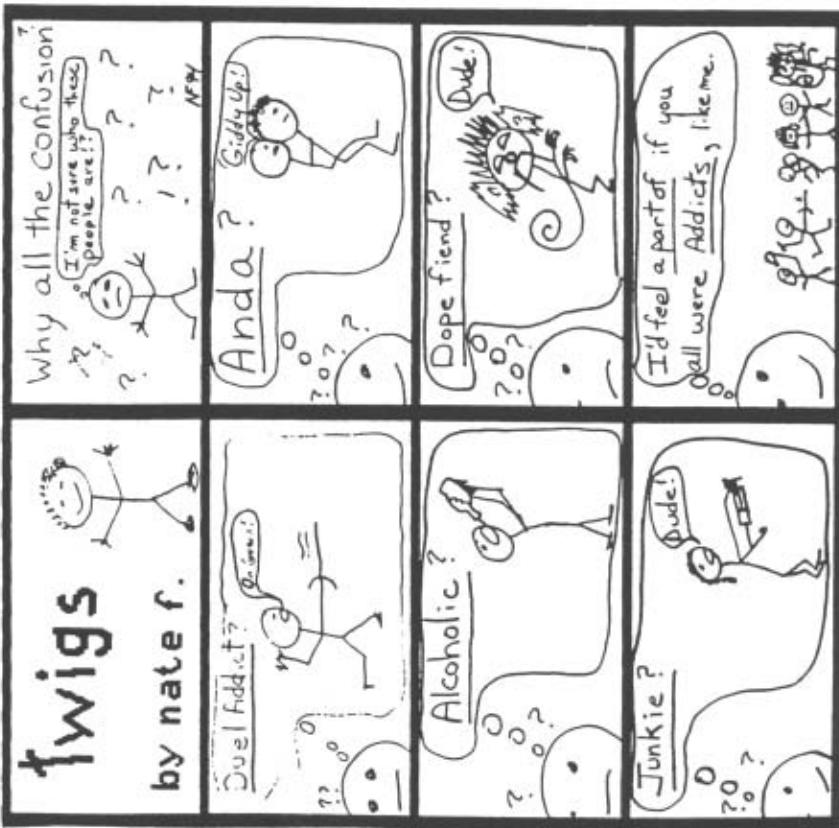


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FROM THE EDITOR.



Howdy all, my name is Nate F. and I'm an Addict. It's been over two months since the last issue of the M.A.N. was out. I got word from Betty, the Lit Chair for the Region, that new editors were elected for the Newsletter, Cricket and Maria. (See Letters this issue) My first thought was great! Now I can turn over the reins after three plus years at the editorship. Only problem is that I haven't been contacted yet to turn things over. I stopped waiting and started putting together this issue over the 4th weekend. Cricket, Betty or Maria, give me a call.

Lots of stuff happening in the last two months. WSO is asking for input about Motion #39 at the 1993 WSC. (see this issue) Letters have come in and poems as well as flyers for upcoming events. Keep it coming!

Baltimore is coming up in a hurry. If you are planning to attend (see flyer inside) please give me a call or let me know by mail. I would like to have you report back to M.A.N. readers about your experiences.

Regional Campout has come and gone. If anyone has a storm story, let us hear from you. Funny that the theme for this years campout was 'After the Storm'! We had big winds in Lawrence that Friday night, right in the middle of a fifth step with a sponsee. A night we both will remember for a while!

The WSC in Atlanta happened, but I have not heard from our RSR about what went on. Maybe we can hear from him for our next issue?

The WSO is campaigning

for individual groups to register with the WSO. If you are a member of a new group, or if your group has changed meeting time or place or has elected new trusted servants, then you need to register the new information with the WSO. Update Registration form is provided for your convenience in this issue. (see inside)

Multi-Regional Learning Days are also coming up soon. (SEE Flyer inside)

Regional Service Committee Meeting will be August 20,21 in McPherson. (SEE Flyer inside)

I'll see you next month in print, or before then in a meeting. Stay Clean.

You can reach the M.A.N. with your flyer, poem, comic, commentary or letter or help at:

P.O. Box 1560
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nate F."

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PPP AREA

18 yrs

JANET J.

UNITY AREA

KEEP COMING BACK

NEWSLETTER



LETTERS



M.A.N.

I recently attended MARC NA XI
and it was of a quality recovery
environment. Thank you once again
I'm in the "Shawnee Region" but I'm
a member of "Narcotics Anonymous" and
Support NA as a whole.

