Greetings and Welcome to our 42st Edition of the APF Newsletter. In this newsletter you will find inspirational stories from our members as well as the latest news from the Philippines. You'll get subcommittee updates to keep you informed with our Zonal direction, along with news relating to the March Conference. Lots of exciting things are happening as we follow this recovery road together. It is also our wish to keep you informed with upcoming current events, so, if your Region or Area has something to report within the next quarter, let us know! Edition 43 will be dedicated to our Conference, Convention, and a bit of history, however, if there is a subject you'd like to hear about or contribute, contact the APF newsletter: apf-news@nzna.org

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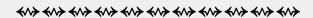
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*Your Invitation ~ APF Hello Video

The Nepal Convention Committee has requested that all member countries submit a 5 second video saying "hello" to be shown at APCNA 1

Carrie L has provided a dropbox for your videos
which can be submitted via
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jlgv95wwo18nyw/AA
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If for some reason your Country/Community
cannot do a video greeting, we would
appreciate at least a large group photo to slot in
your country block. If you have any issues
accessing the address, your Region/Area can
also email it to: apfadmin@apfna.org

The Deadline is 1 January 2017*



It's a Family Affair ~ David's Story

Aloha from the Pacific

I come from the Island of Hawai'i, which is known as the Big Island. I came into this program not wanting any part of it. I came through the courts, so I had to comply with whatever they wanted me to do and this included attending NA meetings. All I wanted was my son back from Child Protective Services.

See, I have five wonderful children from four wonderful women: three sons and two daughters. The first two kids' mom I met at a friends' house where I used very frequently. That relationship lasted for about three years. Then I left her and took my two kids back to my parents' house where I abandoned them, 'cause I knew they would be safe there while I went out and kept using. At the time, I was "just" a cocaine and alcohol user.

Those two go together like salt and pepper.

A couple years later, I had my third child, whose mom I met in bar. That relationship lasted for about four years, and she gave me a choice: either choose her and my son or keep doing what I was doing. It wasn't fair to ask me that at the time 'cause I was already high, and as an addict it was an easy decision to make, keep using. So I abandoned my third child. My life took another turn when my social drinking and using became personal. I met my Higher Power; her name was Crystal Meth. When we hear in our readings "Who is an Addict? An addict is a man or woman whose life was controlled by drugs," I became that person. Then my fourth child came along, whose mom I met in a crack house. My life took a turn for the worse when C.P.S. took my son, and I also lost my job, my apartment, and most of all my mind, body and soul. I was living in my car. I was lost.

It was so easy to abandon my first two kids at my parents' house and the third with their mom, 'cause I knew they were safe. But when my fourth child, my son, got taken away it was difficult, 'cause at that time, I didn't know who he was with or where he was. But most of all, I didn't want to stop using. So now, my son's mom and I were in a complying mode, where we did whatever the system wanted us to do, but we were still using. We went to meetings, anger management, parenting workshops, counseling and treatment. I know part of me wanted to stop, because I couldn't see my son calling someone else "Dad." But when you're in a relationship with someone you love, and she tells you "Just one more time," you remember those words we hear in our reading, "One is too many and a thousand never enough."

I lost my dad to lung cancer when I was in the process of trying to get clean. One day he wanted to see me alone and not to bring my girlfriend at the time, and he said something simple, "You'll never get clean or get your son back if you're gonna stay with her." A week later I lost my dad. I believe in God shots, where the message is clear for the action that I must take to get to live the life I have



today. I did the impossible. I left someone who I cared for a month later and went to meetings for the first time being honest. C.P.S. took my son in 2004. Through the process of recovery, I got him back in 2007.

I met the mom of my fifth child in recovery, and I learned that I have to make sure my foundation is solid with my program and my Higher Power, because five years into my recovery, she chose to use and I chose to follow her. At that point, I quit doing what I had been doing for my recovery in my first five years,

when I had a sponsor, went to meetings and was the GSR for my home group. My fifth year I gave up my GSR position and just went to meetings. I learned that going to meetings was not enough for me to stay clean, and I relapsed. By the grace of God, I made it back to the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous where I'm more aware that I had to be more well-rounded in my foundation to stay clean.

