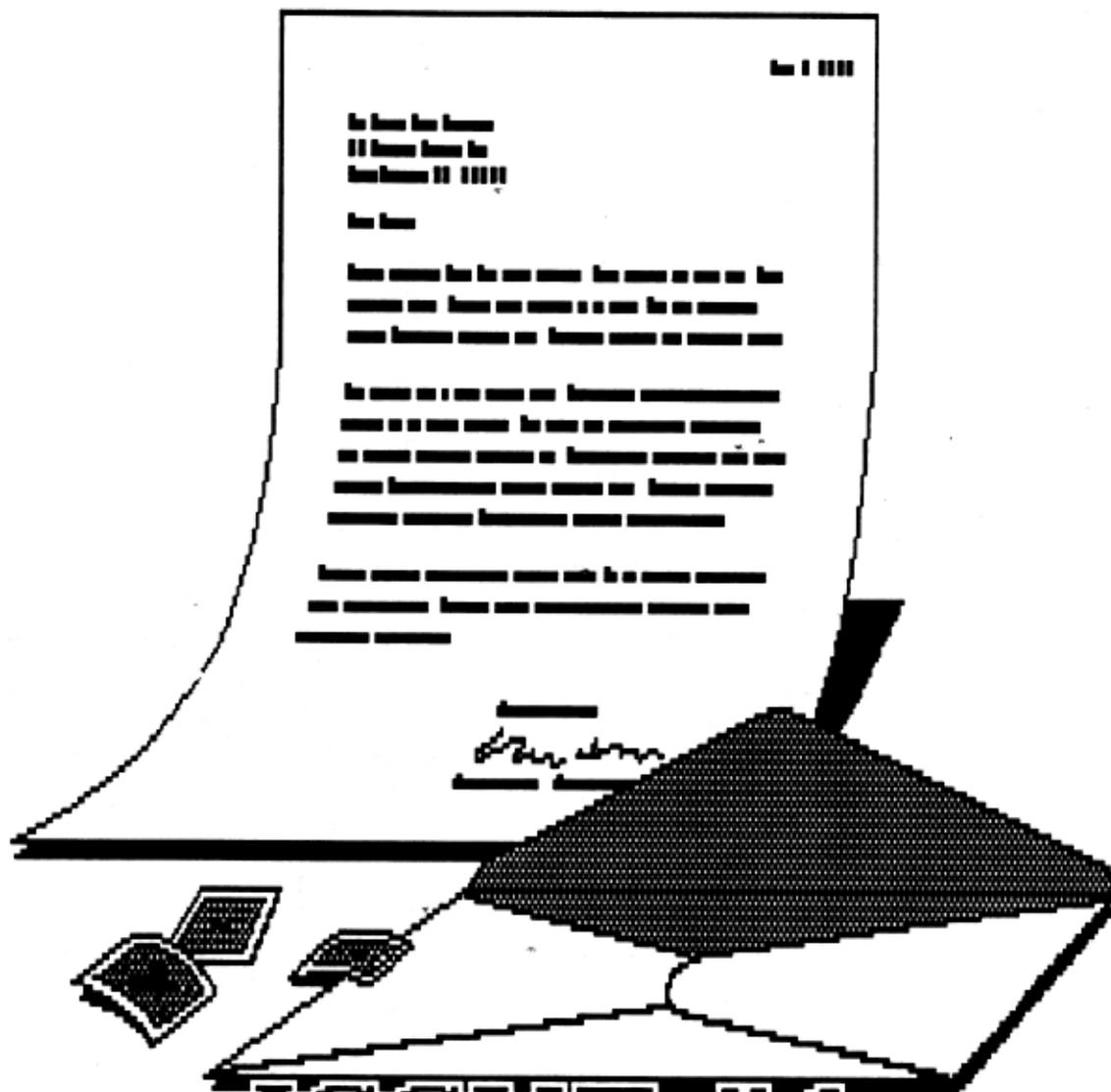


# MID-AMERICA NEWSLETTER



**ISSUE #6**  
**1992**



# FROM THE EDITOR



Howdy folks! My name is Nate, and I'm an addict. Well here is the promised last issue of 1992. ( Yes, I know, it is already 1993) These last two months have been eventful, to say the least. January started off great. I opened the January issue of the NA Way magazine to find that the lead article was a reprint from Issue #3, 1992. (Practicing The Principles) I was elated to discover that this was the second article that had been published in the NA Way from the M.A.N. within the last six months. I was ready to publish this issue on the first of February, when I received a disturbing letter from the World Service Office of NA. (see Letters) Unknown to me and the NA Way, the Practicing The Principles article had been borrowed and paraphrased from an article that appeared in the AA Grapevine some twenty-three years earlier. My elation was quickly changed to embarrassment and concern about copyright infringement. I contacted the person who had submitted the article and he admitted that he had used the article as an outline for an updated version. (see Letters) I agree with the WSO that this was an unfortunate incident and that the M.A.N. takes every precaution to publish only original material and will continue to be vigilant in this pursuit. A reminder that if you are thinking of "borrowing" the words of another or paraphrasing, please give proper credit to the original authors.

