

# NEWSLINE

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMOVED

We wish to inform you that after lengthy deliberation at its June meeting, the WSO Board of Directors unanimously agreed to terminate the employment of the WSO's executive director, Joe Gossett. Ongoing differences over management philosophy resulted in the board's loss of confidence in Joe's ability to effectively manage the WSO.

The board has decided to place George Hollahan and Anthony Edmondson in a position of shared responsibility as leaders of the WSO management team. Randy J, chairperson of the board, together with the executive committee of the board, will work in close consultation with the management team. The board is committed to this management approach during the inventory process initiated at WSC'93. The board feels that one of the final results of the inventory will be to point out the best type of management structure for the WSO.

Joe's removal has also necessitated a change in staffing for the inventory project. Stephan Lantos, who assisted the working group that developed the inventory plan at WSC'93, has been assigned to staff the Composite Group along with Lee Manchester and Marilyn Scott, both long-time WSO employees.

Both the staff and board are confident that the delivery of WSO services will continue uninterrupted under the current management approach.

## NA STEP, TRADITION BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

*It Works: How and Why*, NA's long-awaited step and tradition book, was approved by our World Service Conference in April. It is now in stock. Under development since the approval of NA's Basic Text in 1982, the first printing of *It Works* includes two editions, the regular hardcover version selling at \$6.95 each and a deluxe limited edition selling at \$35.00 apiece (all prices in US dollars). The boxed and numbered limited edition is bound in leather with gilt edges and two cloth bookmarks sewn into the binding. Only three thousand copies of the limited edition have been produced, and each customer will be limited to two copies each. There are no quantity limits on orders for the regular hardcover edition.

*It Works*, developed to provide a more in-depth view of NA's steps and traditions, offers the reader an opportunity to draw upon the collective wisdom of NA's diverse

membership. As is stated in the book's introduction, the book is not meant to be the final word on any aspect of recovery or NA unity but rather to encourage each reader to find his or her own understanding of the principles contained in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

The WSO board has not yet decided whether to stock a paperback edition or not. The WSO warehouse is running out of floor space, and another edition of a major product might push current facilities beyond their capacity.

## OTHER NEW ITEMS CURRENTLY IN STOCK

### *An Introductory Guide to NA*, newly reduced price

The price for *An Introductory Guide to Narcotics Anonymous*, an ideal first NA book for groups and sponsors to give to newcomers, has been dropped to \$1.50 from its original price of \$2.50. The guide includes "How It Works," the chapter on the Twelve Steps from our Basic Text, as well as the NA pamphlets *Am I an Addict?*, *Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous*, *For the Newcomer*, *Another Look*, *Self-Acceptance*, *Sponsorship*, *One Addict's Experience*, *Just for Today*, *Staying Clean on the Outside*, and *Recovery and Relapse*.

### New Spanish White Booklet

A new Spanish translation of NA's White Booklet has recently been published. Drawn from the Spanish Basic Text, this edition is the first to include the personal stories appearing in the English-language booklet. Approved by Spanish-speaking NA communities worldwide, the booklet sells for 55 cents per copy.

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### French Fourth Step booklet, IPs

The French-language inventory of NA literature recently expanded with the translation of the booklet, *Working Step Four in Narcotics Anonymous*, and two informational pamphlets, "Hey! What's the Basket For?" and *Staying Clean on the Outside*. The Fourth Step guide sells for 55 cents per copy, while the IPs cost 17 cents each.

### German Basic Text

The German translation of Book One of our Basic Text is finally available. Printed in hardcover, copies of the book are being sold for \$5.00 apiece.

### Four Norwegian pamphlets first in that language

The translation committee for the Norwegian NA community has completed work on its first four informational pamphlets, recently added to the WSO inventory: *Who, What, How, and Why*; the IP entitled *Just for Today*; *For the Newcomer*; and *Welcome to Narcotics Anonymous*. The pamphlets sell for 17 cents each.

### 1993 International Meeting Directory

The *International Meeting Directory*, updated with the help of NA groups worldwide who responded to a *Newsline* plea for current meeting information, is fresh off the presses. A complete set of all four volumes can be bought for \$6.60, or each can be purchased separately:

1. Canada, Mexico, Central America, Caribbean . . . \$2.75
2. South America . . . \$1.65
3. Europe, Middle East, and Africa . . . \$2.75
4. Asia, Indian Subcontinent,  
Australia, Pacific Ocean . . . \$1.65

### A Guide to Service in NA, Final Draft

The WSC Ad Hoc Committee on NA Service completed its final draft of *A Guide to Service in NA* this March. That draft is now available from the WSO for \$5.50. The *Guide* represents the committee's nine years' worth of studies and discussions about how to make the NA service structure work more effectively. *Newsline* readers should note, however, that the *Guide to Service* is not conference-approved literature but rather a committee's report.

