



N.A.W.O.L. NEWS VOL. 2 ED. 5
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(Please pass this Newsletter on to your friends in recovery and have them contact me if they would like to be on our mailing list.)

1. N.A.W.O.L. NEWS:

Here is the link (for viewing) the nawolnews group

<http://groups.google.com/group/nawolnews>

Doing this also allows me to keep all input and membership lists centrally located in a single place. It also allows me to email all newsletters at once instead of doing so in groups of 30. I am currently sending Newsletters to 130 people in over 10 countries. As to proof reading of the NA Way of Life we still need someone to proof –read Ch's. 6-13: Ch's 15 & 17 along with Ch's 19-24 and the entire section on the 12 steps. We currently have 8 people and 2 groups actively working on input and/or proof reading.

NA Society Journal

Social Characteristics - NA as a society requires identification within our membership and certain customs embraced and embodied in our 12 Traditions - the same spirit of generosity that prompted AA to give us the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions include their 12 Concepts as well as the Long Form of the Traditions. NA is not a business. NA is not a cult. We grow by developing our strengths while protecting ourselves from our weaknesses by having the good sense to surrender and get help! Like all societies, we have positive and negative sanctions. Positive sanctions are like group recognition, applause and expressions of gratitude. Negative sanctions are like ignoring certain behaviors, taking time to talk in private and learning days to keep personality disorders from coming out while chairing a meeting, service and politics: the taking of sides. Our Society must always be the life of the Spirit. As we trade in our fears and grow in our faith, we have to carefully arrange our message of hope so that each person gets what he or she needs at each stage of their recovery. This, our message, is the miracle of NA.

NA also has rights to the Long Form of the AA 12 Traditions and we need to act on this as a Fellowship to deepen our understanding of the 12 Traditions.

Yours in Service,

Lester O.

Unlike the nawolnews group, the NA Society Journal will be a web site in lieu of

a news group. Here is the link. <http://groups.google.com/group/nawolnews?hl=en>

The N.A. Society Journal is a current N.A.W.O.L. Project. This is a site for journaling your thoughts concerning the N.A. Society. This site will provide space for Journals on N.A.W.O.L. Projects, both past and present as well as the History of N.A. and hopefully expand to cover the entire NA. Society.

Anyone can view this site,

<http://sites.google.com/site/nasocietyjournalproject/>

but only Owners and Collaborators can post. You can become an Owner or Collaborator only by invitation. This is to help reduce spam and/or prevent the site from becoming a chat room with unrelated post. To become an Owner or Collaborator please send me an Email at Lester1444@msn.com . You must be a member of N.A. and state why you want to be an owner or collaborator.

Some Recent Newsworthy Items:

1. Archives: A big thanks goes out to Boyd P. and Chris B. (NC) who have made a 2 disc set of Joe Proctor's Archives and Thanks to Kermit who supplied the archives. Also Thanks to Chris M. who has developed a website for storing the archives on so that they can be viewed and downloaded for free to the fellowship of NA. Some of the archives can now be found at

<http://magshare.magnaws.com/narchive/>

Click on the 1979 link to view the archives. Boyd & Chris B. are currently working on compiling Disc from the archives of Bo. S.

2. Chris W. (Knoxville) just recently hosted a lit conference in Knoxville last weekend 24, 25 & 26. For more info contact:

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4. Bo S will be speaking at O.G.A.C.N.A. XI in Ocean City MD on Fri. night Oct 31st 2008 and again on Sat. Nov 1st at the ECCNA Fundraiser (Dinosaur Day Spkr. Jam) in Miami, Fl. At the Sheridan Miami Mart at 711 NW 72nd AV. The Speakers are:

Bob B. Los Angeles, CA. 47 yrs Gene H. Ashland, OR 46 yrs

Sylvia M. San Francisco, CA 46 yrs Tom C. Puna, HA 37 yrs

Dutch H. NJ & PA 37 yrs Neal B. Greenville, SC 37 yrs

Bo S. Jacksonville, FL 34 yrs Geno H. Houston, Tx. 33

yrs

Fawn F. Washington DC 30 yrs

5. The 2008 World Service Conference approved a project for a book-length piece of recovery literature with the working title Living Clean. This book will cover a collection of issues we deal with in recovery including topics that have been prioritized in literature surveys going back to 1999, such as grief, relationships, spirituality, and parenting. We have begun work on this book and news about the project will be posted here as it is available. Memo from World Board about Living Clean

Project http://www.na.org/conference/LC/living_clean_project.html

One of my sponsor's favorite sayings is: **"If we truly believe in N.A.**

Program then we ought to know that we've already won."

