



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

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Dear Fellow Members:

It is getting harder to write these letters. So much is happening, it is harder to reach the moments of clarity necessary to put them together. We need your prayers more than ever.

The main thing that has happened since the October letter is that the pasted up material on Chapters Two through Ten have been mailed out to eight cities. We attempted to include as much material as we could to equipt the cities typing up chapters with what we learned working on Chapter One. We would like to think the cities involved would just throw away all our recommendations but we're very aware of the job which lies ahead for them and are really grateful for their participation in this wonderful work. We also attempt to call each city involved every Saturday. We hope this telephoning will help the members working on chapters pull together and view the other cities as resources only a phone call away. The basic task is for each city to bring their chapter as close to completion as they can then submit it for review in other areas. We know it can be done. Chapter One is gradually yielding to our efforts. The only difficulties we face now are technical. We have plenty of material. As different areas discover techniques which help the work get done, we will swap them around. As more of the techniques emerge and are shared, the work itself will proceed more quickly. These literary techniques for manipulating and arranging material still fit under the heading of compiling and are necessary to have material ready for review.

Financial support has been coming in from Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Kansas, Georgia, Tennessee and the World Service Conference itself and we are deeply grateful. The Memphis Literature Conference will add, God willing, three to four thousand man hours to our work. The members at Memphis will have to have funds to buy supplies for the work. They are entirely dependent on Fellowship support. They will spend some \$10,000 just to be there (50 times \$200 each). If you are unable to attend, please try to help out financially. If you are going to attend, make sure members in your area know what's happening so you will have office supplies to carry you through a nine day Conference. Our area here in Marietta has had two fund raisers for this and have sent on to Memphis over \$300. If enough cities within our Fellowship do this, money will be no problem.

We are doing our best to cope with the ongoing flow of new situations and demands. We are grateful for our progress and support. Please write if you have questions about our work not covered in this letter.

In Loving Service,

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Bo Sewell, Chairman
WSC Literature Committee

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Hi Folks,

Greetings from Tennessee.

If you've been watching your mail, by this time you ought to have noticed a flyer (brown), with a couple of registration blanks stapled to it. I hope you either a) mailed your registration forms in, or b) hung onto them.

Just in case you hadn't already guessed, here's what this is all about; Narcotics Anonymous is writing its own BIG BOOK. We have had two literature conferences already, and the productivity on it is really snowballing. We hope to have the book finished in fairly short order.

The people who attended the last conference voted to hold this next one at Memphis State University in Memphis, TN. This is a good plan for several reasons. For one thing, the actual facilities we plan to use are ideal. The university has agreed to rent us the space, not only to hold meetings and workshops, but also to sleep, if we choose. The cost of a dormitory room in the same building will be only \$13 per night. Of course, some of the members of Memphis NA will be glad to put people up in their homes too.

If you were one of the lucky people who were able to attend the 2nd World Literature Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, you already know how important this is. You know how much work goes into a task like this, how much love is shared, how rewarding it feels. So, I'm sure you'll want to see this project through to the finish.

If not, then this would be a perfect opportunity for you to participate in a project that could very well mean the difference between recovery and death for generations of addicts to come.

Maybe you still feel inadequate, like you have nothing to give. Well, just think how many people have stayed sober through the efforts of the authors of Alcoholics Anonymous, the AA "big book". All of the people who took part in putting that book together were common drunks, and not one of them had more than five years of sobriety behind him. Those men weren't gods, just instruments for a Higher Power to work through.

Mail in your registration blanks and fees as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can call Joseph at (901) 529-8779, or Cathy at (901) 276-6163.

Let's stay clean and green and I'll see you all in Memphis, Jan. 31-Feb. 8, 1981!

Love,

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