today and probably will be for years to come. Another issue that needed to be overcome was that God had chosen CA for me and there was only one CA meeting a week within a 30-mile radius of where I live, so I helped set up two new meetings in my hometown. It is fair to say these meetings are intimate – eight attendees is still a MASSIVE meeting for us – but the spirit of recovery is strong and I am no longer the newest person in the room. I do service at both meetings (but only vote on one conscience) and attend district as a GSR – the six-hour round journey always feels like a total pain in the arse until I write that day's inventory and realise what a useful piece of service it is and how I am building a network of friendships across the region.

I am two weeks away from my next keyring, but I am not cocky, I know that recovery is just for today and literally anything could happen – a relapse is only ever two minutes away (which is ironic, because when I was rattling my dealer took hours). But that black keyring, to me, officially signifies that I am no longer a newcomer, I am part of the future of this fellowship. Next step, getting to double figures and becoming an old-timer.

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By Yves W., NewsGram Editor

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2. Professional editing experience or prior C.A. service experience involving editing and/or writing material for distribution to the Fellowship.
3. Working knowledge of Microsoft Word (or other similar word processing software compatible with WSO software), regular access to e-mail, good organizational skills and attention to detail.

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Please note that the system is NOT online yet and only says, “Starting in 2024.” Per the guidelines, there will be a 180-day (6-month) grace period once the system is fully implemented. While the system may not be fully implemented or in effect at the time of the CAWS 2024 Convention, it would be highly suggested that all the proper paperwork is completed before travelling if ETIAS has begun. Border Agents in the Schengen Zone Countries will have the authority to turn travelers away at their discretion and there is nothing that the CAWS 2024 Convention nor C.A. World Services can do for you.

This may be concerning for some of our members if, like myself, you have a less-than-stellar past and/or criminal record. You will be required to disclose whatever is requested in the document. All applications will be processed through numerous police and security databases, including Interpol and Europol. If in the event your ETIAS is not approved, an individual travel visa may still be applied for. The requirements of the application are not fully known yet, but it does imply that only the preceding 10 years will be reviewed.

Obviously, this is not a C.A. requirement, nor is C.A. affiliated with the ETIAS system. Neither the CAWS 2024 Convention nor C.A. World Services can help with this process, it will be the personal responsibility of each member traveling to the Netherlands of their own accord. We will try to keep the fellowship informed as this unfolds. More will always be revealed.

The following are useful links:

ETIAS News & Information for Visitors Coming to Europe – www.etias.com

ETIAS for American Citizens – www.etias.com/etias-requirements/etias-for-american-citizens

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I thank God from the bottom of my heart of knowing Him better, that Being of Service has been a huge part in my recovery, and I will always thank the people that went before me, who have been my teachers in this area. Thank you, God for the sixteen years you have given me so far.

There are different ways you can be of service; working with others, 12 step work, sharing in meetings, workshops, getting involved in group commitments, then districts/area and world for the real lost lambs! See what Gods plan is for you and do it to the best of your ability.

From the moment I embarked on the steps, it was “suggested” that I get involved. I can honestly say I have not regretted one service position. What seemed the strangest thing to do was go to a meeting where likeminded people meet together and bumble along. I got what they call a home group. I quickly became the greeter, so grateful for the unity, and guidance from home group members, who were so encouraging. Me, who had very little clean time, greeting C.A. members. I was buzzing every week, when I did this service position. I was so happy, and finally part of a group of people that I would never normally mix with. I loved and cared for the people that came through the door, exuding gratitude just for being clean and saying Hi to you and directing you to our literature and tea person. I started to feel a sense of belonging and purpose. I had been lost for so many years, even decades. As soon as I was six months clean, I went for a position as literature person. By this time, I had done the steps, God was now working in and through me. I was full of fear going for the position, I worked the programme around my service position, I prayed and had the courage to go up against others for the same position, that was the first time in my life where I knew I may not win. I could not manipulate the outcome. I knew the decision would come from the group conscience, it was ego deflating not knowing, the steps and God have changed my attitude. I allow God into all areas of my life and being of service to C.A. is a big part of my life. Reflecting back, I can now see that God was working in and through me, I had courage, women of Faith have Courage. The fear of losing had been removed. I could really see the benefits the growth of Being of Service.

I remember going to my first South Central District Meeting at 19 days clean. I could not hear what was going on because of the worldly clamours mainly in my own head. It did not stop me from butting in, (gobby newcomer), not knowing what the decorum was or meeting etiquette, giving my lack of experience to the job the chair does. I who knew nothing suggested they (District) get Madonna headsets so I could hear them properly. I was immediately cut down, how funny! now I look back, the chair was right in doing that he had a business meeting to run, but my head said, “one day I will come back and show them, that’s right!!”, resentment possibly. I have since learnt to pray about everything, and when I’m affected, I do the sick persons prayer. It has been a very useful tool throughout my being of service.

