

Summer 2022- June, July, August

PIPELINE

COVERING NEWS FOR SCTA OF COCAINE ANONYMOUS

San Antonio Austin Laredo The Valley Kerrville Cedar Park



PREAMBLE

Cocaine Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.

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HOTLINE INFO



These phone numbers are available to anyone with questions about recovery.

If you would like to be added to the hotline phone list, please contact:

hotline@ca-scta.org

San Antonio – (210) 232-6382

Kerrville – (830) 719-4889

Austin (512) 339-4357

The Valley (956) 255-2576

Laredo (956) 413-6588

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GROUP DONATIONS

Area

Sisters in Action SA (Jessi) \$50 / Area

Stepsisters (Leia) \$100 / Area

7th Tradition Area Meeting Cash \$90 / Area

7th Tradition Area Meeting Cashapp \$60 / Area

Drop Kick Rocks (John C) \$150 / Area

4th Dimension Group – McAllen \$50 / Area

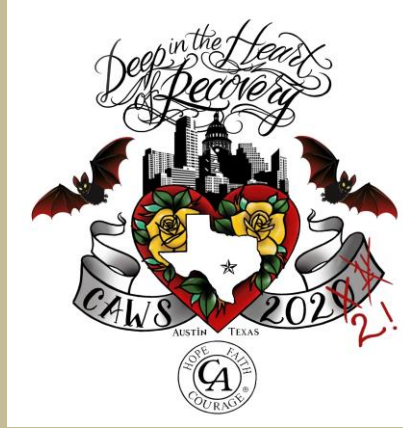
H&I Donations:

No donations received.

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CAWS 2022 Austin



Hey SCTA! On May 26, 2022 at 10:00 am Central time, we opened Registration for checking into the CAWS 2022 Convention. The twice-postponed event was finally happening!!! I have to admit, I had some nerves about it because I just knew someone would say “You better get this right. You’ve had long enough to get it done.” That certainly was true but my more spiritual side convinced me that everyone was going to be so happy to be together and the plans were rock solid. It was bound to be a huge success. AND IT WAS!!

For those of you that were able to attend, thank you and I hope you felt the comradery and love that was flowing through the entire event. I kept telling anyone who would listen for years about how this was going to change your life and did I ever see that happen...right before my eyes!!!

In a couple of weeks, the recordings of the speakers and workshops will be available online to everyone. There is no charge to any member of the fellowship who wishes to get them.

I got all kinds of praise for the event, but the truth...the real truth... is that YOU made this happen. We never could have even put the bid together without approval from SCTA. We would never have been able to hang on for 2 extra years without the love, support, commitment of all on the Committees and all the planning in the world wouldn't have mattered if you hadn't shown up. Because of all that, stand proud and be recognized for earning over \$102,000.00 to support Cocaine Anonymous!!!

Susan L.

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AREA NOMINATIONS

Current nominations for area chairs:

Chips & Literature

Hospitals & Institutions

Hot Line

Structure and Bylaws

Unity Chairpersons

Please visit www.ca-scta.org to view the Structure requirements.

We hope this is helpful and please consider stepping up for our area.

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UNITY EVENTS

Traditions Workshop

June 18, 2022

1pm – 5p

1018 E. Grayson

San Antonio, TX 78208

Workshop lead by local, Area, And World Members. Food, Fellowship, Fun and Prizes join in Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7082421536>. Meeting ID: 708 242 1536 no password.

CA World Unity Committee 2023 Celebrate Around The World: Theme “RECOVERY ON MY MIND”

Are you creative? Would you like to see your logo and artwork on flyers and t-shirts? Then this opportunity is for you!!! World unity committee is looking for submissions for the 2023 World Convention. Check out the flyer at ca-scta.org for submission requirements.

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SUBMISSIONS

Experience, Strength & Hope

What got me into the rooms of Cocaine Anonymous?

My name is Ken M. I was a crack addict for seven years before I found the desperation to do something about my addiction. Like many of us my addiction got worse and worse over time. First, I was taking things to pawn shops. Then I was getting payday loans. I wrote checks to pay my bills and then drew out all of the money for crack before all of the checks cleared the bank. My bills piled up and my life became more and more unmanageable. Never before in my life had I needed to ask someone for help paying my bills. That may not seem like a big deal, but to me it was. I owed \$675.00 to the light company. I had received the final notice with the cutoff date. I had no money. I had to call my mom who had no idea that I was even an addict. I remember sitting in my truck and confessing to her that I was a crack addict. I broke down in the truck and told her that I needed the money to pay my light bill. She gave it to me. I paid the light bill. Then I went to the Rio Grande Council and got evaluated. They sent me to a counselor. He was a LCDR. He was an addict in recovery. He directed me to a CA meeting in the next town over. I actually made it to the meeting without using and missing the meeting. God was watching over me. There was only one person there that night. He had something I wanted, three years clean and sober. We talked. He became my sponsor. I did the work and stayed clean. My sobriety date in March 24, 2006.

Ken M.

How it all began...It began with a horrifying drug & alcohol problem that I had no control of during my teens. In my early 20s, my usage became stronger. This "problem" that I had in the early stages of my drinking & using life was fun & sociable. Then as my life got into the mid-20s, I started using and drinking a little harder. Somewhere after my mid-20s, my using and drinking was out of control. In my 30s, my addiction and alcoholism was full-blown and I could not stop even if I wanted to.

