



BASCNA MEETING

Baltimore Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Free State Regional Service Center
217 N. Warwick Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21223
Phone: 410-566-4022 Hotline: 1-800-317-3222

Mario A –Chair, Vacant -Vice Chair, Vacant–Secretary, Shannon H.–Alt Secretary
Saturday August 5, 2023

BASC MEETING MINUTES

➤ OPENING

- We version of “The Serenity Prayer”
- The reading of “The 12 Concepts”
- Housekeeping Rules

➤ ROLL CALL

○ BASC Chair	Mario A.	○ Phone Line Chair	Vacant
○ BASC Vice-Chair	Vacant	○ Hospitals & Institutions Chair	Charvette B.
○ Secretary	Vacant	○ RCM	Absen
○ Alternate Secretary	Shannon L.	○ Alternate RCM	Andre R.
○ Treasurer	Vacant	○ Public Relations Chair	Miles M.
○ Vice Treasurer	Vacant	○ BACNA/Convention Liaison	Vacant
○ Literature Chair	Vacant	○ BACNA/Region	Vacant
○ Policy Chair	Absent	○ FSRCNA and / or FSRNA	N/A
○ Special Events Chair	Larry T.		
○ Web-Servant	Kia B.	○ Sargent at Arms #1	Vacant
○ Alternate Web-Servant	Vacant	○ Sargent at Arms #2	Vacant

➤ WELCOME of “New Groups and/or GSR/Alt GSR Refer to Attached Addendum.

Meeting Information

- OD – Open Discussion
- Basic Text
- JFT – Just for Today
- ST – STEP
- TR – TRADITIONS
- L – LITERATURE
- TO – TOPIC
- GP-Guiding Principles

➤ SECRETARY Update: Review of last Month’s minutes (See Report)

- All BASC Reports will be posted on our website, **Baltoareana.org** and **emailed** to all GSRs whose emails addresses are provided.
- The Baltimore Area and All subcommittees need **HELP!!** BASC August 5, 2023



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1st GSR count @ 11:10 14 GSR's Present

➤ **TREASURER/VICE TREASURES: (report accepted, see report) (19,0,1) Moving forward, A Reconciliation Statement will be given every month for transparency. Line item for restitution for misappropriation of funds \$260. On July 14th a payment was made toward the restitution.**

- **Friendly Reminder** all reports are a month behind.
- Donation Options: Cashapp-\$BASCNA, and/or drop-off check or money order to 217 N. Warwick Ave Baltimore, MD 21223. (IMPORTANT) place for Home Group Name in Cashapp and on check/money order. Make checks/money orders payable to: Baltimore Area

➤ **SPECIAL EVENTS: (report accepted, see report) (17,0,0)**

- **August 5th Recovery in the Park Pt.2 Marathon and Dance @ Harlem Park Rec Center 700 N. Calhoun St. Baltimore, Maryland 21217. September 2nd Life on Life's Terms Marathon and Dance @ Forest Park Senior Center 4801 Liberty Heights Ave. Baltimore, Maryland 12107. Special Events Chair requested 2 Amendments be made on the financial report, a member was refunded money by the treasurer at the end of the event and food was paid for by cash-app, which made the numbers change in the financial report.**

➤ **OLD BUSINESS: The motion that was made and tabled last business meeting was revisited. The area chair made a motion to be reimbursed for personal monies used to get copies of the bank statements, the motion passed, GSR's voted (13,10) for the reimbursement of \$72**

➤ **NEW BUSINES: We need TRUSTED SERVANTS!!!** (Qualifications posted on website)—**Vice Chair, Secretary, BACNA Region, Phonenumber Chair, Literature Chair, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer, BACNA Liaison, Sargent@ Arms I & II**

2nd GSR count @ 12:07pm, 19 GSR's Present

- **CHAIR Update (See Report) (Report Accepted, Majority)**
- **VICE CHAIR Update (See Report) (Report Accepted, Majority)**
- **LITERATURE Update (See Report) (Report Accepted, Majority)**
- **BACNA LIAISON / BACNA BOD / BACNA Subcommittee Update(s)- (See Report)**



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- **RCM and/or Alternate RCM Report(s)** (See Report) (Report Accepted, Majority Ruled)

3rd GSR count @ 1:02 16 GSRs

➤

POLICY Subcommittee Report (See Report) (Report Accepted, Majority Ruled)

- Policy subcommittee meets virtually every 3rd Saturday at 11am

Zoom ID: **892 9038 4963** PW: **295451**

- **HOSPITALS and INSTITUTIONS Subcommittee Update** (See Report) (Majority Ruled) Proposed budget was accepted (15,0,0)

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS Subcommittee Update** (See Report) (Report Accepted, Majority Ruled)

- Public Relations (PR) subcommittee meets virtually every 4th Monday at 6pm

Zoom ID: **813 0386 6303** PW: **332720**

- **PHONE LINE Subcommittee Update** (See Report) (Majority Ruled)
- **WEB SERVANT / ALTERNATE WEB SERVANT** (See Report) (Majority Ruled)
- **FSRCNA and / or FSRNA** (N/A)

- **OPEN GROUP DISCUSSION—**

Marlo the representative for BACNA reporting the need of support.

Vacancies: Vice Chair and Vice Chair of Registration and Vice Chair of Convention Information.

BACNA Website: www.bacnaconvention.org

- **CLOSING**

- The We version of the “Serenity Prayer”

Thank you for allowing me to serve!!!