A close friend told me it's not what you did in those 5 years, it's what you never did in those 5 years. The first thing I did was work the Steps and write journals about my day.

My sponsor made me get into service, so now I'm the secretary of my home group. He also made me read Chapter 7 from the "Basic Text," "Recovery and Relapse." When I read the sentence, "After a person has had some involvement in our fellowship, a relapse may be the jarring experience that brings about a more rigorous application of the program", that sentence took me to my knees, because my ego had gotten in the way of my recovery. My sponsor made me do uncomfortable things that have made my life comfortable today

I came into this program in 2004, and I just celebrated four years on 15 June 2016. I know that I was chosen by my "God" to have a life that I didn't know existed; it was getting clean. The life I once abandoned is back in my life. My family, my kids and my "God". I'm a proud father, son, grandfather and friend. Today, my kids call me Dad, not David. They like being around me. They say they love me and I love them back. That is priceless. My fifth child will never see the wreckage of my past or the destruction I caused with my other kids, 'cause she is growing up in the rooms of Narcotics Anonymous. One of the uncomfortable things that has become comfortable in my life is telling my mom "I love you". There is not a day gone by that I don't make sure she knows that. Before recovery, she had never heard me say those words.

If you feel abandoned or you think life has abandoned you, you're having a hard time in recovery and you're reading this, just remember your Higher Power only wants the best for you. That is why your Higher Power chose you, 'cause you deserve to live, and you will start living when you live the program of Narcotics Anonymous. I trust my "God". I trust Narcotics Anonymous, because I am a walking miracle, because I was that addict who didn't want to stop. So don't leave before the miracle takes place. Aloha from Hawai'i.

Honoka'a, North Hawai'i USA

David Y

Asia Pacific Forum 2017 Meeting

The 2017 Asia Pacific Forum meeting will be held from Monday the 6th to Thursday the 9th of March. The venue is the Hotel Shanker in Kathmandu, Nepal: http://www.shankerhotel.com.np/.

The 1st APF Convention of NA will follow, from Friday the 10th to Sunday the 12th of March.

The Admin Committee will make hotel bookings on behalf of Delegates and APF trusted servants. We have negotiated a preferable room rate for all other participants and visitors wishing to attend or to stay on for the convention. Please use booking code APFCN17 when booking rooms.

We are working through the participant request information and will be in contact with participants to finalise arrangements for funding, visas, flights and airport transfers. We will continue to communicate with all our communities via the APF email list between now and our meeting in March.

The Nepal fellowship is excited to be hosting us in Kathmandu! This will be a truly wonderful service experience that builds on the success and growth of recent meetings.

Yours in service,

APF Admin Committee & Trusted Servants

Seven Hundred Forty Thousand Twelve Step Work



Marvin seldom talks, but he always volunteers for any task. Setting up the chairs for the meeting, tidying up the place afterwards, even helping carry the projector and the screen for one of the PI presentations. He started using meth when he was 16, did odd jobs here and there to sustain the habit, impregnated a girl, and became a father at the age of 20; all of those happening while he was maintaining his habit. "It was tiring", he said quietly in the local dialect. "I was looking for a way out but I did not know how. I prayed to God to show me how but I always end up using again."

Now 27 years old, Marvin's prayer was answered when Philippines elected a new president on May 9, 2016 on an anti-drug, anti-criminality and anti-corruption platform.

He was one of those rounded-up during the "Oplan: Tokhang" (Operation: Knock and Appeal to surrender) in their village in Mandaue during the first month of the President's war on drugs. And for the first time in 11 years, he was clean for a few days.

And so are 740,000 other addicts who surrendered nationwide who are either in jail or at home awaiting for whatever program the government has for them. Everyone was overwhelmed by the volume. The government tried as quick as they can to create a "barangay-based rehabilitation program" through the Department of Health and other local government agencies. The church opened their doors for the suffering addicts. Everyone wanted to help.