Here in the U.K.C.A. we're growing
and progressing each and every day.
I'm familiar with "Attraction Rather
than Promotion" as stated in our 11th Tradition.
"Communication" is one key to form an
also recovery is "repetitive" one idea you
might want to consider is a Section on
"WHAT TO THINK about this month"
(Stating - Step 1, tradition, and Concept 1)
each and every month in your News-
letter ... next month Do Step 2
tradition 2, Concept 2 ... It's taken
the addict to See a Great Step, traditions
and the concepts, over, over and over again
just to become familiar and gain a
little ~~better~~ understanding, and begin to apply
them. ~~that~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~clear~~

Randy S.

U.K.C.A.

MAY 23, 1994

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PO BOX 1560
LAWRENCE, KS 66044

DEAR NATE:

I VOLUNTEERED TO WRITE THIS LETTER TO TELL EVERYONE THAT RECEIVES THE NEWSLETTER THAT AT THE MAY94 REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS WE ELECTED TO OFFICE A NEW CO-EDITOR. HER NAME IS MARIA C. SHE RESIDES IN SALINA, KS. SHE IS FULL OF ENTHUSIASM TO DO THE NEWSLETTER. ALL WHO WERE AT THE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AND VOTED HER IN THINK SHE WILL DO A WONDERFUL JOB.

ALSO, A EDITOR WAS SELECTED IN SUB-COMMITTEE. HER NAME IS CRICKETTE S. ALSO OF SALINA, KS. SHE HAS A COMPUTER AND KNOWLEDGE FOR THE JOB. UNFORTUNATELY, SHE COULD NOT BE A THE REGIONAL MEETING AND COULD NOT BE VOTED INTO OFFICE. SHE WILL HAVE TO WAIT TILL NEXT REGIONAL IN AUGUST AT MCPHERSON, KS THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

IN THE MEANTIME, MARIA WILL BE GETTING WITH NATE TO LEARN HER DUTIES AND HOPEFULLY CRICKETTE WILL BE TRAINING ALSO.

THIS IS VERY EXCITING TO HAVE TWO PEOPLE SO ENTHUSED TO START WORKING AND LEARNING THE JOB. I AM SURE IT IS NO EASY TASK.

THANKS NATE FOR ALL OF YOUR WORK AND FOR OFFERING TO STAY WITH THE NEWSLETTER AND TRAINING MARIA AND THE NEXT EDITOR. ALSO THANKS CO-EDITOR.

IN LOVING SERVICE TO N.A. AND MY H.P.

Sally P.
Regional Literature Chair
/bap



LETTERS



Hi, my name is Rand G. and I have been clean for four years now and it's really been a trip. Getting into the fellowship of NA was definately not my idea. I was forced into treatment by my parents. They had had enough of my attitudes and behaviors. While at the treatment center I was exposed to NA at the local group and take H+I efforts. I saw people that had things I wanted, most of which were off the outside. It took a good long time for any of the things I heard to sink in. Things like spiritual principles flooded me intirely. With the help of a good sponsor, and a fair amount of pain I gained a little serinity and lost a little sickness. The steps of NA have helped me to live a life free from active addiction. ————— R.G.



LETTERS



MOTION #39

The World Service Conference has asked that last year's WSC Motion #39 be discussed as widely as possible in whatever settings seem appropriate. WSO is providing at least one setting in *The NA Way Magazine*.

I'M NICK AND I'M AN ADDICT
THE OTHER DAY I GOT THIS URGE
TO USE. IT WASN'T ONE OF THOSE
PASSING FLASH URGE'S. I REALLY
WANTED TO SELF-DESTRUCT. I FELT LIKE
BLOWING MY BRAINS OUT WITH DRUGS.
I CALL MY SPONSOR HE'S NOT HOME
I CALL A FRIEND NOT HOME
I PRAY "GOD HELP ME, I WANT TO GET
HIGH!" "GOD GRANT ME PATIENCE TO
HELP ME LIVE ANOTHER DAY CLEAN!"

I NEED YOU PEOPLE IN THIS THING
WE CALL N.A. I NEED YOUR EMPATHY.
I NEED YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

I WENT TO A MEETING. LOTS OF
COTHER ADDICT'S. I OPENED UP ABOUT
MY ~~BE~~ DISEASE. I'M NICK AND I'M AN
ADDICT. I FOUND RELIEF IN THAT
MEETING, I FOUND PEACE IN LISTENING,
I FOUND SERENITY IN SHARING AND
CARING.

"JUST FOR TODAY THROUGH N.A.
I WILL TRY TO GET A BETTER
PERSPECTIVE ON MY LIFE!"

THANK YOU N.A.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with this discussion, Motion #39 is in actuality an entire set of complex issues surrounding the wording in our steps and traditions where God is referred to as "He" or "Him."