My friend said to me as you move down the service structure the target on your back gets bigger, I have now experienced this feeling first hand.

I have continued to grow emotionally and spiritually by being of service. I have matured in age, and sobriety. I love Cocaine Anonymous so much I worked my way down the triangle.

I am currently serving as the European Regional Trustee, which I would never have imagined in a million years. I just kept putting one foot in front of the other, kept reading all of the guidelines. I kept rotating from my commitments for District, Area then World, I continued to facilitate Service Workshop for The Steps, Traditions, Concepts and Being of Service. I know that God makes a way if it be His will. Without His loving Power in my life none of the service commitments would have been possible. I have learnt so much, remained teachable and still have the same view, how to carry the message to the still suffering addict runs through being of service.

I give back to the fellowship that saved my life and after my service ends in my current role, I will continue to be of service to Cocaine Anonymous in whatever capacity God would have me be.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sara T. ERT

C.A. WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

ARCHIVES

CAWS ARCHIVE COMMITTEE PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES

One of the most important functions of the CAWS Archives Committee is to establish parameters for the selection of material to be collected. These parameters will guide the CAWS Archive Committee in gathering material of historical significance and will reduce the time and space of preserving random bits and pieces of *dubious* value.

It is helpful for the CAWS Archives Committee to meet on a regular basis, and with the aid of the CAWS Archivists (Digital and Analog), become familiar with the CAWS Archive holdings.

The CAWS Archives Committee ought to maintain records of historical value and facilitate access to the history of C.A. World Services by any C.A. member. Therefore, the CAWS Archives Committee initiatives ought to include the following:

- a. Elect Archive Committee members to fill positions in the Committee Structure.
- b. When necessary, implement industry practiced archival procedures so that the newest or most effective types of archival storage, preservation, cataloging and curating techniques can be utilized.
- c. Protect restricted and/or confidential material such as, the full names of CA members, whose identity must be protected from those outside the C.A. fellowship.
- d. Ensure that the archival holdings are safely stored, preserved and secured against theft, damage, and environmental or human hazards.
- e. It is suggested NOT to lend out CAWS archival material, NOR allow materials to leave the archives, except in a few instances, such as for exhibits or reproduction, or where a case can be made for allowing archival material to be removed from the repository.



It is suggested that a CAWS Archive Committee ought to consider the following objectives:

- ☐ Specialize in acquiring and preserving both analog and digital CAWS historical records.
- ☐ Work with the CAWS Conference Committee, WSBT and WSOB to collect all approved Minutes and other historically relevant documents.
- ☐ Communicate with other CAWS Committees (Convention, Unity, H&I, Public Information, Structure and Bylaws, IT, Literature, Chips and Format) to collect pertinent analog and digital documents and artifacts created by them—pamphlets, programs, memorabilia and event ephemera, PSAs, posters, speaker recordings, logos, etc.

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- Contact members of the CA fellowship who may have documents, items, artifacts, ephemera and memorabilia they wish to donate/gift to the CAWS Archive for the purpose of creating a meaningful CAWS Archive. All donated/gifted materials ought to become the property of C.A. World Services Inc. **(See Sample Deed of Gift - Appendix II - CAWS Archive Guidelines)**
 - Cooperatively work with the CAWS Committees and other C.A. AREA OR DISTRICT Archive Committees to coordinate collecting efforts so that a maximum amount of archival material is retained with a minimum of duplication and competition. Should the CAWS Archive Committee acquire items related to another area, then, if the opportunity arises and is appropriate, pass such items onto the appropriate C.A. Area/District Archive.
 - Assist any C.A. AREA OR DISTRICT Archive Committee to collect, preserve, catalogue and curate historically valued C.A. minutes, meeting lists, documents, printed materials, items, artifacts, ephemera and memorabilia into various collections:
 1. C.A. Area or District General History
 2. C.A. Area or District or Regional Convention History
 3. C.A. Area or District Committee History i.e. Unity, H&I, Special Events, etc.
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RECOMMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR THE CAWS REPOSITORY