Narcotics Anonymous Philippines, despite our unpreparedness for a twelfth step work of this magnitude and the limited membership that we have (around 200 active members spread out in 17 major cities



and municipalities), quickly sprang into action on the grassroots level. Without any prompting from the service structures, individual NA members volunteered to help in various capacities, albeit in an uncoordinated manner in the beginning. Many took on the microphone to share their experience, strength and hope to the surrenderees upon the invitation of the local government officials. Others allied with the local Jaycees, the church, and some other civic organizations drafted and implemented programs designed to provide immediate response to the

needs and realities of those who surrendered within their locality. Some simply set up meetings wherever the surrenderees are. Everyone was scrambling for something to do to help.

Rene F., our Translation Literature Committee chair from Mindanao, collaborated with Love of God Charismatic Community to offer the surrenderees a 10-day crash course on the disease of addiction, the 12 steps and spirituality. The program already had three batches trained as of this writing and has now an established daily NA meeting in the Love of God chapel. The fourth batch of surrenderees will be starting their 10-day journey on November 14. To date, more than 150 addicts have undergone this program. All of them were introduced to our fellowship. For the past two to three months, it has been observed that communities with daily meetings have lower relapse rates compared to those with weekly meetings

Rey B. has been helping addicts anonymously in Talisay City, Central Visayas in his capacity as medical doctor of the local Rural Health Unit for almost three years already. When the surrenderees started pouring in, he presented the program he's been using to some of the Mayors and they adapted it. Their outpatient and aftercare programs also lead the surrenderees to NA.

Parallel to all those and other individual initiatives, NA members all over Luzon were also doing the same thing. In Baguio, a few NA members helped process the surrenderees, organized "Baguio Emergency Responders to Addiction", and created a module that trained the addicts who surrendered on how to deal with their disease. These group of treatment professionals who are also NA members, introduced those who surrendered to our fellowship.

In Pampanga, San Juan, Bikol, and other provinces, addicts as young as a few months clean up to old-timers with decades of clean time and businesses of their own got involved in varying degrees. NA meetings grew exponentially. The local area service group even printed posters with NA's helpline contact numbers to help everyone contact our fellowship. Amidst all these, the Higher Power did not spare the RSC, too.

The Regional Service Committee (RSC) of NA-Pilipinas have been wanting to have a coordinated nationwide effort to help the hordes of incoming surrenderees. We were aware of the initiatives in the local communities and we wanted to help coordinate all the great efforts in the frontlines and more efficiently support the members of whatever they need. So, we re-organized ourselves and I ended up being Acting Regional Delegate. Before ink could even dry up, many requests for literature, meeting kits, key tags, exploratory talks on possible collaborations, requests for PI presentations started coming in. Much of the literature needed to be in the local dialect for the surrenderees to understand. So, we asked for help from Steve at NAWS. A partial quantity of materials, literature and welcome key tags was sent right away and as soon as I received it, I flew to the



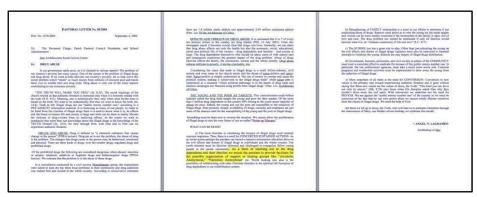
Mindanao Unity Weekend to distribute them and meet some of the surrenderees from Kidapawan.

We started coordinating on a nationwide level. We were invited to meet the newly-appointed Chief of the Philippine National Police (PNP) General de la Rosa and we gave him our assurance that NA is all out in supporting the campaign to help addicts recover from drugs. We left out the issue of extrajudicial killing of addicts and pushers because as a fellowship, we have no opinion on outside issues. Although we have our sentiments on a personal level, we cannot allow it to impede our ability to help the surrenderees.

(In photo, RSC Acting RD Ricky S. in white polo and PNP Director General de la Rosa in uniform share a handshake and a commitment of working together.)

In August 2016, a newspaper article appeared saying that the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) are "training Narcotics Anonymous ministers to help the surrenderees". We responded proactively by calling the CBCP leadership and asking them if they need any more help from Narcotics Anonymous. This positive handling of an inaccurate nationwide report resulted to a series of face-to-face meetings with them. On September 2, the CBCP issued a Pastoral Letter (see picture below) addressing the drug issue and outlining the church's participation in helping the addicts reintegrate to society. In the paragraph entitled "What Can Be Done",

it says "As a form of reaching out to the drug dependents and their families, we enjoin the parishes to provide facilities for the possible organization of support or healing groups like Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous..."