Motion #39 itself was presented by the Australia Region and discussed at the 1993 World Service Conference. It sought to make the following changes to our steps and traditions: *Step Three*: We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of a God of our understanding. *Step Seven*: We humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings. *Step Eleven*: We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with a God of our understanding, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out. *Tradition Two*: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as may be expressed in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

As you can see, what has been suggested in Motion #39 is that where God is referred to as "He," we instead only say "God."

After some discussion by a conference working group, it was decided that the issues underlying Motion #39 were bigger than the language used in the motion and should be discussed in depth by the fellowship for an extensive period of time. Conference participants decided to send both the motion and the working group's recommendations out to the fellowship.

The working group recommended that the fellowship consider the following questions when talking about Motion #39:

1. Does the language of the steps and traditions truly reflect the principles of the program?
2. If not, what language does the fellowship feel would better reflect those principles?

The NA Way Magazine wants to know how you feel about this issue. The staff and trusted servants responsible for this magazine have pledged to keep access to a monthly forum on the Motion #39 debate as open as possible. The magazine will publish your thoughts and feelings on the specific wording in Motion #39, other suggestions for changing the steps and traditions, or opinions that the steps and traditions should not be changed at all. Please share with other *NA Way* readers your views on this very important matter. Direct all comments to:

*The NA Way Magazine**
PO Box 9999
Van Nuys, CA 91409
USA
FAX (818)785-0923

Poems

" NO PAIN, NO GAIN"

HOW OFTEN
DO WE TURN OUR HEAD
AND SAY:
I NEVER SAW SUCH PAIN!
HOW OFTEN DO WE WALK AWAY
NEVER TO CARE
IF THERE IS ANYTHING TO GAIN?!

by

Kim L.

"I CHOOSE"

MY SPONSER IS A GAURDIAN ANGEL.
ALWAYS THERE WHEN MY ADDICTION,
CREEPS UP AND GETS TOO CLOSE.
SHE HAS NEVER FAILED ME,
AS LONG AS I CHOOSE TO RECOGNIZE HER.

HER LOVE FOR LIFE IS UNDYING.
OTHERWISE, I MAY HAVE BEEN DEAD,
LONG AGO.
BUT, I CHOOSE TO RECOGNIZE HER,
TO KEEP ME SAFE FROM HARM.

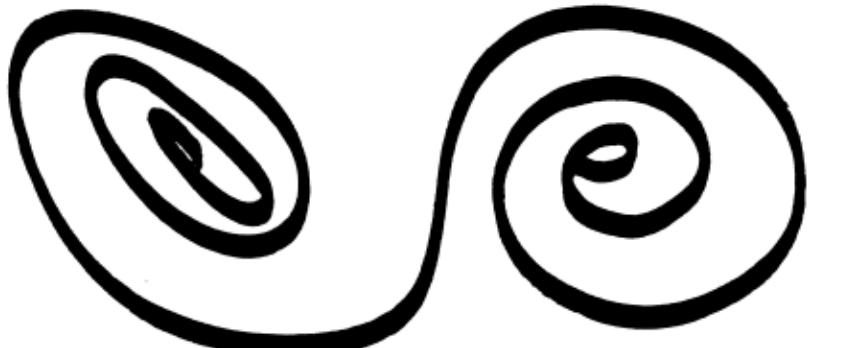
I AM WRAPPED IN HER WINGS.
THEY PROTECT ME FROM HARM.
SHE IS WISE, AND SHARES HER KNOWLEDGE,
OF LOVE, LIFE AND MY PURSUITE OF HAPPINESS,
AS LONG AS I CHOOSE TO RECOGNIZE HER.
AND, I DO.

"SPONSER"

THANK YOU FOR,
BEING THERE WHEN I NEEDED YOU.
SEEING ME THROUGH DIM HOURS,
SHOWING ME HOW TO LAUGH ALOUD,
LETTING ME KNOW WHAT IS WITHIN MY SOUL,
TO SHARE WITH YOU AND OTHERS.

THANK YOU,
FOR HELPING ME WITH MY PRIORITIES,
MY LIFE HAS ORDER ONCE AGAIN.
YOU HAVE BEEN A LIGHT THAT GUIDES ME,
LIKE THE NORTH STAR SHINNING BRIGHT.

THANK YOU FOR BEING,
ALL THAT YOU ARE,
TO ME, YOU'RE IMPORTANT.
THANK YOU.