Well on to this issue, we've put together a bangup issue of all original material from the Mid-America Region. I'm looking forward to visiting all who are interested in the newsletter at the Regional Service Committee Meeting, Saturday and Sunday, February 20,21 in McPherson, KS. (See RSC Schedule) There will also be a workshop at the RSC for the Newsletter. Contributions for print will be coached and accepted. Artwork, cartoons, poems, articles and suggestions for format will be addressed, and signup for Newsletter help will be taken. If you can't attend the workshop, send your suggestions or contributions along with someone who will be attending. I'll see ya there.

The next issue of the M.A.N. will be published on March 1st, 1993. Please send your birthday lists, Event flyers and other submissions before that date to:

MID-AMERICA NEWSLETTER

P.O. BOX 1560

LAWRENCE, KS 66044

OR PHONE IT TO MY MACHINE AT:

913-865-5512 (SPEAK LOUD AND CLEAR)

IN SERVICE,

NATE F.  
EDITOR

# CLEAN TIME BIRTHDAYS

# NEWSLETTER

- ONE YEAR**  
Kent \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend
- 18 MONTHS**  
Butch \_\_\_\_\_ Newton, H.O.W.  
Shelly \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend
- TWO YEARS**  
Scott J. \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend  
Dusty J. \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend  
Mical J. \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend  
Dawn G. \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend  
Sherrie N. \_\_\_\_\_ McPherson, New Life Loadies  
Cindy B. \_\_\_\_\_ CrossRoads, Junction City
- THREE YEARS**  
Vicky \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend  
Bruce P. \_\_\_\_\_ Yawan, Concordia  
Joe M. \_\_\_\_\_ Larrytown, Lawrence  
Bobbie P. \_\_\_\_\_ Yawan, Concordia  
Mark B. \_\_\_\_\_ Yawan, Concordia  
Becky B. \_\_\_\_\_ Yawan, Concordia  
Brad \_\_\_\_\_ Yawan, Concordia
- FOUR YEARS**  
Edrena D. \_\_\_\_\_ Larrytown, Lawrence  
Jeff L. \_\_\_\_\_ Larrytown, Lawrence  
Shawn C. \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend
- FIVE YEARS**  
Laura H. \_\_\_\_\_ Step By Step, Lawrence  
Ed S. \_\_\_\_\_ New Way, Lawrence  
Greg B. \_\_\_\_\_ Hoisington  
Al D. \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend  
Sara D. \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend
- SIX YEARS**  
Jennifer S. \_\_\_\_\_ Great Bend  
Dale H. \_\_\_\_\_ Hoisington  
Mark S. \_\_\_\_\_ Hoisington
- SEVEN YEARS**  
Denny C. \_\_\_\_\_ New Way, Lawrence  
Arlen \_\_\_\_\_ Newton, H.O.W.
- EIGHT YEARS**  
Jeff M. \_\_\_\_\_ McPherson
- NINE YEARS**  
Susie Y. \_\_\_\_\_ CrossRoads, Junction City
- ELEVEN YEARS**  
Liz L. \_\_\_\_\_ Yawan, Concordia
- FOURTEEN YEARS**  
Glenda \_\_\_\_\_ Newton, H.O.W.

# KEEP COMING BACK

# NEWSLETTER



# LETTERS



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Tuesday

Area Trusted Servants  
Just For Today Area (JFTA)  
Mid-America Region  
The Narcotics Anonymous Fellowship  
RE: Area Newsletter Chair (ANC) to be vacated

An Open Letter to my Fellow Addicts:  
I felt my thoughts and emotions deserved more than a few cursory remarks at the Emporia ASC meeting. I, also, wanted the ASC members to have opportunity to reflect on the information contained within before the next meeting.

- (1) Effective post-ASC (JFTA) meeting, 10JAN93, I will vacate my position as Area Newsletter Chair.
- (2) An Area Trusted Servant position suggests attendance to the RSC meetings which I cannot comply with for fiscal + time-management reasons. [A proposal to return to a RSC composition and editing format for THE MID-AMERICA NEWSLETTER is not feasible for me, now.]
- (3) A personal \$8 subscription for the M-AN will be donated (by me) to the succeeding ANC.
- (4) My one-year position was established in 1988 to be passed-on for another Addict. [ANC's cannot cast Committee votes, but they can raise "hears" at the ASC (or get it published in the Newsletter?)]

