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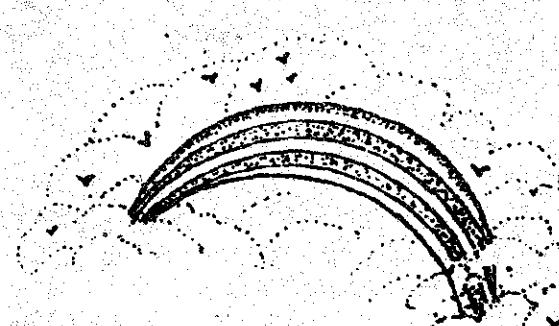
If you want what we have to offer, and are willing to make the effort to get it, then you are ready to take certain steps. These are suggested only, but they are the principles that made our recovery possible.

1. We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. We continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us, and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of those steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

This sounds like a big order, and we can't do it all at once, we didn't become addicted in one day, so remember — EASY DOES IT.

of Narcotics Anonymous

"...caring and sharing the NA way..."



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DOWN HILL



I was born Jan. 20, 1963, in Oklahoma City. I believe I was addicted since day one. After I was born, my mother had five miscarriages. I guess in a way, I was sort of a miscarriage. My parents were married until I was one, and then my father disappeared for three years, after which my parents were divorced. My mother and I were alone in a world of humility and despair. My mother was married three times and divorced twice. With all the changes and money problems, there were many geographic relocations, but home was still Georgia.

I was a good kid and had a pretty good childhood, but I was never really happy. I went to school, played in sports, sang in choir at school and at church, and other childhood activities. I made straight A's in school, so my mother never had much to gripe about.

When I was nine, the doctor told me that I had a kidney infection that if not corrected, I would be dead by age 14. I was in the hospital for three months with tubes sticking in me. That's when I first got stoned. I got wasted from the drugs they gave me for pain. It took seven pain shots to do the job.

My everyday drug usage came when I was twelve and went to live with my father for three months. He introduced me to pot and beer. I used my allowance to buy drugs. Of course, I loved it because it made me feel different and I could get along with anybody, anytime, anywhere. I soon returned to my mother's home, but I kept on using in secret.

When I was 14 and had been using steadily for two years, the pot and beer just didn't

hard liquor, reds, Quaaludes, speed and tea. Talk about a mixed-up kid! I couldn't take responsibility or even face life in general. My grades went from A's to F's. Life really started to get hairy. I had a job of trying to grow up and I didn't like it.

When I was 14½, I was arrested for shoplifting, but nothing happened. I got busted at school and got seven days suspension. My family was angry as hell and jumping on me. I got resentful as hell at the world. I blamed everybody else for my actions and in turn, used. I started taking things, like money. I never got caught, at that time, but was suspected by the family.

Three months before my 15th birthday, I moved to Vernon, Texas, with my uncle and aunt. I was going to start all over again and get my life straightened out. I did for nine month I got back in shape physically by running ten miles a day. I started making A's in school and enjoying life. Just when it seemed like I had it all together, I started using and stealing money from my classmates' wallets. It wasn't long before I was caught. Then came the anger at my aunt and uncle and the rest of the world.

I moved back to my mother's home in Tennessee. I stayed there for three years. I was arrested three times for possession and got three months probation. I was accused by friends of being a "narc" and that resulted in a lot of fights. I tried a lot of new drugs. I did acid, coke, Dilaudid, and prescription ups and downs. I huffed gas, paint, glue, varnish and at one point even huffed foot spray. And I didn't think I was a drug addict. A lot of people told me that I was a drug addict, but I told them that I didn't have a problem, that they did for thinking that I did. I was overwhelmed with insanity at this point.

To top it off, I thought I was a man and could handle Life on its terms. I moved to Georgia with nothing but 150 speckled birds

I stayed in Georgia for a month and a half, living with friends when and where I could. I went back to Tennessee, intending to quit drugs and get my life straight. That lasted six hours before I was getting high with my old playmates. A week later, I was headed back to Georgia and wound up in the Great Smoky Mountains, stoned. I wandered around the mountains, until the dope ran out and then, finally, made it to Georgia. I stayed stoned, living with friends, for three weeks.

My grandparents came and got me and put me in a drug abuse center in Smyrna, Ga. I went into the hospital with one bag of dope, three roach clips, three packs of matches, \$2.50, and the clothes on my back; I was a total WRECK!