Multi Regional Learning Days III

**September
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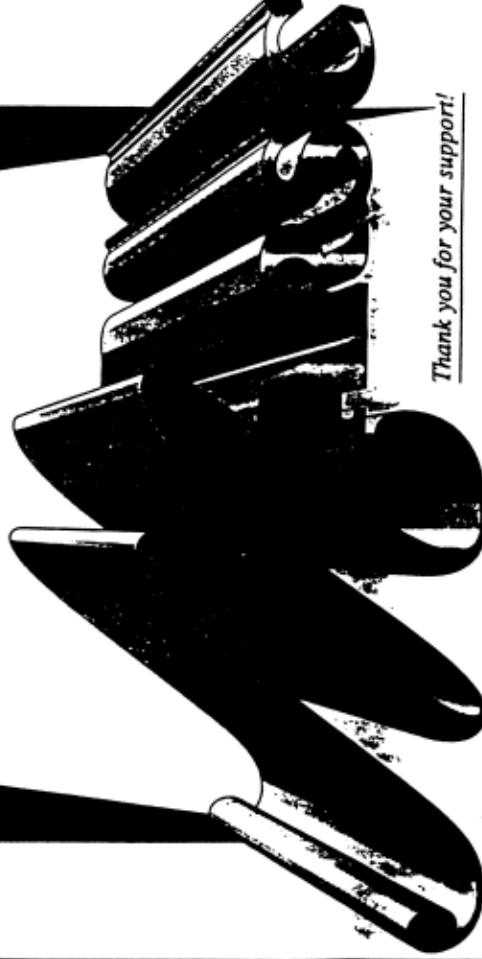
**Oklahoma City
Oklahoma**



Narcotics Anonymous

• 4H Building - McPherson, Kansas •
• August 20th & 21st, 1994 •

- 9:00 - 11:00 Lit & H&I
- 11:00 - 1:00 Campout & Convention
- 1:00 - 2:00 Lunch - Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
(bring side dish)
- 2:00 - 4:00 Activities & PI
- 4:00 - 6:00 Steering & Policy
- 7:00 - 8:00 Speaker Meeting
- 8:00 - cured DJ/Dance



Thank you for your support!



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Smoking and Non-smoking Rooms Available

Rooms

Double Bed \$45
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 help with registration desk

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WCNA XXIV BALTIMORE, MARYLAND • SEPTEMBER 1,2,3,4, 1994

WCNA XXIV Registration

PART II

If you require special needs due to a disability, please specify: _____

To help us plan for translation needs, please specify your language: _____

Interpreter needed? _____ (Yes/No)

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the convention: (Check appropriate box)

- Registration
- Convention Information
- Security
- Entertainment
- Merchandising
- Programming
- Lead a meeting (one year clean time required)
- Hospitality
- Arts & Graphics

VOLUNTEER'S NAME _____

TEL. (____) _____

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Room rates apply from August 29, 1994 through September 7, 1994.

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1. Omni Inner Harbor Hotel serves as the host hotel, and is connected via skywalk to Harborplace and the Baltimore Convention Center. Room rates: \$85.00 (single & double); \$116 per extra person.
2. Hyatt Regency Hotel offers over-the-street walkways providing easy access to Harborplace and the Convention Center, along with an outdoor pool and health club. Room rates: \$93.00 (single & double); \$25 per extra person.
3. Stouffer's Harborplace Hotel overlooks the city's famous Inner Harbor and is connected to the Gallery indoor mall. Pool, health club. Room rates: \$111.00 (single & double); \$126.00 (triple & quad); \$20 per extra person.

4. Sheraton Inner Harbor is nearest to the Baltimore Convention Center and is connected by direct skywalk. One block to Harborplace. Pool, workshop room. Room rates: \$92.00 (single & double); \$100.00 (triple & quad).
5. Radisson Plaza/Lord Baltimore Hotel is a restored historic landmark hotel connected to the Inner Harbor, Convention Center, and Baltimore Arena via skywalks. Room rates: \$77.00 (flat rate).

6. Tremont Suite Hotels is an all-suite hotel, four blocks from the Inner Harbor, pool, health club. Room rates: \$189.00 (single & double); \$109.00 triple & quad.
7. The Brookshire Inner Harbor Suite Hotel is an all-suite hotel one block from the Inner Harbor, pool, health club. Room rates: \$109.00 (single & double); \$210.00 per extra person.

8. Harbor Court Hotel is an elegant hotel directly across the street from the Inner Harbor. Pool, health club. Room rates: \$129.00 (single & double) (INLY).
9. Ramada Inner Harbor is five blocks from the Inner Harbor and across the street from the Baltimore Arena. Room rates: \$78.00 (flat rate).

10. Days Inn Inner Harbor is three blocks from the Inner Harbor and adjacent to the Convention Center and the Arena. Pool, health club. Room rates: \$82.00 (flat rate).



OVERHEAD PEDESTRIAN SKYWALK

WCNA-24 "The Message Is Hope" will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center and the Baltimore Arena.



MID-AMERICA NEWSLETTER

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