



Howdie all, My name is Nate F. and I am an Addict. It's good to be communicating again after such a long break. I'm still clean, a day at a time and I hope you are too.

A lot has happened in the three months since our last issue. To start, I have started back to school for a graduate degree(along with all my other previous responsibilities that recovery has graced my life with). It has proved to be too much, and the Newsletter has suffered my lack of attention. Lack of communication on my part caused this recent ceasation in Newsletter issues. The Mid-America Regional Service Committee and the Literature Subcommittee decided to step in and try to address the situation by terminating my tenure as Editor and moving the co-editor into the Editors position. Maria C.(Salina) is now the Editor of the Mid-America Regional Newsletter. Congratulations Maria! This change is significant for the Newsletter and

should affect our readers in a positive way. For me personally it is a relief that the responsibility for production and promotion of the Newsletter is no longer mine. For the last two years I had been denying that I did not have the time nor the drive to properly do the Newsletter. The RSC actually has done me a service by firing me, it has given me a wake-up call. It's better to do a few things well, rather than a lot of things poorly. The last five years have been a learning and growing experience for me as editor and as a recovering addict. I have had moments of extreme frustration and elation with addicts who have helped in making the Newsletter a success. I want to take the time to thank all of you who have

helped. Thank

# You.

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One of the biggest changes is that of the address for the Newsletter itself has changed to:

M.A.R.N. 833 Sheridan Salina, KS 67401

Maria is asking for the support of all of us in helping her chair the production and distribution of the Newsletter for the coming two years of her term. I hope that you will continue to subscribe and renew your subscriptions when they expire. She has my support and best wishes for success. Hope you enjoy this issue! In Service,

Nate F. (Lawrence)



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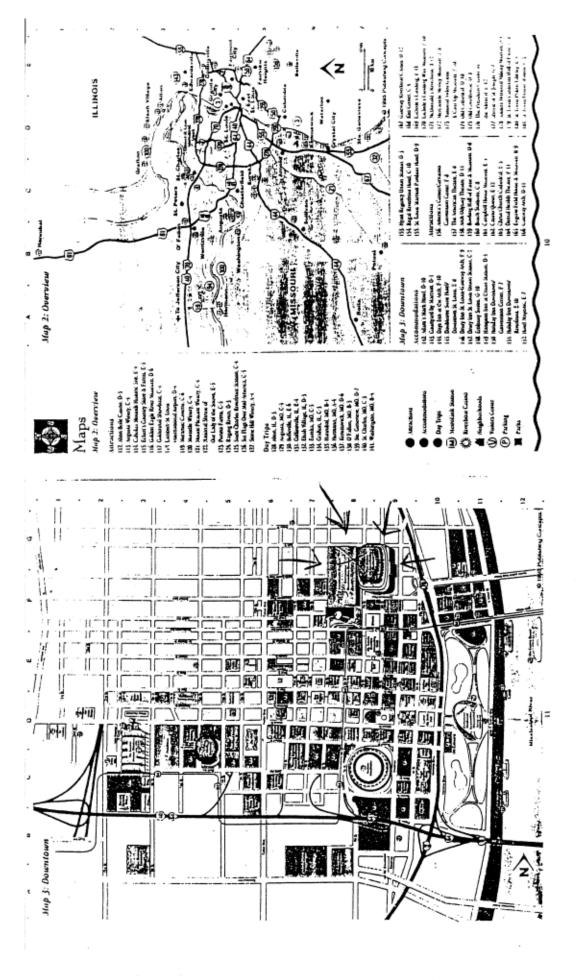
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# ST. LOUIS IS FAST APPROACHING! AUGUST 29,30, 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 1996.

Convention Center. It will pay to make your reservations early, if you want a room in a hotel that is close by. Flyers with more detail Do you have your plan of attack for how and where you are going to stay? It is anticipated that this World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous will be the largest one to date. The convention itself will be held at the centrally located. Americas Center Convention about registration for WCNA 26 are on their way. If you don't know what a World Convention is like, 1996 is the year to find out! Center. The above maps detail the Convention Center location and the location of 14 hotels that are within walking distance to the Stay Clean. - Nate F.