Truly Grateful

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**Baltimore Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous**

**Bank Reconciliation Statement for July 2023**

Month Ended July 31, 2023

Cash balance as per bank statement, June 30, 2023 \$ 1,153.96

Add: Deposits/refunds activity

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Deposits/Refunds</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 7/5/2023    | Deposit                 | \$ 684.00     |                    |
| 7/5/2023    | Deposit                 | \$ 300.51     |                    |
| 7/7/2023    | Deposit                 | \$ 585.85     |                    |
| 7/19/2023   | Deposit                 | \$ 322.00     |                    |
| 7/24/2023   | Deposit                 | \$ 1,077.50   |                    |
| 7/31/2023   | Interest                | \$ 0.11       |                    |

**Total deposits/refunds/interest** **\$ 2,969.97**

Net Account Balance \$ 4,123.93

Less: Cleared checks/charges

| <u>Cleared</u> | <u>Check #</u> | <u>Payee/Charge</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 6/5/2023       | 4950           | FSRSCNA             | \$ (90.00)    | RENT                |
| 7/3/2023       | 4951           | Miles Mitchell      | \$ (118.18)   | PR EVENT            |
| 7/17/2023      | 4952           | Free State Region   | \$ (100.00)   | DONATION            |
| 7/31/2023      | FEE            | HARBOR BANK         | \$ (15.00)    | MONTHLY SERVICE FEE |

Total Cleared Checks/Charges **\$ (323.18)**

**Bank statement Balance at July 31 2023** **\$ 3,800.75**

**ACTIVITIES AUGUST 2023**

**Bank statement Balance at July 31 2023** **\$ 3,800.75**

**Deposits for August**

|           |                      |           |                                                                                          |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8/2/2023  | Deposit *            | \$ 150.00 | Group Donations                                                                          |
| 8/2/2023  | Deposit - cash app * | \$ 102.00 | Cash transfer in                                                                         |
| 8/7/2023  | Deposit              | \$ 624.96 | Group Donations (\$599.96) + Area Basket (\$24.00) bank corrected from \$623.96 deposit) |
| 8/7/2023  | Deposit              | \$ 712.54 | Special Events August 5 (bank corrected balance frpm \$711.69 deposit)                   |
| 8/15/2023 | Deposit - cash app   | \$ 561.83 | Group Donations                                                                          |
| 8/18/2023 | Deposit              | \$ 50.00  | Group Donations                                                                          |
| 8/21/2023 | Deposit              | \$ 55.00  | Group Donations                                                                          |
| 8/31/2023 | Deposit - cash app   | \$ 495.50 | Cash transfer in; Including August repayment by Verlie                                   |
| 9/1/2023  | Deposit              | \$ 70.00  | Group Donations                                                                          |
| 9/1/2023  | Special Events       | \$ 254.84 | Return monies from Special Events                                                        |

Total deposits for August /September **\$ 3,076.67**

**Net Balance for 9/1/2023** **\$ 6,877.42**

**Outstanding checks/expanses**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Check #</u> | <u>Payee/Charge</u>       | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description</u>                                                        |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7/31/2023   | 4953*          | JAMES WOODSON             | \$ (300.00)   | DJ SPECIAL EVENTS                                                         |
| 7/31/2023   | 4954*          | MARIO ADRIEN              | \$ (90.00)    | BALTIMORE PARK SERVICES (SE)                                              |
| 7/31/2023   | 4955*          | MARIO ADRIEN              | \$ (15.99)    | ZOOM ACCOUNT                                                              |
| 7/31/2023   | 4956*          | LARRY THORNTON            | \$ (760.00)   | FOOD SPECIAL EVENTS                                                       |
| 7/31/2023   | 4957*          | DANIEL BURTON LLC         | \$ (300.00)   | PORT-A-POTTY BATHROOMS                                                    |
| 8/11/2023   | 4958           | FSRSCNA                   | \$ (72.40)    | STARTER KITS FOR TWO GROUPS                                               |
| 8/11/2023   | 4959           | MARIO ADRIEN              | \$ (72.00)    | REIMBURSEMENT FOR YEAR 2022 BANK STATEMENTS PER GSR APPROVED MOTION 08/05 |
| 8/11/2023   | 4960           | FSRSCNA                   | \$ (48.60)    | PHOTOCOPIES COSTS FOR AREA MEETING                                        |
| 8/11/2023   | 4961           | MARIO ADRIEN              | \$ (100.00)   | REIMBURSEMENTS FOR REFRESHMENTS AREA MEETING; UP TO \$100 PER GUIDELINES  |
| 8/11/2023   | 4962           | MARIO ADRIEN              | \$ (15.99)    | ZOOM ACCOUNT                                                              |
| 8/11/2023   | 4963           | FSRSCNA                   | \$ (90.00)    | RENT                                                                      |
| 8/11/2023   | 4964           | FOREST PARK SENIOR CENTER | \$ (150.00)   | DEPOSIT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS                                                |
| 8/11/2023   | 4965           | FREE STATE REGION         | \$ (100.00)   | DONATION                                                                  |
| 8/28/2023   | 4966           | FOREST PARK SENIOR CENTER | \$ (790.00)   | BALANCE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS                                                |
| 8/28/2023   | 4967           | DAMON RAMSEY              | \$ (350.00)   | DJ SPECIAL EVENTS                                                         |
| 9/1/2023    | 4968           | LARRY THORNTON            | \$ (150.00)   | REFRESHMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS                                           |

Total Outstanding Checks/Deposits **\$ (3,404.98)**

**Adjusted Cash Balance at 9/1/2023** **\$ 3,472.44**

**NOTE: Overlapped Items from last month report- CHECK NUMBERS And Deposit Above MARKED WITH AN ASTERIX WERE NOT INCLUDED IN JULY BANK STATEMENT**

**Please Make Checks or Money Orders out to the Baltimore Area**

**EARMARKED/BUDGETTED**

**M.A.R.L.C.NA - Once a Year (JANUARY)**

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| BASC CHAIR | \$250 |
| RCM        | \$250 |
| ALT RCM    | \$250 |

**SPECIAL EVENTS MONTHLY BUDGETTED EXPENSES** **\$1500**

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| PRUDENT RESERVE    | \$1,000 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | \$2,500 |