I was in the hospital for three months, and drug free the whole time. At first, I the the idea of chemical abstinence was a joke. But I decided to stay in the hospital instead of running away from my problems. I was finally getting tired of what the drugs and alcohol were doing to me. As my clean time built up, I began to see what had been happening to me for the past several years.

I could see that I had been on a merry-go-round of jails and institutions that would most likely end in death. Even at that, I gave the staff a hard time, cussing, throwing things and generally being a pain. But something in the back of my mind kept saying: "You'd better stay here, dummy." So I stayed.

Since I have been out of the hospital, I have had my share of bad luck. But the good has outweighed the bad. I go to meetings, work steps, write, care and share, and most of all, pray a lot. Today, I know there's hope.

Allen C.
Atlanta, Ga.



NOTES ON THE BUS



These are notes made by two NA members on a bus from Memphis, TN to Atlanta, GA after mailing out the review forms of the NA book

JIM

Last night, during the meeting at Memphis House, there were at least four direct quotes from "The book," it felt like this was the way it had allways been. Memphis has become sort of a second home--Joseph P.'s house will allways remain, in my memory, as the place where the book was delivered from. We're on a bus to Atlanta, Tom reading and I'm writing--the review copy of Narcotics Anonymous on my lap as a lap desk. It's so easy to take it for granted, I've handled five or six hundred in the last several days, helping to paste up "Through the direct result of our drug use" on the bottom of each page one, examining copies for error in page sequence or looking for missing pages that would require their return to Jack's, the printer who stayed up nights to get them out to us so we could meet our deadline.

A month ago, I remember, only a minority of the conference participants really believed that we could get the review form out in the required time. I was skeptical, but have learned a new faith. I've a new definition of me based in service expressed through dedicated literature work.

The smell of reefer began to trigger many reactions--fear of being high, memories of the insanity of using. I paniced, just the smell gives me a headache and ruins my

fragile spiritual condition. Reading the book will help.

Joseph, Tom, Kathy, Roger and I, for a week together at the end of February '81. Getting the book out together formed a bond that I'm sure will change us all. I've changed so that I hardly recognize me.

The book opened to the forth step, freedom now to work my program extra hard, to adapt, to accept and to fully become the new me. Freedom is allowing me to change Spiritually. Teamwork has always been a weak point of mine, I've always needed to be a leader, an authority. Service is a group conscience effort.

Kenny, Tom, Roger, Kathy and Joseph met my plane. There didn't seem to be too much to do the first few days. I was frustrated, I had worked to put away my business concerns to get here. The printer didn't have the copies ready, so Joseph and I went to check on Federal Express shipping. It was offered free. It seemed like a good idea but we felt uneasy. We decided to give them a plaque with a silver dollar and the sixth and seventh traditions written on it. They cancelled the next day and we decided to only ship some that way and worried about cost/time concerns, and about traditions. Many phone calls made to Bo in Atlanta and to Greg in Oregon.

The printer finally started to deliver three days after my arrival. Many blemished books must be returned. We shipped out about one hundred fifty the first night. The first twelve books off the press were numbered. Joe's mom began "nudging" the printer, and we received another load the next morning. We started getting regular deliveries of books and began the task of checking each book, correcting and pasting up, and packaging. Roger began organizing the mailing list. We came up with about 525-600 valid addresses

of "real" groups. I figure this is about

60-70% of groups in existence.

The detail work and mechanical effort

is making me angry, frustrated and tired.

There is little organization. We make regu-

lar mistakes, there are personality clashes

and tempers flares. We adjust as a group on

an hourly basis because there are so many

variations we are in a constant state of re-

organization. We do what we can. It seems

so inefficient because this is new ground for

us and a great learning experience.

With the latest shipment, "our book" is

now in the hands of a representative sample

of the fellowship in some 300-400 groups in

taken form and delivery has been made. We

could not have done this on our own resources.

From the very beginning, it was an impossible

task. We began February 1 with very rough

material and by February 28 had sent out a

revision copy... Impossible!

It was just as impossible as recovery was

and is for each of us until the Higher Power is

factored into the picture. That once hopeless

adope friends have gotten together and written a

book is an impossibility. That the review copy

is out in time for fellowshipwide review is more

impossible. That our manuscript, with some edit-

ting is a publishable whole is highly impossible.

If not incomplete-at least to many-but it

is a good thing to have this book, "an active, in-

change going on in my life?