- The process of protection requires the use of acid-free storage boxes and containers, Mylar sleeves, and buffered tissue paper (Calcium carbonate (chalk), is often added to paper pulp during the paper making process as a buffering agent – or ‘buffer’. This buffering agent raises the pH level of the paper to the alkaline side of the scale.) These materials can be obtained from a host of online archival and stationary companies.
- A fire-resistant environment with fire extinguishers, smoke and heat detectors and a carbon monoxide alarm. Secure the archives room with a lock.
- An area free from possible flooding or water damage, avoid basements and if possible store the archive at ground level or higher. Keep all archival materials on shelves and off the floor.
- An area free of insects, rodents, mold, or fungus. Have a specialist inspect the archives and suggest controls that are not harmful to human health or the archive collection.
- An area with consistent temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit or 20 degrees Celsius or less is preferable and 30% to 50% humidity is best. Monitor heat and humidity regularly and check materials periodically for any change in their condition. Use a dehumidifier or air conditioner to control the temperature if necessary.
- Avoid uncontrolled natural or fluorescent light and instead, limit light exposure with the use of heavy curtains, shades, light filters, or incandescent lights.
- An accessible, sheltered receiving area. In poor weather, cover archival materials in waterproof containers or bags while they are being moved. Do not leave archival materials outside or in exposed areas for long periods of time.
- A separate processing area with sufficient space to arrange and box materials without crowding, close to supplies and stationery but separated from researchers. Set aside an area, even a desk or table to be used strictly for processing.

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- ❑ A separate storage area, large enough for materials on hand and for new accessions. Ideally you need enough room to grow at a rate of 10-15 per cent a year for five years. Make sure the floor is strong enough to hold the weight of the entire archive. Divide the research and storage areas with walls, bookcases, or shelving.
- ❑ A separate research area, such as a desk or table, with good lighting and sufficient workspace, close to the archivist but separate from the storage and processing areas.
- ❑ An area for administrative work, including a desk, telephone, computer/s with Internet access.
- ❑ Other space, if needed, such as meeting rooms, a conservation area, exhibit space, a vault for valuable materials, equipment for playing audio files.
- ❑ For earthquake sensitive areas (i.e. California), seismically retrofitting, i.e. earthquake proofing the analog repository is strongly suggested. Strap bookcases and shelves to walls to prevent tipping. Secure cabinets to wall studs; use latches to keep cabinet doors from flying open during an earthquake. Secure small breakable valuables to lower open shelves with lip guards, Velcro adhesives or to locked cabinets. You can also use QuakeHOLD!—Museum putty to keep delicate items in place.
- ❑ Procedures for handling archive materials, include:
 1. No smoking, eating or drinking in or around the archive room or archive items.
 2. Make sure your hands are clean and dry.
 3. Wear appropriate gloves when handling archive materials i.e. latex (ceramics), nitrile (photographs), white cotton (pulp)
 4. Do not leave the Archives unattended.
 5. Only members of the Archive Committee ought to handle archival items.
 6. Unauthorized C.A. members ought not to have unsupervised access to the archives.
 7. At the CAWS Conference, the Archive Breakout Room is to locked when not in use.

Download the CAWS Archive Guidelines & Procedures: <https://ca.org/content/uploads/2023/01/2022-CAWS-Archives-Guidelines-2023-01-22.pdf>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 4-6, 2023

Texas Area Service Gulf Coast Area Convention

LOCATION:

Hyatt Regency Houston West

Houston, Texas, USA

August 4-6, 2023

CA Denmark Area Convention 2023

LOCATION:

Kirken, Dannebrogsgade 53

1660 Copenhagen, Denmark

August 4-6, 2023

CA Holland (Annual) Convention

LOCATION:

NH Hotel Leeuwenhorst, Langelaan 3,

2211 XT Noordwijkerhout, Holland

August 4-6, 2023

Greater Missouri Area of C.A. Show Me Recovery Convention

LOCATION:

Unity Village Hotel & Conference Center

1901 Northwest Blue Parkway, Missouri, USA

August 18-20, 2023

2023 CA Arizona Area Convention

LOCATION:

Doubletree Resort

5401 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ, USA

August 24-27, 2023

38th Annual CALA Convention

LOCATION:

Doubletree Golf Resort, Vista Chino

Cathedral City, California, USA

September 8-10, 2023

C.A. Ireland 2023

LOCATION:

Abbey Court Hotel

Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, Ireland

August 24-27, 2023

CA Scotland Annual Convention 2023 - LIGHT THE SPARK

LOCATION:

Glynhill Hotel & Spa

169 Paisley Road, Renfrew, Glasgow, Scotland

October 13-15, 2023

Atlantic North Regional Convention

LOCATION:

BMO IFL

3550 Pharmacy Ave Scarborough, ON, Canada

October 27-29, 2023

CA Sweden turns 20, come and celebrate!

LOCATION:

Scandic Infra City

Upplands Väsby, Sweden

November 3-5, 2023

CAUK29 - 'Safe and Protected'

LOCATION:

Village Hotel

Blackpool, United Kingdom, FY3 8LL

COMING IN 2024

July 11- 15, 2024

The 2024 World Convention of Cocaine Anonymous (C.A.) is coming to Holland!!!!!! Our World Convention will bring together C.A. members from all around the world to share their experience, strength, and hope. The 2024 convention is scheduled to take place in Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands, from 11 till 15 July, under the theme of "Hope, Faith, Courage." For those who are not able to physically attend the convention we will have a tailored online experience to ensure everyone can get a taste of CAWS 2024.