As time went on my life became a dangerous and horrible mess. By now, I had lost my family, my job, and my trust to all the people around me. As I got to my upper 30s, my life was totally unmanageable. I had no idea that my addiction was out of control. All of a sudden, I am in deep trouble with society. I had lost several friends to drug and alcohol overdoses and jail-time. I tried several ways to stop my addiction and alcoholism.

One last chance in life, I sought help at an outpatient clinic. I was given the phone number for Cocaine Anonymous (CA) as a last resort. Thank God I made that phone call to CA. I was given instructions on how to get to that meeting that night. As I show up and walk in this meeting, I see a person I used to party with. He welcomes me with a hug and told me, "You finally made it here" and asked me, "Do you want what we have...freedom from our horrible unmanageable life?" I responded, "Yes!"

He purchased me a big book, the big book of AA and he asked me, "Are you ready to work this steps that are suggested in this book?" I told him yes. Twenty one years later, I have been freed from the horrible drug and alcohol life I had. I am truly grateful for this man and CA. My life today as we speak consists of spirituality, family, work, and CA meetings. My life is happy, joyous, and free!

Daniel

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My last few months of using were the worst my goals were wake up, figure out how I was going to score and how soon could I get started using. With no income and limited resources to pawn getting money was very difficult. After a day and all-night binge my wife gave me an ultimatum. Get help and I will support you or get the hell out of my house. I had gotten the hot line number from my sister, so I called it and the person who answered the call directed me to another person for further information. While talking to that individual I asked on several occasions. When is your next meeting? Every time I go the same response "Tonight at 7pm" guess I was going to a meeting that night.

My first meeting I was escorted by my wife she wanted to make sure I attended the meeting, and I really did not mind that she was with me because by this time I was desperate to get sober. When the meeting started all, I could hear was "GOD" I was thinking to myself what did I get into, but being that my wife was there I had to sit it out and listen. As the meeting progressed and people started to share, I began to feel as if these individuals had been looking at me because their stories were very similar to mine and at that point, I did my 1st step I admitted that I was a Cocaine Addict.

That same night I got me a sponsor arranged to meet with him the following Monday to discuss the sponsorship process. When we meet, I was gifted a Big Book, supplies for step work, and instructions on what was expected of me, this was over 4 years ago and with my HIGER POWER, CA Group, Meetings, Fellowship, and my family I have been able to remain drug and alcohol free.

Eloy

Up in Blaze

I woke up one day with only two hours of sleep when my boss called to fire me. I thought, "Finally, an excuse to get high all day."

I started smoking marijuana in Boston, where everyone smokes. You could stroll onto a street and smell skunk for blocks. I loved hiding in my room and blazing at a Tarantino movie and the enthusiast that could break down the difference between a hybrid and an Indica. I loved being high all day and night with Mary Jane.

After the phone call, I threw a pity party and called my guy for something to take my mind off the pain. Not too long after my drugs arrived, I started to feel better and even applied for a couple of jobs on Indeed. Twenty-four hours later, I got a call for a job. The problem was that they wanted a drug test. I knew I was in trouble. It took me a year to land the job I had. I stopped smoking and started drinking till I was clean. It hit me that I would be out of work for a long time. The cycle restarted. I feared all programs because I was in denial about my addiction, but I knew my life was unmanageable. My lust for Mary Jane took over me. I became a curmudgeon. I stopped talking to friends. I became violent when I had nothing on me. I hated this life. I googled meetings and found myself at a humble little spot that took me in and found me a wunderkind sponsor who helped me through the steps and kept me five months sober. I am thankful for CA and grateful for the life I have now.

Mathew

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Future Submissions Scan QR Code to Submit

November Newsletter Theme

**Tell us about your World Convention Experience. Did it
impact your life?**



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UPCOMING C.A. EVENTS

Atlantic North Regional Convention

July 1-4 2022

New York Hilton Midtown

1335 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY

2022 TASGC Convention

Aug. 12-14 2022

Hyatt Regency Houston West

13210 Kathy Freeway

Houston, TX

CA AZ Area Convention

Aug. 19-21 2022

DoubleTree by Hilton

5401 N. Scottsdale Rd.

Scottsdale, AZ

Recovery in the Rockies Convention

Sept. 9-11 2022

Salt Lake City Downtown Marriott

Salt Lake City, UT

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Florida Area C.A. Convention

Sept. 16-18 2022

Embassy Suites by Hilton Fort Lauderdale

1100 SE 17th St.

Fort Lauderdale, FL

28th Annual C.A. Midwest Regional Convention

Nov. 4-6 2022

The DoubleTree By Hilton

175 Hutchinson Ave.

Worthington, Ohio

Thus We Grow – CA European Regional Convention 2023

March 24-26 2023

Celtic Manor Resort

Newport, South Wales NP18 1HQ, UK

37th Annual C.A. World Service Convention

May 25-29 2023

Atlanta Marriott Marquis

265 Peachtree Center Ave. NE

Atlanta, GA

Registration now open: <https://caws2023.org/>

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