### New NA Way "Home Group" comic strip calendar

Those of you who received our February issue will remember the "Slugg Mugg" and NA Way logo mug, sold at \$5.00 each. These products were quite successful, with almost 350 Slugg Muggs and more than two hundred NA Way mugs being sold within two months of their introduction. We've reordered both of these mugs and have added another item to the NA Way product line, a sixteen-month "Home Group" calendar running from September 1993 through December 1994 and selling for \$5.95 per copy. Favorite comic strips with Slugg, Denilah, GSR Robert, and the rest of the Home Group gang help us laugh ourselves into a stronger connection with recovery, spirituality, and service as we mark the passing months. First offered for sale at this year's World Service Conference, nearly one in four conference participants bought copies of the Home Group calendar to take home with them.

### H&I audio tape

Developed as a supplement to the *Hospitals and Institutions Handbook*, the H&I audio tape features a mock panel presentation on Side One and an H&I orientation on Side Two. The tape, which was approved at WSC'93, sells for \$3.50 when purchased separately from the *H&I Handbook*. The *H&I Handbook* itself now includes the audio tape and sells for \$7.50.

### A Guide to Phoneline Service, Revised

*A Guide to Phoneline Service*, first published in 1986 and given minor revisions in 1991, has been significantly expanded with the latest revision approved this year by the World Service Conference. The newly revised phoneline handbook is now available for \$2.75 per copy.

## IN STOCK SOON

### Brazilian Portuguese Basic Text

The Brazilian Portuguese edition of Book One of our Basic Text will be published in hardcover in the middle of this year. Though the Continental Portuguese edition of the text was released last year, the Portuguese spoken in Brazil is sufficiently different from that spoken in Europe that a separate edition has had to be developed. This version contains a completely original Brazilian translation, not merely an adaptation of the Continental Portuguese. It will be sold for \$5.00 a copy and is expected to be in inventory by September 1.

### "Eternity medallion" honors passed-on members

At this year's World Service Conference, participants approved the minting of a medallion designed to honor NA members who have died. We will sell the "eternity medallion" for the same price as our other bronze recovery medallions at \$2.15 apiece. Biplated medallions will also be available at \$11.00 each. Emblazoned with the mathematical symbol for infinity in place of a year-number, we expect to have the eternity medallion in stock in September.

### CONFERENCE DIGEST ORDER FORM

The *Conference Digest* is a bimonthly 4-page summary of the activities of NA's world service boards and committees. It is available by subscription, free of charge, to any NA member, group, board, or committee. To order your subscription, fill out your address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Clip out this form and mail it to Conference Digest,  
Box 9999, Van Nuys CA 91409 USA

## OTHER PRODUCT INFORMATION

### Basic Calendar discontinued

The Basic Calendar, which featured a penguin involved in working the Twelve Steps, has been discontinued. This product has proven to be not nearly as popular as the Home Group calendar.

### Just For Today sales exceed expectations

Since its introduction a year ago, *Just For Today* has sold approximately 69,000 copies, 60% over original projections. Consequently, the WSO board has approved the sale of a special gift edition of *Just For Today*. The gift edition will feature many of the upgrades common in our special editions but will sell for approximately half the price, somewhere between \$15.00 and \$17.00. The gift edition will be a permanent addition to WSO's inventory and will be available mid-November.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

PERIOD	SALES	EXPENSE	NET
January 1993	629,764	(499,100)	130,664
February 1993	306,464	(332,922)	(26,458)
March 1993	552,309	(512,567)	39,742
April 1993	412,404	(357,183)	55,221
May 1993	345,633	(364,810)	(19,177)
<b>TOTAL 1993</b>	<b>2,246,574</b>	<b>(2,066,582)</b>	<b>179,992</b>
MONTHLY AVG.S	SALES	EXPENSE	NET
1993	\$449,315	(413,316)	35,998
1992	\$406,237	(396,044)	10,193
1991	\$357,328	(378,230)	(20,902)
1990	\$370,665	(401,011)	(30,346)
1989	\$430,504	(418,339)	12,165
1988	\$358,694	(345,069)	13,625
1987	\$278,405	(266,618)	11,787
1986	\$217,415	(201,148)	16,267
1985	\$138,265	(128,124)	10,141
1984	\$69,126	(50,687)	18,439

Figures reflect combined WSO-Van Nuys, Canada, and Europe income statements for respective periods. Canada and Europe data for 1992 were converted into USA dollars each month at rates reflecting market conditions at the time accounts were closed.