Our convention is a momentous occasion for C.A. members, you will have the opportunity to attend various meetings, speakers, workshops, and excursions. These events will be geared towards promoting the spirit of camaraderie and support, which are critical to our recovery.

One of the main objectives of the World Convention is to provide support to the newcomer. Together we can achieve this if we all bring newcomers to the convention [#bringanewcomer] and putting them "on fire", through sharing our personal stories, discussions on how we stay clean & sober, and various workshops aimed at helping our members develop and maintain their recovery. Our convention offers an opportunity for C.A. members to connect with other recovering addicts, creating a supportive and healing environment for all who attend.

Moreover, the World Convention of Cocaine Anonymous also serves as a platform to financially support the World Service Office, which is responsible for facilitating and coordinating the activities of Cocaine Anonymous worldwide. The funds raised from the event will be used to support the services and resources needed to continue carrying the message of hope to those struggling with addiction.

Our World Convention is also expected to be an occasion for fun and love. Members will be able to engage in various activities that promote sobriety, socialization, and a sense of community. Do a boat tour through Amsterdam, visit the heart of the Dutch flower industry or witness how already for centuries we are able to keep our lands dry.

In summary, CAWS 2024 in The Netherlands is going to be an amazing event that brings together C.A. members from all around the world to promote sobriety, share experiences, and provide support to those struggling with addiction. This year's theme of "**Hope, Faith, Courage**" is expected to inspire members to stay committed to their recovery journey. The convention promises to be a fulfilling and life-changing experience for all who attend.

Information and registration: www.caws2024.nl

In love and service,
The Service Committee, on their behalf Joost van K.
(CAWSC 2024 Chair)

7th Tradition April-June 2023 Group or Category		
LOCATION	NAME/CITY	TOTAL
CANADA		
Quebec	Quebec Area	\$5,500.00
Europe		
UK	CA Wales Area	\$6,000.00
	CA-Kent District	\$1,280.00
	CA-West London District	\$530.87
	Daily Reprieve Grp	\$164.00
	North London District	\$176.00
Thailand	Bang Tao Thailand Area	\$310.00
	Thalang Group of CA	\$25.00
Mainland Europe		
Germany	German Area	\$420.00
	Let Your Spirit Fly Group	\$8,147.00
USA		
Alabama	The W.A.L.L (Birmingham, AL)	\$19.00
Arizona	Birds of a Feather	\$240.00
	EVMG	\$710.00
	SNL Group	\$549.00
California	A Quiet Peace 24/7 Online Meeting	\$25.00
	Ancient Masters	\$100.00
	CA-Mainline Group	\$250.00
	Hope, Faith & Courage	\$98.00
	Inland Empire Area Service Committee	\$332.00
	Long Beach Compton	\$67.00
	Northbay Service Group	\$160.00
	OCCA	\$1,100.00
	One Puff Too Tough	\$500.00
	Richmond CA Fellowship No. Cal	\$100.00
	San Diego Area	\$1,240.00
	San Gabriel Pomona Valley CA	\$2,200.00

7th Tradition April-June 2023 Group or Category		
LOCATION	NAME/CITY	TOTAL
Colorado	CA Hope Not Dope	\$100.00
	Meeting #1	\$30.00
	Nirvana	\$118.00
	Sunday AM Coconuts	\$270.00
Connecticut	The Headache or The Hammer CA Group	\$67.00
	CA IACA Inc	\$89.00
	Florida Area CA Inv SWFL District	\$500.00
	Nostrils Group	\$250.00
Iowa	Iowa Hell & Back of CA	\$100.00
Michigan	Saturday Morning Alive	\$60.00
Missouri	Fried Pipers & Cocanuts	\$30.00
New York	CA Sixth Sense Group	\$100.00
	Last Straw CANY (Queens)	\$100.00
	New Life at the Oaks CA Long Island NY	\$100.00
	Solution at the Annex CA Long Island NY	\$100.00
Oklahoma	Sunday Serenity	\$210.00
	CA Oklahoma Area	\$5,000.00
	CA of Oregon	\$200.00
	SCTA of CA, Inc.	\$1,250.00
Washington	WSCA Area	\$20,000.00
	First Things First	\$150.00
Wisconsin	Razor's Edge Meeting	\$124.00
	Anonymous (Multiple Donators)	\$1,408.00
7th Tradition		The Complete Money Saver GRP
Freedom Fund		\$13.44
Gratitude		\$8,275.00
S.M.A.R.T.		\$490.00
Total		\$69,377.31

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Event - Use the form at:

www.ca.org/event_form.html

to get your event listed on both the
website and the NewsGram

or notify us by mail to:

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