Trees and a few pines. What is this thing called

where in Mississippi-cotton fields, cows, bare

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is guiding this whole thing is a most wonderful

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I thought (projected) that this trip would

be an obvious spiritual happening like WLC-3, but

it was wrong. It was most definitely a spiritual

trip.

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and manpower. Frustrations, disappointments and
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were dealt my ego. I know they were necessary,
but that doesn't mean I have to like them. What
is this thing called growth going on in my life?

I am physically worn out. Working against
a deadline wears on me. I have been away from
home and job for a week and I have three weeks
worth of things to do with my 7-8 days off "me".
So many meetings to see--so much to share--
disappointment much of the time. To many, life is a
jungle. Some many people to see--so many spiritua-
ladvnture.

I didn't know there were so many hills in
Alabam, but I accept it. It looks like South-
west Pennsylvania with pine trees and limestone
instead of hardwoods, iron and sand.

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only three or four rooms, but still two chimneys.
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NEASCNA
LITERATURE COMMITTEE
THE RECENT MINT-CONFERENCE IN THE NE

Ohio literature committee members have secured the most ideal setting for a world literature conference to date at Willard Hall in Warren, Ohio. Willard Hall is a little theater with classrooms, auditorium, cafeteria and a hundred beds up-renovated elementary school with classroons, studios available to attending members on a first come-first serve basis. The local followers as necessary. The preliminary plan followship can accommodate as many out of towners as necessary.

The recent MINT-conference in the NE was held on Tuesday evening at the Clubhouse. Your support and participation in our cleanliness we dedicated to this literature committee work to the Levittown service of our Higher Power - that no addict seeking recovery need die without having had a chance to find a better way of life.

Every member may get involved at weekly meetings to do the work which has just begun. We are dependent on the members of our convention of our increasing fellowship is a funactivity. N.A. unity through increasing awareness of the autonomy of our followership to the literature to do the work which has just begun. We are dependent on the members of our fellowship to do the work which has just begun. Every member may get involved at weekly meetings held on Tuesday night at the Clubhouse. Your support and participation in our cleanliness we dedicated to this literature committee work to the Levittown service of our Higher Power - that no addict seeking recovery need die without having had a chance to find a better way of life.

Our literature committee members to serve the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous at the world level through the written word in accord with our fifth tradition. Our area has provided us with the Spirit - able recovery for every suffering addict in this area and worldwide are becoming a reality. N.A. unity through increasing awareness of the autonomy of our followership to the literature to do the work which has just begun. We are dependent on the members of our fellowship to do the work which has just begun. Every member may get involved at weekly meetings held on Tuesday night at the Clubhouse. Your support and participation in our cleanliness we dedicated to this literature committee work to the Levittown service of our Higher Power - that no addict seeking recovery need die without having had a chance to find a better way of life.

MEMBER IN PRISON. The address is:

FOURTH ANNUAL PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION - "A Day Clean is a Day Won!" August 7, 8, 9 this year. For room reservations call: 206/694-9701. Registration \$25, coffee start \$5. Regisistra- tion includes banquet, two dances and spiritual- breakfest. Send to FAPNNAC, 1103 Grand Blvd., Vancover, WA 98661. Call Jim P. 206/694-9701 or Mark S. 206/254-2814 for further informa- tion. The Committee has contracted 5 or 6 hospitals or jails about holding meetings. E-die W. from New Orleans will be at the Committee meeting at 4:00, June 14th at the Ristling Sun, 890 Atlanta Road, Marietta, GA. 404/428-0081 to share his experience with sections. Eddie will share his story at the Ristling Sun June 14th at 8:00 pm. The Committee is doing the basic footwork to establish this much needed element of our Service Structure within our Region. Attend the meeting of the Committee if you want to know more.

VICTORIA RALLY 1981 - The 2nd Annual British Columbia Rally will be held September 26 and 27th, 1981. \$16 registration includes the bandque, a dance and a Sunday breakfast. Send advance registration to Roundup Committee, P.O. Box 6146, Depot "C", Victoria, BC V8P 5L4. Second Annual EAST COAST CONVENTION - Will be held at Trenton State University, Trenton, NJ. Total cost \$45.00 (with banquette \$55.00). For details and reservations write Convention Chairman, P.O. Box 1136, Doylestown, PA 18901.

