

ASIA PACIFIC FORUM

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A network of  communities

Conventions, Translations and New Meetings

There a lot of exciting events to report in this quarter's newsletter. The work that has been done in some of the emerging Regions gives us much to be grateful for.

Conventions

Indonesia (in the midst of its own struggles) continues to grow as a fellowship. The 2nd annual convention held in Jakarta was a great success. Our Vice Chair Sharudi has continued to support his own region and a new delegate had been elected from there. There were more than 350 addicts celebrating their recovery and although they were mostly local addicts, the APF was well represented with addicts from Hawaii (our own Danny U), the US and Singapore.

The Indian Region had its 3rd Regional Convention and also had an APF workshop with the assistance of NAWS. Members from India, Bangladesh, Nepal and NERF attended.

The Japanese Convention is this month and we will report on it in our next newsletter. Japan is one of the strongest NA communities and there will be addicts from Hawaii attending.

Australia and New Zealand both have regional conventions this month as well.

The Regional Hawaiian Convention is at the end of October and the APF will be well represented. Monika P and Kenny D will be there. Tali M and Kerry A will be selling t-shirts. We all hope to raise money for the APF.

Translations

There has been a huge commitment to getting the Indonesian translation of the Basic Text, the IPs and Just for Today. We have draft copies of all of that literature and it is in the approval stage. We already have the draft of the Japanese and the Korean literature and WSO is working hard to get that approved and into print.

Chinese translations are also in the draft stage. Uschi from WSO has been a tireless contributor to this and we are very grateful to her and everyone at the World Service Office that continues to support the APF.

New Meetings

We have seen new meetings springing up all over the Asian Pacific Region. Indonesia has new meetings in Bali, Bogor, Jogjakarta, Pontiak and Kalimantan. The fellowship is small and there is not much service experience but there a so much enthusiasm that it is clear the fellowship will prosper.

India, Nepal and Bangladesh have recently started new meetings. Our Chairperson Ramesh, has been sending us merchandise to raise money for the APF.

And there is some great news out of China. The WSC was invited to attend a conference on drugs in mainland China. This is the first time we have participated in mainland China and although it will still be awhile before we are having open meetings there, this is a direct result of the work other Asian members have done.

Finances

Available on the APF website is the most recent treasure's report that has been submitted from Tim S in Australia. Merchandise sales remain our biggest contribution (thank you, Tali). We have also received contributions from Australia and several personal contributions from the US. Presently, we have over \$13,000 AUD in the account.

Coming Events

The Next APF Meeting will be in Nepal on February 17th thru 22nd of 2003.

One Addict's Experience

My name is Tommy, and I am an addict from the Oahu area of the Hawaii region of NA. I have been the elected "APF Contact Person" for our Area this past year. What seemed like a simple job-report on news forwarded to me by our Region's APF

Delegate, Monika J.-soon turned into a fantastic year of monthly contact with the vanguard of our fellowship's fifth tradition efforts in Asia?

At first I had to dust off my "World Atlas" to locate the exotic sounding names of our

newest Areas and Regions, places like Kalimantan, Nepal, Bali. Soon, I was raiding the local libraries and bookstore travel sections for more information, and began e-mailing members in Asian countries. At the same time, I began to feel the powerful attraction, the spiritual nature of the principle of "giving it away". Learning about the struggles the still-suffering addicts in Asia are experiencing as they seek our way of life, gave deeper meaning to my gratitude for this gift of recovery that I enjoy today. In their desire to start new meetings, I found the strength to support our own Area's little meetings that struggle to keep their doors open.

My year of contact with the APF has enriched my recovery, and has provided a springboard to further involvement in carrying the message of NA to the suffering addicts in the world. Thank you for letting me be of service, and thank you for letting me share.

Aloha, Tommy U.

From the editor

This is an exciting time for the APF. We hope that you will all visit our website at www.apf.com.au and get to know us and our member countries better.

Thanks for all of your support.

Yours in Service

Kerry A.

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