This Pastoral Letter is binding to all parishes nationwide. Thus, opening opportunities for NA members in the frontlines to easily find meeting places in their localities that can host the big number of surrenderees looking for help.

This collaboration with CBCP did not just end there.

When the bishops were invited to the Office of the Vice President for a consultation roundtable discussion of possible programs and viable alternatives that can be used to help the ever-growing number of surrenderees, Narcotics Anonymous Pilipinas was invited alongside them. Once again, we presented our program of recovery and our warm fellowship's presence in many provinces as an option that can help their program for the addicts who surrendered.

The attendance to that roundtable discussion underscored the presence of Narcotics Anonymous members in many of the on-going initiatives for the surrenderees. Apart from the two RSC members (myself and Edwin R.) who were officially representing the fellowship in that meeting, four other NA members were there in various capacities as consultants of a certain local official or a rehabilitation program; Arnie, who was there in his capacity as a congressman, Sonny, who was there to present an outpatient program alternative, and Robert, who was there to share his experience managing a residential treatment facility.

Our presence can be felt everywhere. Our desire to help was burning.

While we have no national data yet as to how many additional meetings have been added, it is a safe estimate that it has tripled on the average in the past three months. In Cebu alone where we used to have four meetings per week prior to the influx of surrenderees, we now have 4-5 meetings per day with an average attendance of 30. When Erik and I went to attend their outing at the beach a few weeks ago to insert a workshop on collaboration and PI presentation, there were 173 recovering addicts present, about 115 of whom were surrenderees. That is almost the same number of addicts in our previous Philippine Narcotics Anonymous Regional Conventions (PNARC).

And we are not even halfway there yet. Every day, meetings are opening everywhere. Smiles are seen on the faces as surrenderees stand up to receive their white key tags to the sound of roaring applause. Tears are shed as they feel the warm welcoming hugs of our members, a first for many of them.

As for us old-timers, we have come to accept that the nature of NA Pilipinas has changed with the large number of surrenderees coming to our meetings. Prior to all these, most of us found the fellowship through the treatment centers. Which means our families can afford expensive conventions, unity days and recovery outings. Many of the surrenderees can not. They are barely getting by. In order for our activities to be all-inclusive, we need to remember them every time we are planning an NA gathering.

This week, Marvin celebrated his fourth month clean. He is now working as a baggage boy by a local trader. "It may not be much for others but it is good enough for me and my family. I do not have to scavenge in the garbage anymore", he said in the local dialect.

Even without the usual monitoring from the cops, he regularly attends the evening meeting in his village together with his fellow surrenderees and some NA regulars. Among a rowdy bunch of fellow addicts in his home group, he is the epitome of serenity and humility. As usual, he doesn't speak much about his new found freedom.

But the glow in his eyes says it all.

Ray N for Ricky S Acting RD, Philippines

Communications Workgroup Update



The Communications Workgroup continues to be busy with our prioritised strategies from the Strategic Plan. The newsletter continues to be a focus for much of our work. The newsletter committee is seeking stories, events, photos, working out timelines and deadlines that are refined based on the experience producing the previous issue. Technical issues with our original Newsletter Designer led to us finding an alternative template via members of the Nepal fellowship, to whom we are most thankful for so generously giving of their time and experience! The September newsletter was completed and distributed by email and published on the apfna.org website.

We are developing contacts with other communities and zones, are beginning to share our newsletter, and have been receiving requests to re-publish some of our articles in their newsletter. We do this only after seeking the permission of the original writer. We have drafted a submission permission and copyright document, and are exploring the best process for its use. Updates to the newsletter guidelines are being drafted, for distributing to

delegates prior to the March APF meeting.