WLC-5
38404 Miller Road
Leetonia, OH 44431
For details or further information call:
Jim at 216/424-3701 or Roy at 216/637-5342.
The dates are from June 29th to July 5th.
The book is coming . . .

from a brother
Love,
"What God hath wrought!"
As Alexander Graham Bell once said,
The Book.
I hope to have time to sit with a group
of our friends and thoroughly absorb
what we come by the spirit of this work.
As I read more and more I
criticized it". As I say "with a very
critical eye (or should I say "with a very
I started to read the book with a very
On Reviewing The Book

JOPLIN, Mo.: Second Annual High on Life
Picnic, Friday-Sunday, June 26-28, 1981.
Camping available for \$3.00, Lake Stock-
ton Meeting available for \$18.00. For details and reser-
tact, Bob Richardt, (417) 781-6770 or (417)
623-1225.
MEMPHIS IN JUNE: NA Literature Committee
e Fund Raiser, June 20, 1981 at Shelly
Forest State Park in Memphis, Tenn. Fun
and fellowship at 10am, Picnic starts at
3:00pm. Under the sun meeting at 5:00pm.
\$2.00 covers fellowship and food and \$.50
entry fee for each contest. For informa-
tion call Richard D. at (901) 529-8779.

MIAMI BEACH, FLA.: Eleventh World Convention
ion, Marco Polo Hotel, Miami Beach, Sept.
10-13. Registration \$15.00 (at the door (17.
00) banquette \$18.00. For details and reser-
vations, write WCONA-II, PObox 694594 Miami
Fla. 33169.
SUNDAY AT 12:00 noon (Thursday will head out to the
Smoky Mountains. Ask around for details.
19th at 12:00 leave the Krisling Sun June
Sunday the 21st. They will head out to the
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N.A. we concern ourselves with recovery
and other similar twelve step programs. In
between the principles expressed in N.A.
becoming confused by apparent conflicts
we have lately seen some members

On Fenece Ridaing

a member in Ohio

"Our Father....."
I felt all of this from only two words
as a loving father loves his family.
Prayed I knew the he loved us all as one,
heart in the presence of God, And as I
threw backs and I felt shame at my impure
resented and had talked about her and
I looked further and I saw some that I
predicted "winners" weren't there at all.
my predictions, and I saw that some of my
had judged as losers making it, despite
at my first meeting. I saw those whom I
enough and I remembered my own discomfort
didn't know the words of the prayer well
saw the one who was embarrassed that he
who had unknowingly sponsored me. I
make it. I saw some who I really hoped would
special friends who I really hoped would
this program, my very special friends. The
saw friends who I had come to love in
our self induced hell of addiction. I
which had offered us all an escape from
joined together as one and felt the spirit
came from my heart. I saw my friends
Father.... came from my lips deep emotion
others in the room. As the words "Our Father
of bowing my head that I looked up at the
hands to say the Lord's Prayer that instead
It was suggested to me that as we held
"Our Father who art in Heaven...."

The Best Part of the Meeting

March 1981

Anonymity . . .

can say we are, very simply, an addict.

grown in identity and understanding to the point where we were this was not the case and were disappoited. We have been to other conventions of addiction and recovery. We have been reading the Steps and Traditions, and sharing their stories here recovering addicts chatring the meetings and workshops, AT MCNA-11, hopeful, an addict seeking recovery will meet regularly to help each other stay clean . . . who and women for whom drugs had become a major problem . . . men MCNA-11. In Narcotics Anonymous we are: "Addicts . . . men confused or confused identities expressed from bodies at expect, from what was shared to see and hear no addicts.

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"VERY SIMPLY, AN ADDICT . . . "

beginning.

to the best of our ability from the clean we must practice this 12 Step program practices of the 12 Steps. If we are to stay ongoing recovery is based on the daily all know that for us to use is to die. Our disease, addiction, and however varied the chemical symptoms of our disease may be we recover by admission of our powerlessness over our addiction. We share a common disease, in N.A. we begin to lead us to relapse. It retards our spiritual growth and could this sort of self-deceit is a form of denial. singleificant than others is a form of denial. the chemicals in our addiction as more other. We are addicts. To specify one of disease is any more important to us than any substances. No one chemical symptom of our they are addicted to all mood-altering chemicals become addicted to a mood-altering chemical experience tells us that when someone has from the disease of addiction. Our

When I came to the Fellows ship of Narcotics Anonymous, I was nearly dead. I had a heavy expense to another twelve steps and traditions. What I wasn't educated on was how to live; At my first few NA meetings I encountered happy people who were enjoying life, having fun and recovering from drug addiction at the same time. I didn't like that at first and remember thinking that if things didn't change, I would go back to the other program.