## CHICAGO WORLD CONVENTION THIS SEPTEMBER

Plans are well under way for the Twenty-Third World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous being held September 2-5, 1993, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago and the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers.

Although rooms have been sold out at the Sheraton, the Hyatt still has lodging available. The Thursday night moonlight boat party is also sold out.

In addition to the normal agenda of speaker meetings, marathons, and workshops, special events for which tickets are still available include a Friday night performance by Chicago's world-renowned Second City comedy

company, an outdoor food and music festival known as a Taste of Recovery, and a Saturday night Chicago blues show. There will also be a celebration of NA's fortieth birthday on Saturday night as well as the observance of World Unity Day.

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Spanish-language group services correspondence brought current

More than five thousand pieces of group services mail come into the WSO each year. They contain registration forms for new groups, requests for group starter kits, or inquiries about how some aspect of local NA services can be run better. Historically, much of that correspondence has come in English, but lately more and more has been coming from young Spanish-speaking NA communities in the Americas. Quite a substantial backlog of such correspondence, between fifty and sixty pieces, built up until the Fellowship Services Team decided to put its two English-and-Spanish-speaking staff members onto the job. For two days of each week, Sylvia handles Spanish group services correspondence from North and Central America while Eileen handles letters from South America. These two special workers now have Spanish-language correspondence fully current and stand ready to serve young Spanish-speaking NA communities throughout the Americas as timely, consistent sources of encouragement, information, and referral to other NA communities nearby.

### Contacts with NA in former Soviet Union renewed

In past years the WSO group services staff has had sporadic contact with various NA members and groups in Russia, the Ukraine, and Lithuania, but little was heard from these Narcotics Anonymous contacts in the former Soviet Union last year. Then we began receiving letters again early this year. At about the same time, we connected with a Russian-speaking member in the San Francisco Bay area who volunteered to help us translate our continuing correspondence with the NA groups in Russia (meetings in Moscow and St. Petersburg) and the Ukraine (meetings in Dnepropetrovsk, Kiev, and Odessa). Realizing that these groups will be able to offer one another more direct support than we can ever give them from Los Angeles, we've provided each of them with contact information for all the others and have encouraged them to interact with one another. The same kind of basic support network, established a few years back via contacts initiated through the World Service Office, served as the foundation for the NA growth explosion currently underway in Spanish America. Whether similar growth will be seen in the next decade in Russia and the Ukraine, no one knows, but we'll keep you current as information becomes available.

The history of contact with groups in the former Soviet Union is quite complex. At various times, translations of various pieces of NA literature have started and stalled while meetings were opened, moved, then closed. To provide reliable advice to today's NA contacts in Russia and the Ukraine, the entire WSO Fellowship Services



Team has begun inventorying past correspondence and tracking current communications. Team coordination will involve group services, data services for group registration and meeting information, and translation services.

## INSIDE WSO

### New staff member

Elaine Adams joined our staff in July 1993. A California native, Elaine has been hired to assist the overburdened data services staff. She will help keep trusted servants and group information current in our database.

### WSB coordinator resigns

Hollie Arnold, coordinator for the World Service Board of Trustees, left the office in July to pursue a career in medicine. During her four-year tenure, Hollie assisted a great deal in the development of NA outside North America. We will all miss her bubbling personality and cheerful attitude. Please join us in wishing her well.

### Fellowship Services Team seeks new coordinator

At its June meeting, the WSO board authorized filling the vacant staff position on the Fellowship Services Team. The staff member sought will be responsible for coordinating and expediting WSB communication and projects and answering fellowship correspondence.

Candidates should have at least five years clean in Narcotics Anonymous, varied service experience (including regional), familiarity with world services, a recent work history, and some college education. Inquiries and resumes will be accepted until August 30 and should be sent to WSO to the attention of the Division Director for Fellowship Services.

### Administrative Team seeks coordinator

The Administrative Team is renewing its search for a World Convention Corporation coordinator. The search was suspended two years ago because of our lack of resources at the time. All previous applicants for this position will be contacted. New candidates, however, are encouraged to apply.

Duties for the new staff member will include coordination of WCC activities, administrative support to the board, convention planning and on-site coordination, and contract administration.

Applicants must have five years clean, experience in event planning, contract negotiations, facility assessment, budgeting and fiscal management, and be able to work in a computer-oriented environment. Resumes will be accepted until August 30 at WSO. Address them to the attention of the Support Services Division Director.

