

As I see NA six months later

This article was written by Chuck S., a member of the World Service Board of Trustees, in November 1983. It represents his views at the time of writing.

For many years Narcotics Anonymous was served by a few devoted and dedicated persons. We have progressed in growth at a tremendous rate which has been almost overwhelming at times.

Today, we have "trusted servants" on the World Service Board of Trustees and the World Service Office Board of Directors working hard towards the continuing effort of meeting the needs of the fellowship as a whole. The WSO is becoming more efficient and more expedient with regards to handling inquiries, mailing packets, etc.

There is not, and never has been, any "hidden power" in the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous. As experience has shown us, those persons who look for anything along these lines fizzle out like a shooting star: a burst of multicolors which then

vanish from the sky. It is the person who continuously carries the message to the addict who still suffers, wherever and whenever, who is the one with any so-called "hidden power."

It is with much gratitude that I have lived long enough to see my dream come true: "That no addict need die who truly wants to recover." This is because the message is now worldwide.

While there is still much to be done, the sense of urgency has finally vanished. I feel and see that you the fellowship will now more logically and reasonably continue to build and support the services necessary, and to increase our efficiency in a more business-like manner, rather than an emotional frenzy which has been prevalent over the past few years.

There is a great need for more literature to inform our fellowship, our H&I groups, new groups in general, public information guidelines, etc., as there always will be in any new growth. Everything is subject to change and there is no decision reached thus far that cannot be changed for the improvement and betterment of the fellowship as a whole.

My heartfelt thanks to those in the past and those in the future who have and will devote their time and energies to the growth of Narcotics Anonymous.

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