I had been taught that addiction is not a pleasant subject and that wasn't supposed to be comfortable when it was discussed. Addiction was something that was talked about in a dark, smoky room in a low tone of voice. These twisted concepts nearly led me out of the doors of the meeting.

I hung around a while and some of the living and enjoyment started rubbing off on me. I began to open up and ask for help. Then I began accepting some of the help that was offered to me. Soon, I became open minded enough to start trying that NA way, the way the people at the meetings told me. After hard-core therapists began to trade, and new thoughts of my sponsor and my new friends and meeting halls started to take their place.

I began to realize that being a dope friend was not a mortal sin. I was not doomed to eternal damnation. I began to realize that as far as God is concerned, the only thing that he wanted for me was to be happy and that he wanted for me was to be healthy.

I came to realize that the program is all about freedom. The steps are all about freeedom. The traditions offer freedom to the groups and the steps offer freedom to the individual.

The things that I learn in the program are available nowhere else. I learn how to fix myself on the inside so that I can live in society. I do not want to appear to be an individual.

Marietta, Ga.

DANNY V.

thoughts on "Leaving" you.

"God", nec on me, just keep my
will make them few, and trust my thoughts.
Facts, they be many, I hope that God
lets to let them last. And though my de-
the friendship I have found. I pray to
ponder on the days gone past. Small of
As I lie here in my bed alone I

THINKING OF TODAY

MARIETTA, GA

PAGE C.

there can be only a temporary truce.
that I can win, until I surrender completely,
admit powerlessness and surrender to the program
over which I am powerless. It is only when I
things are part of my addictive personality,
overeating and my obsession with sex, all these
etc. I also treat my compulsive gambling, my
my barbiturate addiction, my cocaine addiction,
I treat my demerol addiction, my alcohol addiction,
interpretation. In the program of Narcotics Anonymous
they are mis-informed, mis-led and mis-inter-
I am tired of seeing addicts die because
the program is for those who want it,
program in the U.S. alone is overwhelming, but
we are growing phenomenonally. The need for the
that there will never be any. As a fellowship
have any NA meetings at all, that is not to say
have seven meetings a week, some areas don't
There are still some areas that don't

program, and if you are like me, it will work for
you, and it took complete surrender to the program
of NA for me to start enjoying life to its
fullest. I couldn't surrender to two programs
just like I couldn't surrender to half a pro-
gram, and by no other means. NA works for
Anonymous, and by no other means. NA works for
I learn to do this in the pr-grm of Narcotics
to be an active, productive member of society.
active, productive member of society, I want

Richard D. Memphis.

Revised by

"Hermit The Frog"

Why are there so many songs about rainbows, And what's on the other side.
Rainbows are vibrations, simple illusions,
lens, And rainbows have nothing to hide.
Why are we looking, the colors surround us,
We're all here searching, for that
"Rainbow Connection", The loves, the
dreamers, and I.

"The Rainbow Connection"

John H. Martetta, Ga.

I get out twice as much work to do
y with half as much effort. Adequacy is a
wonderful place for a recovering addict to
be. When we no longer need to be perfect
and do everything better than everyone else
and live up to everyone's expectations in
addition to our own, I become free from
chain of my past and I am required to do
only that which I can.

"A Wonderful Place"
I remember not being able to make
four days at work and to walk around and
look like I was doing something took a lot
of real effort.
Today when my boss thinks there is
something really wrong when I'm walking
around trying to figure out what I'm doing,
he doesn't know about the times when that
was all I could do.

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Linda reported that all of the literature has arrived and is in Martlette's Rainbow for April has not been printed, since a lot of people on the committee are in California. The new Rainbow will have reports on meetings and a list of Linda reported that all of the literature has arrived and is in Martlette's Rainbow for April has not been printed, since a lot of people on the committee are in California. The new Rainbow will have reports on meetings and a list of

from each meeting.