## CALENDAR

### AUSTRALIA

**NEW SOUTH WALES:** October 1-3; Sydney Combined Areas Convention; Glebe High School, Taylor St. Glebe; info (02) 565 1875 or (02) 560 2213

### CANADA

**ALBERTA:** July 30-August 2; 4th Central Alberta Area Campout; Dixon Dam west of Innisfail; info (403) 342-1444; Central Alberta ASC, PO Box 472, Red Deer, Alberta T5N 4G1

2) November 5-7; Alsask Regional Convention; Red Deer; hotline (403) 342-1444; Alsask Reg. Conv., Central Alberta ASC, PO Box 472, Red Deer, Alberta T5N 4G1

**BRITISH COLUMBIA:** September 24-26; 14th British Columbia Regional Convention; Nanose Bay; info (604) 754-3673 (evenings) or (604) 758-8048 (days); BCRCA 14, Box 118, 67 Victoria Crescent, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5B9

**NOVA SCOTIA:** August 6-8; 4th Nova Scotia Area Convention; info (902) 461-0638; NSACNA, PO Box 65, Halifax Central, Nova Scotia B3J 2L4

2) August 21-22; 4th NA Day Pig Roast; Annapolis Valley; info (902) 798-5848; Committee of the Whole, PO Box 2083, Windsor, Nova Scotia B0N 2T0

**QUEBEC:** October 8-10; 6th Quebec Regional Convention; St-Hyacinthe; info (514) 322-2297; QRCNA 6, CP 51047 Centre Domains, 3365 De Granby, Montreal, Quebec H1N 3T8

### MEXICO

**BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE:** October 15-17; 1st Baja California Convention; info (66) 80-90-80 or US 011-52 (66) 80-90-80; rsvn.s (800) 582-3762; BCCNA, 1329 Third Avenue #116, Chula Vista, CA 91911-4396

### NORWAY

**NORWAY:** August 28-29; 1st NA Convention in Norway; info 47 69263064 or 47 69257769

### UNITED KINGDOM

**EAST SUSSEX:** August 13-15; 7th United Kingdom Convention; Brighton; info (071) 272-9040; UKCNA 7, PO Box 1980, London, England N19 3LS

### UNITED STATES

**CALIFORNIA:** August 21; 1st Eastern Indian Empire Unity Day; San Bernardino; info (909) 686-1322; EIEA Unity Day, PO Box 742, Redlands, CA 92373

**COLORADO:** October 22-24; 7th Colorado Regional Convention; Glenwood Springs; info (303) 894-0450; rsvn.s (800) 332-2233; CRCNA VII, PO Box 2115, Englewood, CO 80150

**CONNECTICUT:** September 3-5; Connecticut River Valley Twelve Step Retreat (a closed retreat); Ivoryton; info (203) 347-3324; Retreat, PO Box 1056, Middletown, CT 06457-1056

**FLORIDA:** September 24-26; 5th River Coast Area Campout; Hernando County; info (904) 799-5528 or (904) 799-1690; River Coast ASC, PO Box 10053, Brooksville, FL 34601

2) October 7-10; 1st South Florida Regional Convention; Miami Beach; info (305) 651-5024 or (305) 791-7743; SFRCA I, PO Box 70155, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307

3) October 15-17; Service Awareness Weekend; Melbourne; info (407) 969-7070; FRSO, 709-B Brookhaven Drive, Orlando, FL 32803

**HAWAII:** November 4-7; 2nd Hawaii Regional Convention; info (808) 329-6956; Hawaii Reg. Conv., PO Box 461, Kailua-Kona, HI 96745

**IDAHO:** August 6-8; 4th SRVNA Campout; Register Rock at Massacre Rocks State Park, American Falls; SRVNA, PO Box 4342, Pocatello, ID 83201

**ILLINOIS:** September 2-5; 23rd World Convention for Narcotics Anonymous; info (818) 780-3951; WCC, PO Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409

**INDIANA:** September 18; 7th Gratitude & Unity Dance; Concord Center, 1310 South Meridian, Indianapolis, IN; Central Indiana ASC, PO Box 661, Indianapolis, IN 46206

**KANSAS:** August 20-22; 4th Free Campout; Wilson Lake, Lucas Park; info (316) 628-4785 or (316) 241-6230

**KENTUCKY:** September 24-26; 6th Western Kentucky Area Convention; Golden Pond, KY; info (502) 898-6054; WKANA, PO Box 2866, Paducah, KY 42002-2866

