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***** N.A. TELEVISION SPECIAL *****

On Sunday, March 12, at 12:00 noon, WNEP-TV, Channel 16, will broadcast a special one-hour program about N.A. There will be four members representing N.A. in the Northern Pa. area who will share their stories and explain the N.A. Program. There will be a question and answer period in which the public may call and talk with these members about drug problems or the NA. Program. The members will be shadowed and remain anonymous, following NA. traditions.

This is a great step for NA. in our area and is a result of the Outreach Program of the Northern Pa. Area Service Committee. We in the Scranton & Wilkes-Barre area would like to express our thanks to A.S.C. for initiating the Outreach Program and special thanks to Stan B. who is coordinating this TV special. NA. especially thanks the Channel 16 Staff for their generosity and interest in NA. and for giving NA. this great chance to reach the addict who still suffers.

***** CALIFORNIA TURNED ON WITH OUR AREA *****

Jimmy K, one of the co-founders of NA, recently expressed the feelings of the Calif. area toward Northern Pa. area NA. They are turned on with the growth of the fellowship in this area, especially our phone answering service and the N.A. Newsletter. They are anxious to hear further developments in our Outreach Program and are hoping we can send a delegate to the World Conference in Los Angeles on April 1 & 2. Also, the World Convention in Houston in April.

We appreciate their interest in our area and hope we can become more involved with the Conference and other activities. We also hope that we can help Calif. to further the Program and help more addicts to recover in the fellowship.

***** WELCOME TO NEW N.A. GROUPS *****

A new NA. group has just started at the Indian Hill Lodge Rehab in Beach Lake, Pa. The group meets on Saturdays at 7:00 pm at the Rehab. It's being started by the ex-patients and is not affiliated with the Rehab, except through the bonds of NA. fellowship. It will be a closed discussion meeting. For info on the location call Rich B.-343-7189 or the Rehab at 717-729-7137. This new group needs active NA. members to support it and to keep NA. growing in our area.

Another new NA. group is meeting at the Muncy Prison on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. It is a closed discussion meeting starting at 8:00 pm. If you want to attend, contact Ann R. at 717-742-3377 or Kathy D. at 717-275-5248.

There are 2 other NA. groups trying to get started in the area. They are:
1) An open NA meeting to be held at Clearbrook Lodge Rehab. For information contact Rich W. at 717-343-7189.

2) A closed NA meeting to be held at the Halfway House at 818 N. 20th St. in Harrisburg, Pa. For information call Gloria M. at 717-234-7933 or 717-255-9566.

THESE GROUPS URGENTLY NEED OUR SUPPORT!

LORD: Help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today
that You and I together cannot handle.

*****N.A. PHONE SERVICE*****

N.A. in the Scranton-Wilkes Barre area now has a 24 hour telephone answering service available. If anyone needs help anytime, day or night, or for information on meetings or rides, call 344-9527. Also feel free to pass this number around at meetings or to the general public.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved with the phone service; either answering calls or volunteering for 12 step calls; please contact Rich or Dot B. at: 717-343-7189. It is required for participants in the answering service to be totally committed group members with 90 days continuous sobriety.

*****STEERING COMMITTEE*****

The regular monthly meeting of the Steering Committee was held on January 16 at Vince M. and Kathi W.'s home in Wilkes Barre. The progress of the phone service was discussed at length, a new schedule of volunteers was made, and new requirements for participation were also discussed. Another topic was the TV special which will be broadcast by WNEP-TV on March 12. Policy was set as to who will participate and Stan B. volunteered to set it up with Channel 16.

Other topics discussed were: the progress of the Outreach Program; the P.O. Box number, a tax exemption for N.A., a future 50-50 raffle for N.A., and a new Public Service Announcement was drafted.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, at Stan and Cindy B.'s home at 7:30 p.m. Members of the phone service are urged to attend and anyone else interested in the future of N.A. is welcome to participate. The Steering Committee needs the support of committed N.A. members to further our fellowship in this area. For more information, contact Stan B. at 717-655-3355.

*****AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE*****

The next regular meeting of the A.S.C. will be held at the Grove Presbyterian Church in Danville on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 4:00 p.m. All G.S. R. delegates are urged attend and any N.A. group member is welcome to participate.