## HOME GROUPS – JULY DONATIONS 2023

|                                |                                         |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>RECOVERY AT THE CENTER</b>  | <b>MESSAGE OF RECOVERY</b>              | <b>GIVE ME A BREAK</b>            |
| <b>VILLAGE VOICE</b>           | <b>DOING IT AGAIN AT<br/>GREENMOUNT</b> | <b>LISTEN TO LEARN</b>            |
| <b>STRONG CONNECTIONS</b>      | <b>FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE</b>             | <b>LITTLE ITALY</b>               |
| <b>TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE</b> | <b>DO THE RIGHT THING</b>               | <b>STOP THE GAP</b>               |
| <b>SURRENDER OR DIE</b>        | <b>STEPS TO THE TRUTH</b>               | <b>JOURNEY CONTINUES</b>          |
| <b>NO MORE EXCUSES</b>         | <b>NO MATTER WHAT GROUP<br/>OF NA</b>   | <b>NO LONGER BOUND</b>            |
| <b>DONATION 1 person</b>       | <b>1000 MILE WALK GROUP</b>             | <b>ONE ADDICT HELPING ANOTHER</b> |
| <b>ARE YOU WILLING</b>         | <b>DONATION 1 person</b>                | <b>HAMILTON NOON</b>              |
| <b>MANICS SUNDAY MONDAY</b>    | <b>PROMISE IS FREEDOM</b>               | <b>A DESIRE TO CHANGE</b>         |



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BALTIMORE AREA SERVICES OF N/A  
217 N WARWICK AVE  
BALTIMORE MD 21223-1416

## Customer Service Information

Tier One Support: 1-888-229-1070  
 Contact Us By Mail: 25 W. Fayette St  
Baltimore MD 21201  
 Website: www.theharborbank.com  
 Email us: estatementssupport@theharborbank.com

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE(S)

COMING SOON to your mailbox! A New and Improved Debit Card.  
For details visit our Website [www.theharborbank.com](http://www.theharborbank.com)

## NOW - NON-PERSONAL

Account Number: XXXXXX8015

Account Owner(s): BALTIMORE AREA SERVICES OF N/A

## Balance Summary

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance as of 07/01/2023 | \$1,153.96 |
| + Deposits and Credits (6)         | \$2,969.97 |
| - Withdrawals and Debits (4)       | \$323.18   |
| Ending Balance as of 07/31/2023    | \$3,800.75 |
| Service Charges for Period         | \$15.00    |
| Average Collected for Period       | \$2,641.00 |
| Minimum Balance for Period         | \$945.00   |

## Earnings Summary

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Interest for Period Ending 07/31/2023 | \$0.11     |
| Interest Paid Year to Date            | \$0.39     |
| Annual Percentage Yield Earned (APYE) | 0.05%      |
| Average Balance for APYE              | \$2,653.85 |
| Number of Days for APYE               | 31         |

## DEPOSITS AND OTHER CREDITS

| Date   | Description                           | Deposits |
|--------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Jul 05 | DEPOSIT                               | 684.00   |
| Jul 05 | CASH APP/* CASH APP BALTIMORE AREA NA | 300.51   |
| Jul 07 | DEPOSIT                               | 585.85   |
| Jul 19 | DEPOSIT                               | 322.00   |
| Jul 24 | CASH APP/* CASH APP BALTIMORE AREA NA | 1,077.50 |



# Mobile Banking

Convenient banking from  
your mobile device.

Mobile Apps  
Text Banking  
Mobile Website





### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW: [View all our new products](#)

| Street and Number | City | State | Zip Code |
|-------------------|------|-------|----------|
|-------------------|------|-------|----------|

TYPE OF ACCOUNTS MAINTAINED AND ACCOUNT NUMBERS:

☐ Checking☐ Installment Loan☐ Safe deposit box (#)☐ Savings \_\_\_\_\_☐ Certificate☐ Other (describe below) \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL

INSTRUCTIONS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

CUT ALONG BROKEN LINE AND MAIL OR TAKE TO BANK

## RECONCILEMENT FORM

Please examine immediately and report if incorrect.

If no reply is received within 60 days the account will be considered correct.

**IN CASE OF ERRORS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS**

Telephone or write us at the telephone number or address located on the front of this statement as soon as you can, if you think your statement or receipt is wrong or if you need more information about a transfer on the statement or receipt. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent you the FIRST statement on which the error or problem appeared.

- (1) Tell us your name and account number (if any).
- (2) Describe the error or the transfer you are unsure about, and explain as clearly as you can why you believe there is an error or why you need more information.
- (3) Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

We will investigate your complaint and will correct any error promptly. If we take more than 10 business days (or more than 20 business days for an error occurring within 30 days after the first deposit was made to the account) to do this, we will recredit your account for the amount you think is in error, so that you will have the use of the money during the time it takes us to complete our investigation.

YOUR DEMAND DEPOSIT LOAN ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF RIGHTS IS OUTLINED BELOW

This is a summary of your rights; a full statement of your rights and our responsibilities under the Federal Fair Credit Billing Act will be sent to you both upon request and in response to a billing error notice.

Your Demand Deposit Loan Account is operated in conjunction with your Demand Deposit Account. Any charges for your checking account will be made to the Demand Deposit Account and they will be the same charges as are made for Demand Deposit Accounts not operated in conjunction with Demand Deposit Loan Accounts. The following information thus applies only to loans made to you under your Demand Deposit Loan Account line of credit.

**IN CASE OF ERRORS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR DEMAND DEPOSIT LOAN**

If you think your bill is wrong, or if you need more information about a transaction on your bill, write us on a separate sheet at the address located on the front of this bill as soon as possible. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent you the first bill on which the error or problem appeared. You can telephone us, but doing so will not preserve your rights. In your letter, give us the following information:

- (1) Your name and account number.
- (2) The dollar amount of the suspected error.
- (3) Describe the error and explain, if you can, why you believe there is an error. If you need more information, describe the item you are unsure about.

You do not have to pay any money in question while we are investigating, but you are still obligated to pay the parts of your bill that are not in question. While we investigate your question, we cannot report you as delinquent or take any action to collect the amount you question.

We figure a portion of the FINANCE CHARGE on your Demand Deposit Loan Account by applying the "average" daily periodic rate(s) to the "Daily Balance" of your account for the billing cycle. To get the "Average Daily Balance" we take the beginning balance of your account each day, add any new advances, and subtract any payments or credits and unpaid FINANCE CHARGES. This gives us the daily balance.

