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CONVENTION INFORMATION WCNA-18

Greetings from the host committee for WCNA-18. We are happy to report that all subcommittees are working hard to ensure a festive celebration of recovery. The Program Committee is busy scheduling workshops and meetings with speakers from around the country and the world! The Entertainment Committee has arranged a bus tour of some of the hot spots in the Los Angeles area which will include the Pacific Ocean, Hollywood, the Mexican bazaars on Olvera Street and a tour of our World Service Office in Van Nuys. If you are interested in the tour, look for more information on the registration form.

There will also be a talent showcase. It would be helpful to know how many people plan on participating. If you plan to be involved, write to WCNA-18, c/o WSO, P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409, Attention: Peggy.

The banquet, main meeting and Sunday morning breakfast will all be held in the Anaheim Convention Center. Also, there will be a Live "Oldies" show featuring some excellent preformers. A live comedy show has also been scheduled. All of these activities should prove to help make this world convention one of the best ever. More details on these activities will be made available as soon as the planning has been completed.

We would appreciate early registration. It would enable us to work more efficiently and keep registration lines to a minimum. We are looking forward to seeing you.

NEWSLINE MAIL LIST UPDATE AND GROUP REGISTRATIONS

The *Newsline* is currently mailed to approximately 12,000 addressees within the Fellowship and a few to addressees outside of the Fellowship. This represents the largest accumulation of mail list addressees that the Office has, or ever uses.

One of the principle elements of the *Newsline* mail list is group addresses. Every group that registers with the Office is added to the *Newsline* mail list. Unfortunately, we have no real assurance that changes in contact individuals for the group get made when new people are elected to those service positions.

Consequently, the ability of the Fellowship to receive information at the group level from the *Newsline* is in serious question. It would be a relatively easy thing for every group to send to the Office an updated contact person and address periodically when the group elects a new secretary.

The Office encourages every group in the Fellowship to assign this responsibility as a task to the secretary or another officer of the group, so that this gets done every time a change is made in that contact person or address.

This will substantially assist every group in being informed of what is going on throughout the Fellowship.

BASIC TEXT IN PAPERBACK

The Basic Text *Narcotics Anonymous* is now available in a soft cover paperback version. It is the same size as the hard cover book (5-1/2 X 8-1/2") and sells for the same price, $8.00. The cover is a deep blue with white type, the same colors used on the dust jacket of the hard cover book. These paperback books are more flexible than a hard cover book and were originally requested for use in hospitals and institutions work. They are also convenient for use by other N.A. members because they are somewhat lighter than a hard cover book, thereby making them more portable. Perfect for reading on a bus or plane, or stuffing in your gym bag or briefcase.

Item No. 225X **Each: $8.00**

I.P. MODERNIZATION--A NEW LOOK?

Members and some service committees have sent letters each year concerning the format of our I.P.'s. This year a Conference Committee recommended the deletion of the cross lines on our logo as it has appeared on the I.P.'s. The WSO Board of Directors (BOD) has agreed to do this and is looking further at other ways to improve the general appearance of Conference-approved informational pamphlets.

At the last meeting of the BOD, several new designs were offered including: using a new typeface, rearranging the existing layout, and the use of illustrations. Although the Board did not choose a new design or agree to change the existing design at that time, they did encourage the