*****EASTER ACTIVITIES AT WHITE DEER RUN*****

On Palm Sunday, March 19, the W.D.R. Alumni will be sponsoring a Mountain Climb for the patients presently at the Rehab. If you want to get in touch with nature and help other recovering people, contact Steve H. at 717-286-7521.

Also, on Easter Sunday the Alumni is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for the patients. For further information contact Steve H. at 717-286-7521.

*****STICK WITH THE WINNERS*****

by Donna R.

I had to make a change in my life and made a decision to live with some sober people from N.A. It has really helped me living with sober people at this time in my life. I wouldn't have had a chance to make a new life for myself if it hadn't been for Narcotics Anonymous. I am very grateful for N.A. and the people in it, because now I have a chance to live.

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*****HELP FOR THE FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF ADDICTS*****

Family or friends of addicts are needed in this area to help organize a fellowship of men and women who help each other deal with their problems, and to get a better understanding of addictive behavior. Two such self-help groups are Families Anonymous and Naranon. Anyone interested in starting or supporting a Naranon group in this area may write to: Naranon c/o Louise Sanford, P.O. Box 2562, Pamos Zerde Peninsula, California, 20274. Anyone interested in Families Anonymous may contact: Fred R. at 717-966-0003. In the Scranton area, there is a Families Anonymous group being formed. It needs support to get off the ground. If anyone is interested, please contact John Coar at: 717-961-1997.

"YOU NEVER FAIL TILL YOU STOP TRYING."

*****NEW WORLD DIRECTORY COMING*****

The World Service Board of Trustees in California reports that a new World Directory for N.A. will soon be printed. They are urging us to make a list of all N.A. groups we know about and send it to: W.S.O., P.O. Box 622, Sun Valley, Cal., 91352.

They are also getting together a list of active N.A. members names, addresses, and phone numbers who are willing to talk to or correspond with other members. If you are interested in being included in this list send your information to W.S.O or get it to the N.A. News staff to be sent in.

****INSTITUTIONALIZED N.A. MEMBERS NEED SUPPORT****

Tom J., a member of the Wyoming group of N.A. is now in a program of recovery to further his knowledge, strength, and stability in his sobriety. Support from N.A. members and groups is important at this point so that this member knows whenever he needs a helping hand, N.A. will be there. Send letters to: Tom Jasalavage, 111 North 49th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19139.

Jay Moran, a member of N.A. has been hospitalized for quite some time with cancer. He is in great need of support. Take time to correspond with him.: Jay Moran, Ward 66 W., Roswell Park Memorial Institution, 666 Elm Street, Buffalo, New York, 14203.

*****WHERE IS MY GRATITUDE ATTITUDE*****
by Dot B.

Since my sobriety started almost a year and a half ago my attitude is not always gratitude. I hit periods where I don't know who I am. Lately I have found many new aspects of myself, and they are not always good ones. These are my character defects, which I don't always know what to do about, and am sometimes afraid to ask. When I don't face these, is when my attitude suffers. I need to maintain a "Gratitude Attitude" when this happens, otherwise I may lose my sobriety, which is the most important thing in my life today.

*****RECENT AND COMING ANNIVERSARIES*****

We would like to congratulate the following on successive days of sobriety:

John Z.	90 days	February 7	Rich B.	2 years	Feb. 8
Art L.	6 months	February 8	Vince M.	3 years	March 27
Rich W.	6 months	March 1	John S.	3 years	Feb. 12
Kathi W.	1 year	March 1	James E.	4 years	Feb. 28
Wally H.	1 year	March 8	Kathy D.	4 years	March 8
Donna R.	1 year	March 15			

If you want your anniversary published; either 90 days, 6 months, or 1 or more years please submit it to your group's G.S.R. or send it to the N.A. News Staff by phone or mail. We apologize for the omission of anyone else's anniversary not listed.

If you have any news items for our newsletter contact your group's G.S.R. or call the Staff at 717-343-7189. We welcome and encourage any personal articles about your sobriety or N.A. related functions in any area. Please mail them to the staff:

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MY GRATITUDE SPEAKS WHEN I CARE AND WHEN I SHARE WITH OTHERS THE N.A. WAY