Other tasks we have been attending to:

- Created a new Facebook group called InterZonal, where the hope is to share experience, strength, information, resources, ideas, and have discussion about topics, service, or events in our Zones.
- Compiling a contact list of all current RDs and ADs, to help us keep in contact with all communities.
- Been in contact with members in South Korea and Cambodia, and updated their meetings information on the APF website.
- Given feedback on the APF convention website.
- Submitted information on APFCNA 1 convention to the NA Way magazine.
- Exploring WhatsApp as a communications tool. This is handy for conference call reminders, but it is not proving to be of significant usefulness.
- Continued to meet online approximately monthly, using Zoom, with the November meeting aiming to review our progress on the strategies assigned to us in our Strategic Plan, and considering how we can best address those remaining before the APF meeting in March.

Dondee N needed to resign from his role posting messages to our Facebook groups so he could focus on service in his local fellowship - we are thankful of his service and wish the Philippines fellowship well as they do their best to deal with the huge number of "surrendering addicts" inundating NA.

Yours in service,

APF Communications Workgroup

Women's APF FD Workgroup Report

Hi everyone,

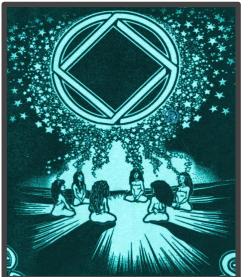
The Women's APF FD Workgroup has a core group of committed members who have met regularly using Skype. We have several things on the go at once and are working hard to achieve what we think are important milestones.

We have found a time of day and day of the week that works really well for this, with no member needing to get out of bed or stay up late to be on the call. This is great and most definitely contributes to very productive calls. One of our early conversations was around allocating roles within the group — we have decided on who will hold those roles. They cover host for the Skype calls, FD point of contact person, coordinator, revolving note taker during our calls and lead person for Sponsorship.

Our members who spread across several countries communicate well and share diverse ideas and thinking. Right now our focus is on coming up with a Vision Statement; APF and the APF Convention in Nepal 2017 and Sponsoring Women in Developing Communities.



A women's group in Connecticut has offered to produce and sell t-shirts and then pass on the profit to support Women's Fellowship Development in this zone. This is a really generous offer which the workgroup was grateful to receive. It is part of an annual "NA Around the World Event". This is the second year this group has had this event. This years theme is "Welcoming All Members". We called for designs however our time was short and we



didn't receive anything in the time we had. We then sought and were given permission from the APF Convention Committee to use the APF Convention artwork in this fundraising initiative. Currently we are sending this artwork to the group along with how we would like to see it placed on a shirt.

In addition to this we are also looking at producing merchandise to sell at the APF and/or APF Convention 2017. We are in the early stages of this and it's great to have the Merchandise Chair as part of our Workgroup. Her experience is really valuable and the relationship ensures we are following APF merchandise protocol as well as setting up something that can be autonomous.

We have more great ideas for the APF Convention that are still in the formative stages. They are really exciting so watch that space – more will most definitely be revealed.

The Women's FD Workgroup is looking at the various ways we can work to sponsor women in developing communities. There have been conversations with the RD from Kuwait which have been really useful in guiding our talks

on how we can move forward with this. At our most recent Skype call we were informed that there is a woman in Iran who would like to join our workgroup. We have a lead person with this and will continue to work to create the foundations of a plan that will be of service to the women we are hopeful of sponsoring.

This workgroup is a diverse and loving group of beautiful women, the conversations are inspirational and the members each bring something wonderful to the group. It is indeed a privilege to be of service here.

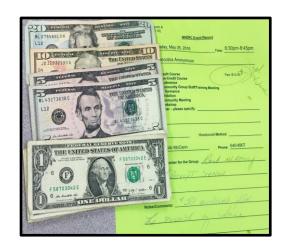
In loving service,

The Women's APF FD Workgroup

Money Matters Workgroup

Greetings & showing heartfelt gratitude to everyone. Hope all are running well at your own Community/ Regional service level. As per the strategic plan one of the major financial objectives is: "To Encourage Communities to be self-funded to the upcoming APF-2017 at Kathmandu".

We emailed on 19-Aug-2016 that many communities can fully self-fund and contribute additional funds, some can only self-fund, some can only partially fund, and some need APF financial support. We gather this information through the "Participation Request Form", which is received by the APF Admin committee. It's important to mention that our Delegate's attendance is the priority to all of us for our Primary Purpose, and is always first in our minds and hearts. We look forward to hearing what they are able to do in line with our 7th Tradition. For anonymity sake and not to put any Community in a position whereby they feel uncomfortable, please feel free to communicate this information directly with the APF Treasurer at treasurer@apfna.org.