### Dear Nate:

I was just reading the latest MARN and checking out the map (where is Newton, KS? - it's not even on the map). We have one of the oldest NA meetings in the state. Please put us on the map. We are alive and reeking of recovery down here in good old Newton, USA. Some of us recently went on another ADDICTS ON ASPHALT trip; this time to Anthony, KS. It doesn't matter where we are going or what the situation is at the end of the drive, we have a meeting in the car. The meeting that night lasted about 2 hours to begin with and then began again when we got back in the car. The addicts involved in the trip showed lots and lots of growth in their recovery. I'll tell you why that is. We were given directions that turned out to be botched a wee bit; but never fear, we survived without a blemish on our credibility. Even though we scoured the little town from one end to the other. We stopped and asked directions several times from local townspeople (who turned out to know very little actually about their own town). The local Sheriff's office didn't seem to know where to send us either. That's a new one, isn't it? They usually know where to send us, in fact, they have a tendency to take us there. Anyway, we practiced patience, tolerance and acceptance in our predicament. When all else fails, CALL SOMEONE! We made a call and got an answering machine, so we left a message. Then we decided to take care of HALT (try not to get too hungry, angry, lonely or tired). So we ate at the local burger joint and contemplated on our next move. Of course, most addicts have a plan all jumbled up in their head already, waiting to share that with the nearest addict. We proceeded to the address we were given by one of those fine folks who was so willing to share with us. Like most curious addicts, we had to check out the front of the house and also the alley behind the house. And then parked right in front so we could see when the gentleman arrived home so we could share our experience, strength and hope with him. This man was celebrating his birthday in recovery of 39 years. We wanted to be a part of that. One thing about addicts, we most generally don't give up and if we have something we really want to do, hell or high water won't stop us. This man had touched each one of our lives on our path of recovery in some form or another. It's funny how we don't forget some of the gaudawfulest stuff. My heart had been aching with the need to share with this man of an experience I had when I had attended one of his groups. I shared the whole thing from beginning to end and what a relief I felt (to finally have shared this terrible secret with someone). I learned a long time ago that we're only as sick as the secrets we keep. When those secrets are brought out into the light of day, they don't seem so bad after all. And what a weight is lifted off of our shoulders. I love this program! Our Newton H.O.W. group has been participating in Addicts On Asphalt for a number of years now and with each trip it is renewed why we started participating in this voyage on the pavement with a meeting happening all along the way. If you haven't tried it yet, please feel free to do so. It's amazing how open and honest you become while riding along in a vehicle with a bunch of other addicts. This trip I was honored with the title of DRIVER and it amazes me that they trust me to drive them somewhere long distance. That is a miracle in itself. I used to be labeled the crazy woman (and there are still people who call me that today) and they wouldn't have trusted me to drive their dog to the vet. Time changes most everything! Thanks to my H.P. (the God of my understanding) for allowing me to grow and become the person I am today. Small children and animals even love me. A bit of humor for those of you who are a bunch of fuddyduddies. I love this place called recovery. I'm grateful I found out it's a journey and not a destination. I was lost before I could be found. That statement is not true today. I found out this year that there a lot of people in my NA family who love me. I celebrated 12 years on the 16th of August; my sponsor and a bunch of my sponsees (I have a hard time with that word, it seems it ought to be sponsorees) got together and had a party to celebrate that day in recovery. It was so exciting and filled me with the warmth of recovery and love that we all have for each other. It's truly the ties that bind us together. At first I couldn't figure out how I could deserve all that they were sharing with me and later someone told me that I had touched a lot of lives. (They made me laugh and they made me cry.) I am a grateful addict who believes what it says in the literature (that you can't keep what you have without giving it away; and another one is that those of us who keep coming to meetings stay clean!). Recovery is the only thing that I haven't smothered to death from my wanting to keep it. Please put us on the map. We don't promise to be good, but we will carry the message to the addict who still suffers. I'm going to keep coming back, cause I know that's how it works!!

Love to you all in RECOVERY,

Sue W. Sue W. Newton H.O.W. Group

# Chili Bowl VI

Marcna XIII Fund Raiser Dec 2nd in Ellinwood Ks, AT The K of C Hall 101 E 1st Sponsered By Great Bend HIGH ON LIFE Speaker Glenn S. N From Galena Mo, DJ Dynamite Don Chili & Chicken Noodles Will Be Provided !! Please Bring Coverd Dish And Auction And Raffle Items All Cental Ks, GSR'S WILL GET A PIE IN THE EYE !!

5:00 - 6:30 Dinner Severd;

7:00 - 7:30 Area GSR Pie in The Eye;

7:30 - 8:00 Pinat'a For The Kids;

8:00 - 9:00 Speaker Glenn S;

9:30 - ???? Dance With Dynamite DON;

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# APRIL 5-6-7, 1996

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