R.S.C. to get a list of volunteers asked all G.S.R. to get a list of volunteers the meeting. The motion was passed. Donna seconded R.S.C. for the phone service. Donna seconded R.S.C. to designate a goal of \$6.00 to the meeting to the R.S.C. Lynn W. made a motion was passed. Lynn W. seconded the motion to the R.S.C. Lynn W. seconded the motion to turn all of this over made a motion to the P.I. Committee. Linda is chairman of the P.I. Committee. Tommy B. the Public Information Committee falls under committee since this committee falls under need to get all of this to the R.S.C.

more meritette people to sign up. We also few people available, also the need of there being a lot of day calls and very or night ringing. Lynn W. brought up problem of service not picking phone up until eight brought up the problem with answering step list and a call only list. Donna B. there will be two lists down for this month. Heath will take the list down for this month. a list around for everyone to sign up.

down to the answering service. We sent a current list of names needs to be taken are members of this committee. Once a month service. Tommy B., Shirley, Donna and Laura service. Linda B. gave the report on our answering service.

The Answering Service:

Atlanta Area Service Committee May 3, 1981 11:00 A.M. at the Highland Club Anne W. opened the meeting and was chairing were approved. Cindy J. read the minutes of last month. They were not a treasurer's report due to lack of material.

There was no treasurer's report due to Atlanta Area Service Committee May 3, 1981 11:00 A.M. at the Highland Club Anne W. opened the meeting and was chairing were approved. Cindy J. read the minutes of last month. They

all birthdays celebrated that month.

Linda brought up problem of the \$6.00 donation to the Rainbow being again in debt why this is against our sixth

rainbow is affiliated with N.A. and becomes a part of the R.S.C. The

major suggestion that Linda take this matter to the R.S.C. Linda said this

A.S.C. outstanding debts to the Rain-
bow are now in Limbo due to the con-
troversy. Linda asked that all G.S.R.
give her a current report.

Institutional Committee.

Bobby L. gave report. Bobby is the
only one on this committee and the
Golden Eagle group is doing well.

Charlie discussed HSI and asked for
stands for hospital and institution
held on May 24, 1981 at 5:00pm. HSI
support at the meeting that will be
down on what hospital and institution
violations are and how they cannot
be affiliated come under the HSI, and should
not be affiliated with N.A.

PANAMA CITY:

Lyn W. gave a great report. One hun-
dred and eighty people have registered
and fifty four rooms have been reserved
the bus will leave at 9:30am Friday
morning. Yes!!!

REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Donna B. gave the report. The RSC

voted that a quorum would be two thirds

of the committee. They formed several

committees. The bus will leave at 9:30am Friday

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sub committees that will have a vote at the meetings. Laura sent a letter resigning from her position, therefore she will not go to California, but is willing to serve in any other area. The committee decided that any visiting member who misses more than two consecutive meetings of the R.S.C. or any three, they will be asked to resign.

Old Business
and mailing up problem of postage and mailing of the A.S.C. minutes to G.S.R. Annie suggested that the treasurer allocate money for stamps and let the secretary handle the stamps. This money will come out of the A.S.C. treasury.

Atlanta Literature
Annie asked how much we had. Greg H. reported we had very little. Lyn W. reported we had \$0.00 allocated for Lit. Linda volunteered to get it from Marlette for the Atlanta area. Shirley suggested the mailing out of requested literature be given to the P.I. committee under the R.S.C.

New Business
Victor announced that the mid-town methadone clinic wants to start a meeting. Shirley suggested he get in touch with Tommy B.

Ronnie announced a multi-centerence to be held in Ashville July 4, 1981. Players will be sent.

Donna brought up the problem of first meetings not having enough support. Anne brought up another up another, a lack of interest in H. and I. Linda nominated Victor as our representative to H. and I. It was voted on and passed. Major nominated Bobby L. for co-chairmen.

Anne discussed election of a new treasurer. Ronnié read the requirements. Donna nominated Phyll M. and there was a motion made and it was carried.

There was a motion made for new buses. Ronnié called. There was to be closed. It was carried.

Candleright. Greg H. reported that the meeting was going well. Attendance is around 35.

Step Meeting. Donna B., reported they were reading from the review copy.

Serenity Group. Melinda reported that the meeting was going well. A lot of newcomers who continue to return.

Highbland Club morning meetings.

New answer. They are not meeting ASC.

Good Time Ghana. There was no report sentitive there.

New Villages. Greg H. reported that the group needs trusted servants.

Physical and Religious. Sherrley reported that they are in the process of naming attendees South Side Survivors. Sherrley attended 6 to 10 people.

Reported 6 to 10 attend. They are attending different meetings to a different room.

Meeting was then closed.

We drew the motion.