Hence we request all the growing communities of APF to endeavour to be self-supporting, which in turn assists APF's ability to help a newer community to grow. We also request all of us to discuss the above issues with your communities to encourage being self-supporting to the best of each community's ability.

Treasury Report:

APF 2017 annual meeting at Kathmandu Funding Budget	US\$ 24,476
(+) FD un-utilized budget (for the cycle year 2016- March, 2017)	US\$ 4,200
(after spending Jakarta FD expenses US\$ 1,800)	
Total available fund position as at (25th October 2016)	US\$ 28,676.08

We hope that you will pass on this financial update to your upcoming Group, Area or Regional service meeting. APF funds are spent primarily on funding the annual APF meeting and on Fellowship Development. The Treasury reports are always accurate, up to date & available for all to view. The APF Treasurer is also available if you have any questions.

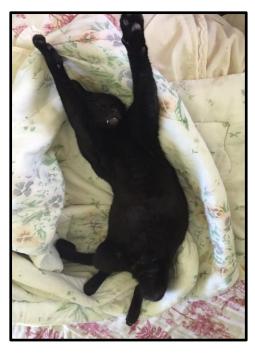
Last but not least, a courtesy reminder that one of the major financial objectives of the Money Matters Workgroup strategic plan is: *To create Budget forecasting APF 2017 Annual meeting at Kathmandu, Nepal.* It would be most helpful to the APF admin committee for those who have not already completed the Participant Request Form and who will be attending or hoping to attend the 2017 APF meeting to complete this as soon as possible. The information received from those Communities who will be seeking full or partial funding support will help the Treasurer to prepare a complete budget forecast for the upcoming APF 2017 meeting.

Sincerely yours in loving Service, on behalf of the Money Matters Workgroup, apf-money@nzna.org

Mohit A. Treasurer APF

Strategic Planning Workgroup

The Strategic Planning Work Group is a consummate group of trusted servants, consisting total 10 members from 9 different countries. The



function of our group is to assist and support all other workgroups of APF for the achievement of the Strategic Planning short term goals from the APF 2016 Meeting.

We have successfully conducted 3 SP conference meetings during the last quarter. We have discussed a good number of issues related with our short term planning as well as long term planning. As well, we have been consistently working with the Workgroups and provide necessary information to assist them focus on their short term objectives.

Based on our last reporting, we have finalized a reporting template and are going to circulate this to all workgroups shortly. This reporting template will help all the workgroups to monitor their progress of their individual short term strategy and assist them focus on their future strategies.

In last quarter we have been consistently discussing "Motion 11" of WSC as it has significant impact on APF.

Motion 11 of WSC 2016: To allow a delegate from any currently existing Zonal Forum who requests it to be seated at the WSC 2018 as a non-voting participant for one conference only. The expense of attendance will be the responsibility of the Zonal Forum and not the WSC.

Motion 11 has a direct impact on APF. One person from zonal forum can participate in the WSC if the cost of the delegate will be supported by the zone itself. The representation of a delegate from APF to WSC has a strategic importance for APF.

In the last quarter, we have communicated with NAWS and got a tentative idea regarding the overall expenses for a Delegate from our Zonal Forum, if APF wish to send a delegate to upcoming World Service Conference in 2018. We also discussed the benefits and expenses of motion 11 and are developing some ideas regarding the practical aspects of implementing this motion if everyone accepts this motion. We will soon communicate the overall issues with the Admin Committee and also communicate the details and possible aspects of Motion 11 with everyone in APF.

Last but not least, we have also initiated discussion regarding the session planning for APF 2017 meeting which has an impact on the APF 2017 Meeting Agenda.

Stay tuned with us. In the near future we will bring more updates on the above issues. Once again Thank you for letting us serve beside you.

In loving Service,

Strategic Planning Workgroup

Merchandise Update

Aloha from Hawaii, APF Family! I was blessed to be able to travel from Hong Kong to "We Are One" HRCNA 24 again this year to participate and grow in my own recovery and to give service and "fun"d raise for the Asia Pacific Forum.