The minimum periodic payment required is shown on the front of this bill. You may pay off your Demand Deposit Loan Account loan balance at any time, or make voluntary additional payments. Payments shall be applied, first to any unpaid FINANCE CHARGES, and second to the principal loan balance outstanding in your Demand Deposit Loan Account. Periodic statements may be sent to you at the end of each billing cycle showing your Demand Deposit Loan Account loan transactions.

Send payments and inquiries to address shown on front of bill

NOTE: Payments received after close of business shall be deemed received on the following business day for purposes of crediting your account.

### CHECK 21 NOTIFICATION

If you request the return of your original checks you may receive a "Substitute Check" in response. The Substitute Check is the legal equivalent of an original check and you have rights that apply when you believe, in good faith, that a Substitute Check was not properly charged to your account. Contact your branch or call the number on the front of this statement to request a Check 21 disclosure.

**IMPORTANT:** Every statement should be checked with your own records. If no errors are reported within 60 days, your account will be considered correct.



### DEPOSITS AND OTHER CREDITS (Continued)

| Date   | Description   | Deposits |
|--------|---------------|----------|
| Jul 31 | INTEREST PAID | 0.11     |

### DEBITS AND OTHER WITHDRAWALS

| Date   | Description                | Withdrawals |
|--------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Jul 31 | SC BALANCE REQUIREMENT FEE | 15.00       |

### CHECKS PAID

\* Indicates a Skip in Check Number(s)

| Date   | Check No. | Amount | Date   | Check No. | Amount | Date   | Check No. | Amount |
|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Jul 03 | 4950      | 90.00  | Jul 03 | 4951      | 118.18 | Jul 17 | 4952      | 100.00 |

### FEE RECAP

|                          | Total For This Period | Total Year-to-Date |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Total Overdraft Fees     | \$0.00                | \$0.00             |
| Total Returned Item Fees | \$0.00                | \$35.00            |

### DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

| Date   | Balance  | Date   | Balance  | Date   | Balance  |
|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| Jul 03 | 945.78   | Jul 17 | 2,416.14 | Jul 24 | 3,815.64 |
| Jul 05 | 1,930.29 | Jul 19 | 2,738.14 | Jul 31 | 3,800.75 |
| Jul 07 | 2,516.14 |        |          |        |          |





## CHECK IMAGES

**HB** | HARDOPBANK

Checking Deposit  
DDADEP

Customer: BALTIMORE AREA SERVICES OF NA

Date: 07/05/2023    Drawer #: 203    Seq #: 13    Item Seq: 575000023360

Amount: \$ 684.00

⑆5011⑆1272⑆2100048015⑆

|            |         |          |
|------------|---------|----------|
| 07/05/2023 | Check 0 | \$684.00 |
|------------|---------|----------|

[illegible]

|            |         |          |
|------------|---------|----------|
| 07/07/2023 | Check 0 | \$585.85 |
|------------|---------|----------|

HB | MESSAGES

Customer: BALTIMORE AREA SERVICES OF MD

Date: 07/16/2023    Drawer #: 203    Seq #: 20    Item Seq: 625000034170

Amount: \$                      322.00

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|            |         |          |
|------------|---------|----------|
| 07/19/2023 | Check 0 | \$322.00 |
|------------|---------|----------|

4950

BALTIMORE AREA SERVICES OF N.A.  
217 N. WARWICK AVE.  
BALTIMORE MD 21203

DATE 7/1/83 T-103024

TO THE ORDER OF F.S.R.S.N.A. \$ 90.00

NINETY 00/100

THE HARBOR BANK  
OF MARYLAND  
BANKING FOR

TON Per M. J. Kelly

⑈004950⑈ ⑆052001772⑆ ⑆2100048045⑆

|            |            |         |
|------------|------------|---------|
| 07/03/2023 | Check 4950 | \$90.00 |
|------------|------------|---------|

4951

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BALTIMORE MD 21203

DATE 7/1/79 D-170528

Miller Mitchell \$ 118.18

PAID TO THE ORDER OF ONE hundred Eighteen 1/100 DOLLARS

**HARBOR BANK**  
BANK OF AMERICA  
BANK OF AMERICA

MT Mitchell

PA 1600

1004951 005 20017720 02100048015

|            |            |          |
|------------|------------|----------|
| 07/03/2023 | Check 4951 | \$118.18 |
|------------|------------|----------|

4952

BALTIMORE AREA SERVICES OF N.A.  
217 N. WARNICK AVE.  
BALTIMORE MD 21202

Free State Region

DATE 7/1/78

3-175020

TAX TOTAL DOLLARS \$ 100.00

ONE hundred 00/100

THE  
HARBOR BANK  
OF MARYLAND  
BALTIMORE, MD

FOR DEPOSIT ONLY

00049520 4052001778 #21000480150

|            |            |          |
|------------|------------|----------|
| 07/17/2023 | Check 4952 | \$100.00 |
|------------|------------|----------|

**August 5, 2023**

**Addendum:** New Homegroups and GSR's

New GSR's:

Kim - Serenity in the Village, 3600 Allendale Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21229

Nina – Hamilton Noon Virtual Meeting. Format: OD, Traditions, Topic, Journey Continues

Katherine L. - School of Recovery. Format: Steps, OD, Friday's 6:30pm

New Groups:

School of Recovery 4801 Liberty Heights Ave. Forrest Park Senior Building. Format: OD, Steps  
Friday's 6:30pm.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

OPERATING REPORT FOR MONTH September 2, 2023

CHAIR: Larry T.

VICE CHAIR: Chase

|                                                                                                |                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| OPERATING BALANCE: \$1,500.00                                                                  | EXPENSES/TOTALS<br>\$1,500.00 |
| RECEIPT FOR VENUE COST.                                                                        |                               |
| HELD: Harlem Park                                                                              | \$90.00                       |
| RECEIPT FOR DJ COST                                                                            | \$350.00                      |
| DJ NAME: DJ Teknine                                                                            |                               |
| OTHER ITEM(S) USED FOR EVENT: Food                                                             | \$760.00                      |
| ITEM(S) NAME: Danniel Burton LLC                                                               | \$300.00                      |
| RECEIPTS FOR SUPPLIES, FOOD, ETC.                                                              | \$505.16                      |
| RETURNED CASH/NOT SPENT                                                                        | \$254.84                      |
| TOTAL FOR ALL OPERATING COST FOR THE EVENT<br>(SHOULD EQUAL UP TO OPERATING BALANCE)           | \$1,500.00                    |
| RETURNED FROM EVENT<br>FOOD/METTING ENVELOPES/ TICKET SALES<br>\$577.46      \$134.23      N/A | \$711.69                      |

\*\*\*\*\* "The Special Events Subcommittee plans and creates events and/or functions that provide a clean, safe environment for our members to enhance the enjoyment of their recovery; to fellowship together and to promote unity."