I leave with good conscience and a willingness for future Service work, (but) until sufficient Clean-time is conceded. A particular note of gratitude is extended to Bob K., Pete O. (Paola), Pat M. (Emporia), and Roger B. (Ottawa), for their support and encouragement of my initiation into Area Service. An additional thank-you goes to Kate F. (Lawrence), current M-AN editor, [same]. My involvement at the ASC-level has increased my appreciation for NA, especially Traditions #5 and #12, and I am grateful for those gains. Not having been a real "charmer" in my formative school years, I became involved in Area Service without a formal background in committee-work [or, "Roberts Rules of Order"]. The period of my life (4-years) with JFTA-ASC has overcome some of the deficits, but more importantly, the time invested has given me insight(s) and a Belief that, indeed, NA works.

I truly have enjoyed my Service experience in the JFTA--and especially with the variety of many Addicts who have been alongside. I have met Addicts to emulate and Addicts to "de-emulate" [how I didn't want to become]. I have witnessed Addicts who lasted their first ASC meeting, Addicts who have recycled their presence, and MOST importantly, Addicts who have been involved since Day-One of my arrival. I look to be in my best interest; it necessary to have become Friends. I find (to be in my best interest) it necessary to Let Go(+)Let GOD my involvement for now, but I trust my H.P. for my return.

\*The next Service Step above making coffee--is giving a good hug!!!!

THANK JFTA---FOR FREE HUG SAMPLES!!!!

(1/2)

Dear N.A.N., N.A. MAY and Fellowship:  
Last year a colleague gave me an interesting photo copy of the AA traditions with lots of questions after those who wanted to read them for A.A.. I thought it was a great effort applied and I thought I'd delete the copyright infringement. (I really did, Area in N.A. add some current issues the Grapevine 15 or 20 years ago.) I don't appreciate me stealing their stuff. I last of all the Grapevine. I certainly apologize to sincerely,  
Anonymous



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January 28, 1993

Editor  
Mid-America Newsletter  
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Dear friend:

In the January 1993 issue of *The NA Way Magazine*, we published an article which appeared in one of your newsletters. We recently heard from one of our readers that it appeared to be an adaptation of a series of articles that appeared in the *AA Grapevine* from 1969 to 1971 focusing on the application of the Twelve Traditions in our personal lives.

I subsequently contacted the editorial staff of the *Grapevine* to find out if our story may have been an inadvertent adaptation of their material. They faxed me a copy of that story and, after examining the two items, it became readily apparent that the manuscript we published was, in fact, an adaptation.

I sent the *Grapevine* a letter of apology for our oversight. We are enclosing a copy for your information. I believe that it was just an unfortunate error, one that does occasionally happen no matter how diligent we may be.

If you have any questions about this or the enclosure, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Yours in fellowship,

  
 Stephen Lantos  
WSO Publications Team

encl: copy of letter to the *Grapevine*

MY ADDICTION... THE QUEEN

THE QUEEN STOOD BY,  
HER WATCHFUL EYE  
A CONSTANT CHAIN AS DAYS ROLLED BY  
"RELEASE ME! PLEASE!,  
I'M ON MY KNEES!"  
SOBBING, MY PLEAS WERE MUFFLED SCREAMS.  
"SILENCE!" SHE ROARED  
I FELL TO THE FLOOR  
SHE WHISPERED, "YOU KNOW I OPEN DOORS"  
HER PROVEN VOW,  
(UNWANTED NOW.)  
AS BEFORE, WOULD NOT ALLOW,  
FOR ME TO VOICE  
MY PONDERED CHOICE  
IF IT DEFIED THE QUEEN'S REJOICE  
"I'M GOING TO GO."  
SHE SHOUTED, "NO!"  
I ANSWERED "IT'S MY TURN. I WANT TO GROW"  
I COVERED MY HEAD  
AS QUEEN TURNED RED.  
HER THRONE IS SHATTERED BUT SHE'S NOT DEAD.

written dec'92  
by Sarah C., Lawrence



# NEWSLETTER

## WORKSHOP



WANTED: POEMS, SUGGESTIONS, ART

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

START AT 10:AM AT THE RSC

MCPHERSON, KANSAS

(WORKSHOP WILL CONTINUE UNTIL

6:PM WHILE THE SUB-COMMITTEES



MEET.)

BE THERE! LEND A HELPING HAND

IN THE M.A.N.