Victor made a motion that there be no conversion during role call. Shirley felt that conversion was needed. Victor

New Connecticut. Melinda reported group doing well. Did not have treasurers report. They are buying a P.A. system. T.G.I.F. Had the representative Fray Meyr. Tommy is the G.S.R. they gave \$10.00 to the A.S.C. They gave five new comers last week. Saturday Night Speakers. Major reported meeting going well. They gave \$10.00 to the A.S.C.

Cardelie Little, Greg H., announced he is recruiting people. Golden Eagle, Baby L. said the meeting was going well. They are trying to elect officers. Thursday night none of the officers were there that day. Highland Club, Lynn W. reported that day. They are trying to elect officers. Log Cabin Group, no representative
Navahoe. Victor reported they have thirty to thirty-five people here every week. Every week, they give \$10.00 to the ASC. Friday Dogwood, Phil reported 14 to 23 people here every week. Not a lot of newcomers.

Straight Way. Kathy N., reported that the group needs outside support. They gave \$35.00 to the ASC.

Turming Point. Lynn reported that the meeting is going well. Roger is the

MARIETTA AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE

Friday, April 24, 1981 at 10:00 pm at the

Risiting Sun. George S. chartered the meeting.

The meeting was opened in the usual manner

with the moment of silence followed by the

serenity prayer. Linda G. read the minutes

from the last meeting. A motion was made to

approve the minutes as read, sec-

onded by someone, voted on and carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Ed G.

Current balance is \$35.71.

We have paid our bills as follows:

Phone answering service: \$30.00 (for April

Rainbow Connection: \$30.00

Motion was made to approve the Treasurers

report, seconded, voted on and carried.

ROLL CALL

Sunday night closed Women's Meeting: no trea-

surers report for 3-8. no trea-

attending please spread the word. it is a

good meeting.

12 STEP STUDY GROUP: Risiting, Brown-\$27.0

0 in treasury after \$5.00 to the ASC, \$5.00

to rent and \$10.00 to Littleature effort.

ATHENS: the meetings held in Athens on Sun-

day, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday still

need support, but they are still growing.

WEST PACES FERRY HOSPITAL: new meeting on

Monday night at 8:00pm, Mike is the GSR,

Susan is the Treasurer, and Anita is the

Secretary. Treasury balance is \$22.37 after

\$5.00 to the ASC. Attendance is 8-15 with

MONDAY CALIFORNIA GROUP: 15 average at-

least 2 patients and 1-2 outside new-

comers. The group has no name as of yet.

Tendance with occasional newcomers. The

Treasurer was last hard of west of Houston.

MONDAY NIGHT CLIFAN AND SERENE: \$10.00 to

the ASC leaving approximately #35.00 in

the treasury. The meeting is going real we

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MONDAY NIGHT CARTERSVILLE: no representative
lived.
TUESDAY NIGHT CLOSED MEETING: going well,
new treasury is Robert B. the meeting is
getting it together as far as treasury is
concerned.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORWARD GROUP: no treasure
report because of a bank screw-up, account
is much better using a new format the steet
ring committee wrote.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LITERATURE MEETING: no rep- west
of Houston.
THURSDAY OPEN-UP: \$22.62 with \$10.00 to the
ASC and \$10.00 for rent leaving \$2.62.
People are coming back and Bradmers
recovering in the meeting.
FRIDAY NIGHT REACHING OUT: \$10.00 to the
Rising Sun \$1.85 to the ASC . The meeting
is going well.
FRIDAY NIGHT NET MEETING: still needs sup
port, \$5.00 to the ASC .
SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS MEETING: no repres
entative.
SATURDAY NIGHT SURVIVORS: \$5.00 to the ASC
\$2.00 to the Rising Sun . Meeting was made
to move on to old business. Second voted
on and carried.
HOSPITAL & INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE: Ronne
Comittiee(HGI) was discussed and qualifile
actions of an HGI meeting pointed out. Our
only HGI meeting in the Marlette ASC is the
NET meeting on Friday nights at Bradmer
Hospital. Possible solutions to the prob
lem then were discussed. A meeting of those
interested in the HGI was set up for the
May 1 at the Huddle House on Atlanta Road.

WORLD LITERATURE: The 4th WLC is now in California. Final review before the MSC will be done. Many of our members are there working on the book. \$200.00 was sent in by a concerned member for mailing. It was brought up that the mailings were already out of date as well as the mailing lists. That was decided that nothing could be done over to Ed C. who had been originally connected by the ASC and the money was turned back to the ASC and the money was turned over to Ed C. who had been originally connected by Bo to receive the money.