Articles and Guidelines, page 10, January 2017

## **Baltimore Area Special Events Report**

September 2, 2023

Greetings Executive Body and GSRs,

August 5, 2023, event given by Special Events at Harlem Park recreation Center was a well-attended and a good event and unity.

- Money returned was \$711.69.
- Meeting envelopes \$134.23
- Food sales \$577.46

### **Today's event:**

"Life On Life's Terms": Marathon & Dance

Marathon: 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Count Down: 7:00pm

Dance: 7:00pm – 10:00pm (\$5.00)

Forrest Park Senior Center.

4801 Liberty Heights Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21207

### **October 7 ,2023 event:**

"Fall in Recovery" Marathon & Dance

Forest Park Senior Center

4801 Liberty Heights Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21207

In Loving Service,

Chair Larry T.

**Greetings from the Baltimore H&I Subcommittee** ~ at our August Subcommittee meeting we had a light agenda specifically discussed previous items (Prologue for the Treatment, Corrections, Behavioral facilities), Do's & Don'ts, Current Facilities on Wait List (5), PR/HI Cooperation efforts, Vacant positions for this current 2023 service year and forward.

**Current Vacant Service Positions-** Vice Chair, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Literature Coordinator, Alternate Coordinator's, Panel Leaders

**FACILITIES NEEDING SUPPORT -**

CMDS (Women's Treatment) Sunday 4-5 p.m. at 15 S. Fulton Avenue, 21223 (Alternate Coordinator and 1 Panel Leader on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday)

David's Loft - (Coed Treatment) Sunday 7-8 p.m. at 12 E. Eager Street, 21218 (2 Panel Leaders and Alternate Coordinator needed)

Gaudenzia (Coed Treatment) 4<sup>TH</sup> Friday (1 Panel Leader needed) Woodland (Men's Longterm) 1-2 Panel Leaders in rotation every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7-9 p.m.

Northwest Hospital Behavior Health Units (Coed) at 5401 Old Court Road, 21233 (2 Panel Leaders & Alternate Coordinator needed) Tuesday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Passionate Hands (Coed) 4711 Liberty Heights Avenue, 21207 (Alternate Coordinator & 1 Panel Leader needed)

Thank you for continuing to support the BASC H&I subcommittee in fulfilling our purpose, "To carry the NA message" to addicts/potential addicts in Hospitals, Treatment Centers, Corrections who do not have full access to regular NA meetings.

**More information about "Service"**, go to the Baltimore Area website at [www.baltoareana.org](http://www.baltoareana.org) click onto tab of interest to obtain additional information.

Join the H&I Subcommittee reoccurring meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, being held virtually at 12:30 p.m. Zoom ID #87963813021 PW HIMEETING or by phone at 301-715-8592 #842827276

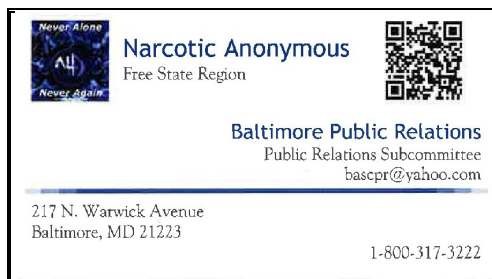
H&I Email address – [baschandi@yahoo.com](mailto:baschandi@yahoo.com)

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Charvette B.

BASC H&I Chair





## BASC Public Relations Subcommittee Report

September 2, 2023

Good afternoon, Baltimore Area Service,  
Executive Committee Members, and  
Group Service Representatives (GSRs) –

### ❖ Is NA for me?

This is a question every potential member must answer for themselves. It may help to read some of our informational pamphlets, starting with ["Am I an addict?"](#) and ["Welcome to NA"](#).

If you're an addict, NA can help. "Narcotics Anonymous offers recovery to addicts around the world. We focus on the disease of addiction rather than any particular drug. Our message is broad enough to attract addicts from any social class or nationality. When new members come to meetings, our sole interest is in their desire for freedom from active addiction and how we can be of help." (*It Works: How and Why*, "Third Tradition") If you're planning to attend your first meeting, you may also be interested in IP #29, ["An Introduction to NA Meetings."](#) NA World Services – For the Public.

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- I. The August 2023 Public Relations Subcommittee meeting was held on Monday, August 28. This was a virtual meeting. The meeting opened and closed with the "We" version of the Serenity Prayer. Regular Subcommittee meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month on Zoom at 6 pm.
- II. **Space for NA meeting in East Baltimore:** Daniel Washington sent a message to the Webservant stating that his church has space that could be used for NA meetings. Tel: 443-754-9757.
- III. **East Baltimore Community Awareness and Back to School Rally:** Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Saturday, Aug. 19 12 – 6 pm, 1100 N Eden St, Baltimore, MD was a great success. Thanks PR members for your service.
  - a. A PR member suggested that we maybe purchase refrigerator magnets to hand out during community events.
  - b. In addition to magnets, we discussed purchasing pens and other handouts, in addition to an updated schedule/meeting list.