Just for the hell of it: I filled out their little Survey for input. My answer to their last question was:

What are the experiences that deepened your recovery? Getting online 10 yrs ago and finding the NA Way of Life which helped me tremendously by showing me how to better apply our steps and traditions and principals of recovery to areas of my life such as grief, relationships, spirituality, parenting, employment and living life on life's terms. Learning about the History of our fellowship and the struggles that our predecessors went through and how many of them applied principals of recovery to overcome obstacles as well as learning about the results of not applying our principals which serves as reminder and helps to not repeat my mistakes over and over again.

My sponsor tells me that imitation is indeed one of the most sincere forms of compliment. He also believes as I do that nothing that NAWS does can in any way diminish our work at N.A.W.O.L. We are doing our Higher Powers work in creating Recovery Literature by using the open participatory process. Our work saves lives. I know for a fact that it greatly enhanced my own recovery when I first found the N.A.W.O.L. site Ten years ago.

It has been a while since our last Newsletter as there has not been much news to report. One thing that I have been working on is building a new nawolnews group at Google Groups. The purpose of this group is to provide a place for those who are currently working on the N.A. Way of Life Book to submit their work, view files, discuss matters affecting the NAWOL Foundation and/or ask Questions and submit ideas.

How we operate to emphasize input to the book by chapter, page and paragraph of the current form displayed on www.nawol.org. This is a closed group to save time. Invitation only for those who are writing and/or editing new material for the NA Way of Life Foundation or wish to do so.. Invitations can be requested by emailing me and I will then add you to the Group. Currently I am the sole owner and moderator of the Group. I will be sending invites along with Group URL to those who are currently working on our projects. You will probably be asked to join goggle groups the 1st time you try to access the group if you do not already belong to Google groups. If you are not currently working on a project but would like to you can email me at nawolnews@googlegroups.com or Lester7286@gmail.com .

Guidelines for the above group are:

1. Anybody can view group content
2. Group is not listed in Goggle directory
3. Only members can view group members list
4. People have to be invited to join. To request an invitation to join please email me at lester1444@msn.com

Stating why you want to join. As stated above this is a working group for those who wish to contribute to our projects.

5. Only members can create and edit pages
6. Only members can upload files
7. Only members can post Messages
8. Only Managers can invite new members
9. Messages are delivered directly without moderation

* For those of you who may have recently purchased The Way of Life Book (2008 Ed.) We apologize for the size of the font and wish to assure you that steps have been taken to increase the font size.*

If you have not sent me an update on your mailing info please do so. This will help tremendously with my new filling system

Updating our mailing list:

Our Mailing list is growing and for many of you all that I have for contact is a single email address and we do not have a clue as to where you are at, State, Country, etc. I would like to be able to contact you in the event that your email gets bounced back which often happens. Also I like keeping in touch with each of you on a regular basis and I have unlimited calling in the US and Canada on my phone. So I have decided to update our files and would greatly appreciate it if all of you on our mailing list could email me a quick update on your contact info. Including Name, Address, Phone # if applicable, email, possible back up email (for those of you who have more than one addy, please not preference primary, secondary etc). Feel free to add any comments or Questions about NAWOL. Newsletter Input, Suggestions, etc. Below is form that I developed that can be copied and pasted into an email for this purpose.

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NAME: _____ PH. # CELL _____

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ADDRESS: _____ Clean

Date _____

_____ EMAIL (1) _____

_____ EMAIL (2) _____

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

1. NEWSLETTER SURVEY: Would you prefer Newsletter Format in (1) MS Word ___ (2) ADOBE PDF ___ (3) SNAIL MAIL or (4) Combination ___.

We need volunteers to proof read and correct punctuation and grammatical errors in the 2008 form of the NA Way of Life. This needs to be done before we can conference the Way of Life Book for fellowship approval. We currently have people working on Chapter's 16 & 25 as well as the entire section on Our Principals. Everything else in open. This should not be too time consuming. Simply copy & paste the chapter to word format then read the chapter marking any Errors you find then email it to me.

2. Would you be willing to proof read a chapter of the NA Way of Life Book and correct Punctuation and grammatical errors? Yes ___ No ___

3. **If yes, please list the chapter. you would like to proof read.** _____

This form and any and all suggestions can be emailed to me at:

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