**LOUISIANA:** October 29-31; 1st New Orleans Area Convention; rsvn.s (800) 627-4500; info (504) 254-2791; New Orleans Convention, PO Box 52212, New Orleans, LA 70152-2212

**MAINE:** August 14; Central and Southern Maine H&I and Phoneline Learning Day; Auburn; info (603) 880-3689; N New England ASC, PO Box 1752, Portland, ME 04104

**MICHIGAN:** October 29-31; 2nd Kalamazoo Area Convention; KACNA-2, PO Box 50822, Kalamazoo, MI 49005

**NEBRASKA:** September 17-19; 10th Nebraska Regional Convention; McCook; rsvn.s (308) 345-3700; info (308) 345-5839; NRC-10, PO Box 633, McCook, NE 69001

**NEW JERSEY:** August 20-22; 3rd Northern New Jersey Regional Convention; Parsippany; rsvn.s (201) 265-3846; NNJRCC, PO Box 5064, South Hackensack, NJ 07606

**NEW YORK:** August 7; NA 40th Anniversary World Service Conference Fundraiser; Spiritual Awakening Group of Brooklyn; info (718) 373-0813

2) September 10-12; 4th Recovery in the Catskills; Su Casa, 99 Mill Road, Accord; rsvn.s (914) 626-2036

3) October 29-31; 4th Multiregional Learning Weekend; New York City; info (908) 225-9353 or (718) 891-5324; rsvn.s (800) 231-0405

**NORTH CAROLINA:** August 20-22; 3rd Regional Service Awareness Weekend; info (919) 273-4204; Carolinas RSC, PO Box 4134, Greensboro, NC 27404

2) September 10-12; 2nd Central Piedmont Area Convention; Salisbury; rsvn.s (704) 638-0311; info (704) 278-9536; Central Piedmont ASC, PO Box 282, Landis, NC 28088

**OHIO:** September 8-10; 1st Fort Worth Area Convention; Fort Worth; info (513) 829-3915 or (513) 422-9505; HAMASCNA, PO Box 18430, Fairfield, OH 45018

**PENNSYLVANIA:** September 10-12; First Williamsport Area NA Convention; Williamsport; rsvn.s (717) 326-9701; info (717) 321-0356

2) November 12-14; 11th Tri-State Regional Convention; rsvn.s (800) 445-8667; info (412) 391-5276; TSRSO, Box 110217, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

**PUERTO RICO:** July 30-August 1; 4th Puerto Rico Convention; Condado Plaza Hotel; info (809) 763-5919

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** November 18-21; 11th Serenity Festival; Myrtle Beach; rsvn.s (800) 845-0658; Planning Committee, PO Box 1198, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578

**TENNESSEE:** November 24-28; 11th Volunteer Regional Convention; Nashville; info (615) 883-7501 or (615) 228-3133; VRC-11, PO Box 121961, Nashville, TN 37212

**TEXAS:** October 8-10; 1st Fort Worth Area Convention; Fort Worth; info (817) 921-4414 or (817) 429-5843; Convention Committee, PO Box 20093, Fort Worth, TX 76102

**VERMONT:** November 5-7; 4th Champlain Valley Area Convention; info (802) 863-2620 or (802) 865-3657; CVACNA 4, Box 64714, Burlington, VT 05401

**WASHINGTON:** September 24-26; North Puget Sound Area 10th Anniversary; Oak Harbor; info (206) 428-4385; North Puget Sound ASC, PO Box 1001, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

2) October 22-24; 16th Pacific Northwest Convention; PNWCNA-16, PO Box 5233, Everett, WA 98201

**WEST VIRGINIA:** July 30-August 1; 7th Almost Heaven Area Convention; Shephard College; info (703) 888-1448 or (304) 267-0691

2) August 13-15; 4th Recovery in the Foothills; Old Town Camp, Point Pleasant; info (304) 675-5132; Appalachian Foothills ASC, Box 107, Gallipolis, OH 45631

**WISCONSIN:** August 6-8; 9th Mid-Coast Convention; rsvn.s (800) 552-5121; info (414) 435-8957, (414) 866-2379; MCC-9, Box 9186, Green Bay, WI 54308

2) October 15-17; 10th Wisconsin State Convention; rsvn.s (800) 558-9573; info (414) 549-0825; WSNAC-10, PO Box 4010, Waukesha, WI 53187-4010

**WYOMING:** September 24-26; 2nd Wyoming Unity Day; Rawlins; info (307) 789-7746; Unity Day, PO Box 2792, Rock Springs, WY 82902