IV. **Calls for New Meetings:**

- a. New/Recent Meetings; New Locations (see flyers on [baltoareana.org](http://baltoareana.org) website):
  - i. School of Recovery: started on Friday, Aug. 11. The meeting is Fridays 6:30 – 8 pm at Forest Park Senior Center, 4801 Liberty Heights Ave.
  - ii. Men Coming Together: started on Sat. Aug. 5. The meeting is Saturdays 1:00 – 2:30 pm at the Penn North Center, 2500 Pennsylvania Ave.
  - iii. We received a request for a new community meeting for Saturdays, 3:00 on St. Paul Place – LGBTQ friendly. TBD

V. **PR - H&I Workshop:** This Saturday, Sep. 2, 2023 from 12-1:00 in conjunction with Special Events.

- a. We also discussed proposing the Learning Day concept to be held in conjunction with Special Events
  - i. PR would suggest topics that coincide with all subcommittee areas of interest; e.g.,
    - 1. “Staying Clean Behind the Walls” (H&I),
    - 2. “Stressed Out, Nowhere to Turn” (Phoneline),
    - 3. “Concepts” (Policy) ... etc.
- b. We may want to strive for October or November 2023.

VI. **Upcoming Events:**

- a. Tuerk Conference 2023 – October 12, 2023 – FSRNA has paid for registration. This will be a virtual event.

Gratefully–In Service,

s/ Miles M.

Miles M.

Chair, BASC Public Relations Subcommittee



**RCM MONTHLY REPORT**  
**Baltimore Area Service Center of Narcotics Anonymous**  
**217 N. Warwick Avenue**  
**Baltimore, MD 21223**

**September 2, 2023**

**Greetings Baltimore Area Exe. Body and GSRs**

**This is the Baltimore. Area RCM. Monthly report. The Regional meeting was held on 08/12/2023 -11;00am at the Free- State Service Center 7area were present, including the RCM 2 of the Baltimore Area.**

**Elections were held for Sub Comm. positions and went as follows... /  
TREASURER -Michelle was elected. V TREASURER - Vacant / Secretary -  
Rodney was elected /Alt. Secretary- Vacant / POLICY FACILITATOR- Shelly was  
elected / H&I -Vacant / PHONE LINE CHAIR - Chuck was elected. /  
LITERATURE CHAIR - Peggy was elected / SPECIAL EVENTS - Vacant / PR -  
Vacant./ CHAIR - Ariel was elected / V CHAIR - Vacant / CONVENTION  
BOARD - Molly was  
affirmed.**

**FREESTATE REGION SUB COMMITTEE  
REPORTS.**

- 1 - CHAIR: Ariel reported that a website was created where all reports can be seen  
online**  
**2 - V CHAIR - No reports given**

**3- REGIONAL DELEGATE** - John reported that there are now jobs available online for NAWS. That we have no facilitator or secretary positions filled for our Zone, but that Randy is rotating along with John for six months until positions can be filled. Also, John is trying to put together another website. The next webinar meeting for RD's will be held on 09/23/2023.

**4 - CONVENTION REPORT** - Rachael reported that Free State Convention registration is now open and that all meal deals are as well. Molly of the Northeast Freedom Area was voted on and affirmed by the Region o filled the vacant position on the Convention Board.

**5 - SERVICE CENTER** - Frank reported that the Center is fully stocked, and that sales have picked up. Frank states that the Service Center received a donation of \$55,000 from the Circle of Sisters Frank issued a copy of the Center's Financial report and standings with an available balance of their Business Checking account available balance at \$81,159.93.

**6 - CONVENTION CORP>** The World Convention (POWER OF LOVE) is in motion. Registration will not g o line until the last quarter of the year. Over 1500 volunteers are needed. Information can be found on the website WorldNa.org. There's a WORLD UNITY RECOVERY web meeting being held @3:30pm EST on 09/02/2023 where the World will join for a SERENITY PRAYER.

**7 - H & I** -Michael says that he only had the EAST OF THE BAY area showing up and that H&I is really struggling to get participation. He also says that there are a lot of Rogue meetings going into facilities.

**8 - PHONE LINE - N.E FREEDOM & BAY AREA** were the only two areas that has been showing up and states that there are 104 time slots available, and that they only have 2 overnight volunteers. The Phone Line Chair stepped down stating that commitment was fulfilled but will still be available for any assistance needed.

**9 - LITERATURE COMM>** - Peggy reported that they are moving their Zoom meeting from 7:30 pm to 6:30pm and that they are now active and meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Their goal is also to bring back the TOGETHER WE CAN NEWSPAPER.

*10 - PR - Four arears have not received Billboards and, they want to create a Spanish Speaking 12-Step caller. / TREASURER - Michelle reported that the expenses paid for the month was Rent & Phone Line = \$621.03 / Prudent Reserve= \$2,358 / RD Reserve = \$2000 / and \$6,820.86 was earmarked as donation to the WSC. The Baltimore Area donated \$100 to Free State Region*

**OLD**

**BUISNESS**

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*One motion that had been tabled was passed.*

**NEW**

**BUISNESS**

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*Motion was made and passed requesting that Free State fund for PR set up at the TUERK Conference*

*Grateful to Serve*

*ANDRE R*





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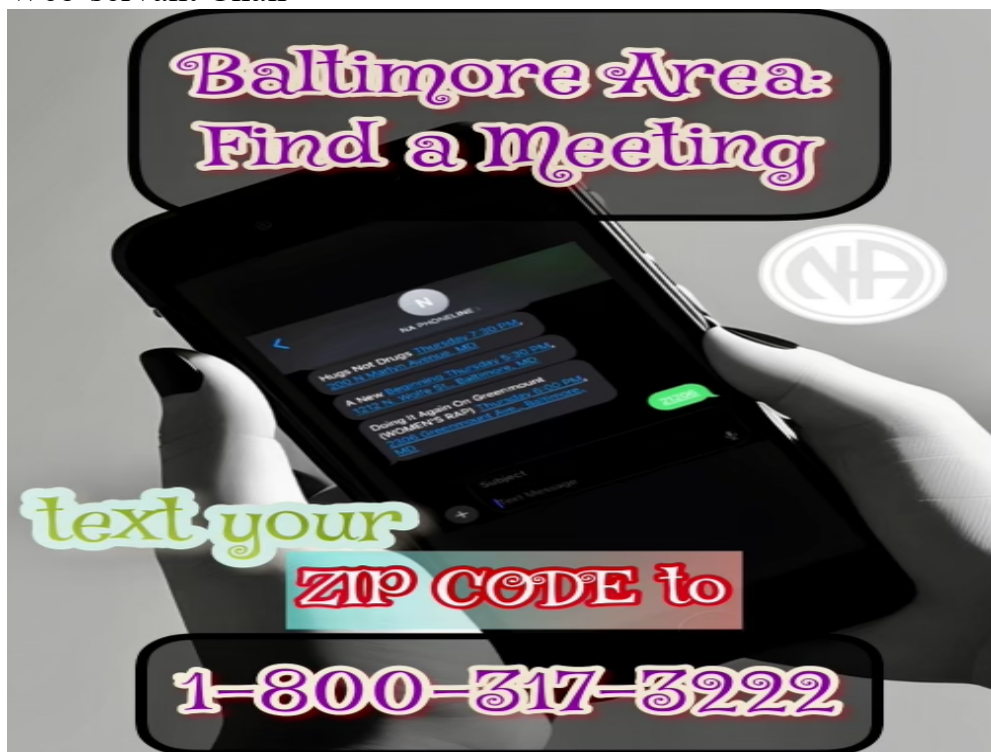
September 2, 2023