This year's Hawaii Regional Convention, held from 27th-30th October, on the Big Island of Hawai'i in Kona, was well attended by over 425 members from all over the Hawaiian Islands, US Mainland, Canada, Japan, Ecuador, Australia, Hong Kong and Indonesia. There were speakers, meetings, a snorkel trip, a luau, a comedian, band and Halloween party, meditation mornings, more meetings, a morning and evening banquets, lots of fun, fellowshipping and laughter. Of course, the main event for us was our APF t-shirt selling on Sunday morning!! We created a special edition APFCNA 1 (1st APF Convention) t-shirts with the new "Spiritual Connection" logo and a very popular tiedye, as well as our APF Country Primary Purpose shirts, and spiritual principle bags! Everyone loved the new shirts, they will be a great attraction to our APFCNA event as they are worn and talked about around the world! We raised \$1,145 from this event for APF.



Many thanks to our sister Phyllis, Hawaii RD, for organising and selling alongside me at our alternative merchandise table. And to the Kona Area fellowship and fantastic host committee led by John G for allowing us to participate in this amazing event. A special thank you to Linda O, Hawaii ARD, for her love and support and to one of our guiding lights, Tali M, from Hawaii for her unwavering commitment (and superior salesmanship at the table) for APF.



We were announcing our 1st APF Convention in Kathmandu upcoming 10-12 March 2017, throughout the weekend and had flyers all around. Everyone was quite abuzz! We have lots of interest to attend as well as committed travellers making reservations. Hopefully many more will make the journey to join us for our "Spiritual Connection" and share in our celebration of recovery.

On a personal note, the highlight of the trip for me was being introduced to a woman who was coming back to us after many years out. I met her on the first night when she had only a couple days, but by the countdown Saturday night, she was standing tall at 7+ days, hugging and smiling. The lights were starting to shine in

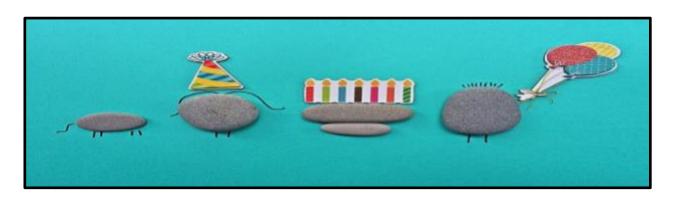
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her eyes. She was given a Basic Text (along with others under 6 months) on stage by the host committee. THIS is what it is all about, family. We carry the message and we ARE the message. The message is Hope and Freedom. Mahalo from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to give service to APF which provides me a life beyond dreams, friendship, and purpose.

APF Merchandise Chair

Carrie L, Hong Kong

Clean Dates - December to March



If you would like to share your milestone in our newsletter, please email apf-news@nzna.org.

December

02 December 2007	David R	Newsletter - China
16 December 2011	Carrie L	Hong Kong
13 December 2015	Nikki S	RD Hong Kong
26 December 1985	Tali M	WB Hawai'i
26 December 2011	Sanjeev	India
29 December 1988	Alan L	RD (P) Hawai'i

January

7 January 2004	Sumeet D	Nepal
22 January 1993	Roger S	New Zealand

February

17 February 2000 Sam B - "Serenity Sam" USA

Upcoming Events

Australia

3rd December, 2016 - 8:00am - 10:00pm - Central Coast Unity Day 'Never Alone'

Sea Scouts Hall, 10 Mason Parade, Gosford, New South Wales (This event is held yearly on the 1st Saturday in December.)



3rd - 5th March, 2017 - G.O.L.D. - Gifts of Living the Dream

Far North Coast of NSW Bangalow A & I Hall, Station Street, Bangalow, Byron Bay, New South Wales, Australia. Contact info - Gina: justfourtoday97@gmail.com or 0407370739

For more information contact Sue K (RD) suekidd14@hotmail.com or David T (AD) cameroperator@optusnet.com.au or visit na.org.au.

Thailand



ONE PROMISE MANY GIFTS

WHEN: 24TH - 26TH FEBRUARY 2017

WHERE: CENTARA DUANGTAWAN HOTEL CHIANG MAI THAILAND