ATLANTA LITERATURE COMMITTEE: New wave plenety of white books, pamphlets, and chip ders in. There are concerned mem- t been printed. The April issue has no RAINBOW CONNECTION: The April issue has no meeting at the next Regional Service Com- was requested that a financial report be given at the Rainbow to work with the Rainbow. It was requested that the Rainbow a new letter of af- filiation by contributing to the Rainbow. A possible solution was brought up by May be making the Rainbow a newsletter of the Regioon, as a subcommittee of the RSC. 13th STEPPING: This was brought up at the RSC meeting Sun Business meetsing and all that could be done. We do ont govern. RAMBLING: The Wednesday Potward Group read their new format which they said had helped the problem. It was brought up that make sure that the meeting ran smoothly and the message of recovery was given.

PHONE ANSWERING SERVICE: It will now be handled by the Regional Service Committee. A request was put forth for volunteers to answer the phone and go on twelve step calls. Please give your lists to Donna B.

RSC Fundraising Committee: With the BBG and the dancce we raised \$186.50 to help send Ed C. our Regional Service Delegate, to the World Conference.

I see more and more of this type of situation developing each day in and around the program in the way of unwaranted and just new and ongoing relationships. In this type of situation the relationship has no real meaning and or bond. This does and always will have a way of what I call blowing references and or living problems.

more commonly referred to as learning expert hurt and deeply set scars. This is what is ed. They sometimes are not easily learned program. These lessons are not easily learned the lessons of thinking thinking in the experiences and or living problems.

We as recovering addicts are taught the next meeting of the Martetta Area Service Committee will be on May 29th, 1981 at 10:00pm at the Rising Sun.

"THE INSANITY OF ADDICTION"

The next meeting of the Martetta Area Service Committee will be on May 29th, 1981 at 10:00pm at the Rising Sun.

The meeting was closed with the first tradition and the Lord's Prayer.

A motion was made to close the meeting Seconded, Voted on and carried.

Seconded, Voted on and carried.

Some kind of mismanagement.

WSO should stop. There was an allusion to the Board Of Trustees, All dealings with the by the World Service Conference and done really said that until something was done literature Committee, Bo, was read. It basi A letter from the Chairman of the World C. a Vice Chairman.

George S., Chairman expressed the need for the Martetta Area Service Committee To ele Minium absence: 3/year

members including the ASR's or their alt ernates

A quorum was established: 2/3 of voting members

Public Relations Subcommittee Chairman: Tommy B.

Hospital & Institutions Subcommittee Chairman: Charlie W. Ronniie Fundraising Subcommittee Chairman: Ronniie New officers of the RSC: Reginald Service Delegate -Ed C.

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away or getting one or both of the people involved. I have seen it happen all too many times ruin peoples' lives. And if this goes on and saving lives then what is it about. Falling addicts have died or went back too using again which in my way of thinking is the same thing as dying.

All too many young and middleaged newcomers are often the prey of this still suffering and very sick addict. But there has been cases where oldtimers have been afflicted with this misfortune. This is very sad and so often very hard to recover from. So what I am doing brothers and sisters is for us all to be more conscient of our disease and the tricks it can play with our minds and be careful with each other and our feelings. "Feelings have been known to lead to death."

"LOVE YOU ALL" DOC H.

"A Truly Greatful Addict"

My name is Richard, and I'm a drug addict. The last ten years of my life have been spent becoming, experiencing, realizing, and finally admitting to this fact. During those years I grew accustomed to feelings of pain, loneliness, and despair. This had become a way of life, the life of an addict, doing the most natural thing for him to do, use drugs. I had learned to accept the pain and emptiness as my destiny, and only wished for it all to end. That is how I was when a group of re-covered addicts found me. Lost, lonely,

tried, and without hope they took me in their arms. They didn't ask for anything and to help them a group of re-

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Shenandoah - U.C.
(MacClellan Mission College)
* JULY 3-4-5 *



Memphis, Tenn.

Richard D.

Sinice chat time therit promise has come
true. Today I'm in love with
people who make up this fellowship, with
the world that surroundsmee, and the real
miracle of it all, is that I love myself.
Today I'm still in addicit, and the
most natural thing for me to do is still to
use drugs. But I don't have to use drugs
anymore. I can be happy and can feel love.
Today, no matter how unnatural it is
I can be happy and clean. And for that reas
on, I'm truly grateful to my Higher Power
for the ability to accept the fact of being
an addict.

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