Greeting BASC Area,

Thank you for allowing me to serve. I will do what is needed to be of service in this position. I would also like to thank all our members for being of service. Thank you for your time and commitment to service. We encourage all members to come aboard and take on a commitment “...*because we can only keep what we have by giving it away*”.

The website is currently up and running. We are currently at **0152765** views. My intention is to keep the Baltimore Area well informed with information concerning our fellowship. For monthly updates (committee meetings, events, etc.) I encourage all members to review the calendar and the section labeled Upcoming Events @ <https://www.baltoareana.org/>. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via email [bascwebservant@yahoo.com](mailto:bascwebservant@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Best Regards,  
Kia B.  
Web-servant Chair





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# Baltimore Area Special Events

proudly presents

# "Fall In Recovery" MARATHON!

Topic: Acceptance



# Dance



## SATURDAY, OCT. 7, 2023

Marathon: 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Open Mic: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Dance: 8:00 - 10:00 pm (Dance: \$5.00)

## Forest Park Senior Center

4801 Liberty Heights Ave.

Balto., MD 21207 (Lime Bus Line)

*DJ Donnell Morgan - Open Mic*

*Food & Drinks on Sale*



**Cash app \$BASCNA For "Special Events"**

NO CHILDREN ALLOWED — NO VENDORS

Contact info: Chair: Larry T. 410-500-0266

Vice Chair: Chase 443-447-1380

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# BACNA XV



FUNDRAISING  
& ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

PRESENTS A

## New Year's Eve Gala! 2023



SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 31, 2023

9:00 PM - 1:00 AM

**BEST WESTERN PLUS**

5625 O'DONNELL STREET • BALTIMORE, MD 21224

**Tickets: \$60.00**  
**ADVANCE ONLY!**

No Tickets Sold At Door  
Limited Seats Available!

Methods of payment:  
cash app - \$BACNAinc or  
paypal - BACNA2016@gmail.com

Tickets available on website:  
[www.bacnaconvention.org](http://www.bacnaconvention.org)  
or at the Service Center

For ticket info, call:  
F&E Chair: Glenda L. 443-622-0266  
Convention Chair:  
Renee F. 443-280-4116

*Includes:*

*Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Desserts*

*DJ - Dancing*

*Party Favors*

*Noisemakers*

(Dinner will be served from 10:00 pm - 11:30 pm)

*Attire: Semi-Formal*

*No Alcohol Allowed - No Tennis, Boots,  
Jeans or Athletic Wear*

*"Dress To Impress"*

### Room Reservation Information

Group Room Rate:  
Single or Double \$109.00  
Triple \$119.00  
Quad \$129.00

Method of Reservation:  
Please call 410-633-9500  
Mention BACNA XV to  
guarantee the discount room rate.

Cut-Off Date:  
All reservations must be  
received by  
**November 15, 2023**

**NA Meetings Jan. 1st  
from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm**





# Together We Can

N.A. GROUPS OF THE FREE STATE REGION NEWSLETTER

217 N. Warwick Avenue • Baltimore, Maryland 21223

**Regional Hot-Line: 1-800-317-3222**

TOGETHER WE CAN

SEPT. 2023

## Thought for the Month

*"By sharing our experience, strength, and hope with other addicts,  
we provide a powerful example for newcomers to follow."*

*(Just for Today, July 1st)*

Acronym of the Month

**P R I D E**

**P** EOPLE  
**R** EREFUSING  
**I** NFORMATION  
**D** ESPITE  
**E** VIDENCE



"Gratitude is not just  
a mood. It is a course  
of action, a way of  
setting ourselves in  
relation to the world."

*From Living Clean, pg. 63"*

## N.A. HISTORY

DID YOU KNOW ... Another version of the NA  
symbol designed by Jimmy. In this symbol, it is  
clear the lines were meant to serve as directional  
markings such as those found on ....

*Have you done any  
**SERVICE WORK** lately?*

There are lots of ways to serve  
the fellowship ...

Choose a subcommittee and  
get involved, you'll be  
grateful you did!

**GO TO:**

***freestatena.org***  
**FOR ZOOM & LIVE  
NA MEETINGS**

*Editors for the Sept. issue  
of "Together We Can"*

Jonelle L. - Baltimore  
Milton W. - Baltimore  
Peggy S. - NEFA

# N.A. Readers Write

The following articles are the opinions of the writers, and do not represent the opinion of this committee or the fellowship as a whole. We have given permission to all other Service Boards and Committees of the Fellowship of Narcotics Anonymous to reprint any material appearing in this publication.

## Being Clean Is Not Enough

I recall this question being on my 1st Step and I was fairly new when I started doing step work. But even back then I understood that recovery was about more than just not using drugs.

I didn't learn that the easy way though. Over the many years of trying to do things my way, I had numerous brief periods when I was able to abstain from drug use. I even went 8 1/2 years without using my drug of choice. Yet, I had no clue what recovery was about, and I surely didn't want to hear anything about me being an addict. I was arrogant, verbally abusive and a downright miserable and insecure person.