## RSC

### SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY

9:00-11:00 H&I/ACTIVITIES

11:00-1:00 LITERATURE/M.A.N./PI

1:00-2:00 LUNCH (MEXICAN

COOKOFF-BEST MEXICAN ENTREE

OR SNACK WILL BE JUDGED)

2:00-4:00 CONVENTION/CAMPOUT

10:AM-6:PM NEWSLETTER WORKSHOP

7:00 SPEAKER MEETING

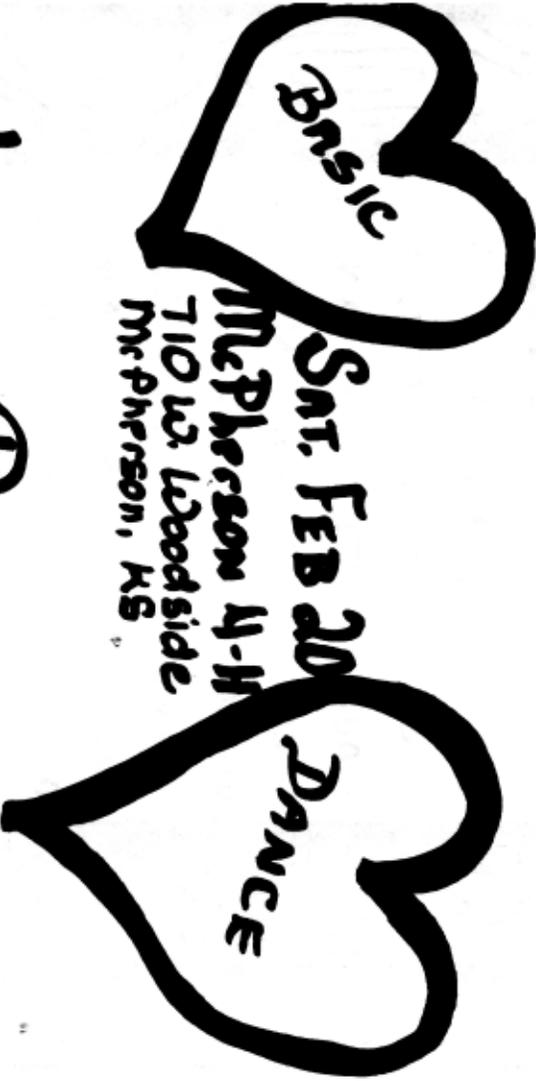
8:00 DANCE (LIVE BAND)

#### SUNDAY

8:30AM ASR/REGIONAL SUBS

9:00AM - ? RSC MEETING

# THE HEARTS OF M.A.R. DANCE



**LIVE BAND --**  
**GREAT Music**  
**RAFFLE**  
**SPENKER: 7:00 pm**  
**DANCE: 8:00 - midnight**  
**COST: \$ 3.00 per person**  
**Sponsored by M.A.R.S.C.N.A.**



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**M • A • R • C • N • A** **X**  
**APRIL 2, 3 & 4, 1993**  
**MCPHERSON, KANSAS**

**MARATHON MEETINGS • WORKSHOPS • SPEAKERS**  
**KARAOKE FRIDAY NIGHT • LIVE BAND SATURDAY NIGHT**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT BANQUET & BRUNCH**

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 RED COACH INN  
 I-36 AND U.S. 56  
 MCPHERSON, KS. 67460  
 KS. 1-800-362-0072  
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**TIM S. 316-241-6230**  
**JIM M. 913-825-6892**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MARGA X, P.O. BOX 206, ENCORSA, KS 66602-0206**  
**REGISTRATION, BANQUET & BRUNCH MUST BE FORWARDED BY MARCH 6, 1993**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE & ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PREREGISTRATION** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.00

**AFTER MARCH 6, 1993** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16.00

**SAT BANQUET** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$14.00

**SUN. BRUNCH** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00

**T-SHIRT & MUG SPECIAL** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.00

**NEWCOMER DONATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL**  
**T-SHIRT & MUG**  
**AT CONVENTION \$15.00**  
**PREORDER \$13.00**

\*IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION NARON WILL BE AVAILABLE

# Drug Problem?

If you think you may have a problem with drugs, give yourself a break. There is a way out with the help of other recovering addicts in NA!

## We Have Been There!



Narcotics Anonymous is a group of recovering addicts who live without the use of drugs.

It costs nothing to be a member.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using drugs.

If you want help or information about meetings, call

# (316) 342-8467

### MID-AMERICA NEWSLETTER

#### SUBSCRIPTION FORM

We won't give you a clock radio, or a cheap phone, home stereo, video tape, or swim-suit issue.....

#### JUST:

Twelve months (6 issues) of events, happenings, doings, campouts, chili-feeds, meetings in print, birthday nights, recovery stories, and other recovery "stuff" from your M.A. Region, by your Region and for your Region (which - by the way - is the MID-AMERICA REGION).

IT'S ENOUGH !!!!

For only (8) eight bucks, you too can be totally hip to what's up and on in the Region. So.....

JUST DO IT!!!!

yes, I would like to be hip and knowledgeable of n.a. events and "stuff". I have enclosed (8) eight dollars.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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**Unity  
Bowling Party  
February 19th  
Hillcrest Lanes  
Lawrence, KS**



**9:30pm-11:30pm, \$5.00 per  
person. Come join in the fun!**