I was employed, established and "socially acceptable", so why should I ever consider the problem was me? Blaming others was much easier than looking at myself. I had accomplished many academic, financial and materialistic goals, but I never really learned how to live life on its own terms. Our program says we have to change "completely" or risk going back to active addiction. Too bad I didn't know back then, because when things didn't go my way I medicated my feelings or tried to escape reality with drugs, sex and anything else. I ended up losing almost everything except my life.

Sure, I could get clean but I could never deal with the feelings without going back to using. The program has taught me that recovery is about changing who I am as a person. Changing the way I think, my attitudes and my behaviors. I've also learned that recovery is about becoming free. Free to be the best I can be. Freedom from shame and guilt and freedom to live true to the morals and values I abandoned during active addiction.

I know that getting clean must come first and **continuous abstinence** is the foundation on which my recovery is built, but just for today living the program involves much more than being clean. Acquiring clean time is just one of many parts of the recovery process, **not recovery itself.**

Anonymous

(Reprinted from "Inside the Rooms" March 2002)

## It Changed My Life

There is a thing called recovery that changed my life. Many changes, much drama. Many disappointments, a lot of serenity has happened to me through my recovery. It was about 2 1/2 years ago that something happened to me, that brought me to my knees and I finally surrendered. Something that changed me forever. Someone I thought who I knew how to live life made a wrong decision and went to jail. This person I am sharing about is me. I was gone for two months, which felt like two years, and this was my first time at the age of 39. I felt so alone and the best thing I could do was the hardest thing I had to do. I had to admit that my life was unmanageable and face the fact that I am a criminal due to my using. The whole time I was locked up, so much happened to me. Something so indescribable filled my heart and soul. Today I know it was my Higher Power.

Today NA is my inspiration to live life on life's terms. Being in recovery has showed me that people such as myself make mistakes. Life goes on and this beautiful thing called Narcotics Anonymous has made me see life as something beautiful waiting for me. Just for today I don't have to be perfect. All I need is the desire to stop using.

Debbie A.

(Reprinted from "Got Recovery in Step" March 2002)





## N.A. Readers Write

### AND GOD SAID...NO

I asked God to take away my PRIDE, and God said "No".  
 He said it was not for him to take away,  
 but for me to give up.  
 I asked God to make my handicapped child WHOLE,  
 and God said "No".  
 He said her spirit was whole, her body  
 was only temporary.  
 I asked God to grant me PATIENCE, and God said "No".  
 He said patience is a by-product of tribulations,  
 it isn't granted, it is earned.  
 I asked God to give me HAPPINESS, and God said "No".  
 He said He gives me blessings, happiness is up to me.  
 I asked God to spare me PAIN, and God said "No".  
 He said suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and  
 brings you closer to Me.  
 I asked God to make my SPIRIT grow,  
 and God said "No".  
 He said I must grow on my own,  
 but He will prune me to make me fruitful.  
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy LIFE,  
 and God said "No".  
 He said I will give you life, that you may enjoy all things.  
 I asked God to help me LOVE others,  
 as much as He loves me,  
 And God said "Ah, finally you have the idea".

Anonymous

(Reprinted from "Straight Hope" April 1998)

### "Sound Off"

#### QUESTION FOR NEXT MONTH

**How has working with a sponsor helped  
your recovery?**

### How It Works

Utter confusion, Misery and Pain,  
 Humiliation, Remorseful, Ashamed;  
 Dreaded to face the light of each day;  
 Not wanting to hear what people would say.  
 Like where is your willpower, where is your pride;  
 They don't understand that deep down inside  
 I wish I knew the answer to give,  
 And how to find the courage to live.  
 I had taken the pills they told me I should;  
 I tried all the cures but they did no good.  
 I made many promises and meant them too,  
 But the compulsion to use is stronger than you.  
 One day a friend happened to say:  
 "I know the answer, I can show you the way;  
 All it takes is an open mind;  
 Believe what you hear from your own kind."  
 I went to a meeting. They read chapter 4,  
 The steps made more sense. Hope was revived.  
 I saw living proof of what faith can do.  
 It worked for them; why not you?  
 One day at a time they told me to live;  
 They said, "ease does it and learn to forgive;  
 Be humble, be honest and help when you can;  
 Pass on what you learn to some other person."  
 I heard them repeat the serenity prayer,  
 And soon learned all my answers were there.  
 Now, when someone asks, "can miracles be?"  
 May I always reply, "take a look at me."

With NA Love,  
 Joel S.

Chatt. Town Tn.

Submitted by Wildman Steve

(Reprinted from "Together We Can" March 1986)

*My Higher Power put me  
 on earth to accomplish a  
 certain number of things.  
 Right now I am so far behind  
 I will never die.*





## WORD SEARCH

Everyone seems to like these so ...

articles  
contributions  
help  
publish  
shame  
guilt  
neglect  
Learning Day

service  
commitment  
submit  
perseverance  
procrastinate  
poems  
sharing  
experience

strength  
hope  
newcomer  
oldtimer  
program  
faith  
growth  
In Step

*(Reprinted from "In Step" May 1998)*

**Have You Called  
An N.A. Member  
Today?**



## Step Eight

[Excerpt from, "Basic Text"]

*"We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."*

The Eighth Step presents us with a problem. Many of us have difficulty admitting that we caused harm for others, because we thought we were victims of our addiction. Avoiding this rationalization is crucial to the Eighth Step. We must separate what was done to us from what we did to others.

## Tradition Eight

[Excerpt from, "It Works How and Why"]

*"Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."*

Tradition Eight reminds us that our members need no professional credentials to be effective in carrying the NA message. The heart of the NA way of recovery from addiction is one addict helping another. We have no certified NA counselors; our varied experiences in recovery from drug addiction are all the credentials we need.



EDITOR TO READERS:

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**Have You  
Called An  
N.A. Member  
Today?**



### **WANTED!**

**DESCRIPTION:** Art, poems, cartoons, short stories, articles, ideas, comments, anniversaries, gratitude lists, etc. by recovering addicts.

**SALARY:** If what you have to say touches even one addict, your reward will be immeasurable!

**PS** We at "Together We Can" must have a release form for any original Reader's Writes.

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