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# 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](mailto: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:

Properly Armed SA 9/17 \$50/Area

4<sup>th</sup> Dimension Group McAllen 9/17 \$25/Area

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Area Meeting 9/17 \$66/Area

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition CashApp Area Meeting 9/17 \$57/Area

Happy Hour Austin 9/17 \$200/Area

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Area Meeting 11/19 \$34/Area

Heart and Soul Sisters 11/19 \$150/Area

Properly Armed SA 11/19 \$50/Area

Through the Wringer SA 11/19 \$50/Area

Sister in Action SA 11/19 \$40/Area

Drop Kick Rocks 11/19 \$75/Area

Heart and Soul Sisters Austin 11/19 \$25/PI Fund

H&I Donations:

Drop Kick Rocks \$100

Heart and Soul Sisters \$50

Austin H&I Committee \$400

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# CAWS 2023 Atlanta

May 25 – 29, 2023



37<sup>th</sup> 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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# AREA NOMINATIONS

## Current nominations for area chairs:

Archivist: Liz T., Shane M.

Vice Chairperson: Charly H., Tammy L., Ira H.

Treasurer: Mat. M

Chips & Literature: Charly H.

Internet: Alex A., Kenyon W. Alec M.

Newsletter: Ken M., Mallory O.

Public Information: Lela M.

Alternate Delegate: Mat M., Liz T.

Please visit [www.ca-scta.org](http://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

This was very busy last two months. The entire area came together to plan the 5th annual C.A. Campaigning trip adventure. A committee was formed and met bi-weekly via zoom to plan this event. This year's Camping trip was conveniently located along the Guadalupe River outside of New Braunfels. The committee took all the things that made the previously years Camping trips so successful and integrated a few exciting new activities. The committee put together a guided hike, tubing, Karaoke, talent show, volleyball tournament, bocce ball tournament. The event drew 160 guests to the three-day event. We had speakers from across the area share there hope, faith, and courage.

San Antonio Unity hosted a 40th Anniversary party on Monday November 14th. The party was a white dressed party that over 60 guests attended. The event featured 3 speakers, DJ, Raffles, and a Unity slide show. The event raised over \$550.00 to SA Unity. The event was outside at the beautiful Los Patios location. The event was a huge success. The event kicked off the week long celebration of C.A. 40th Anniversary.

The C.A. Area 40th Anniversary will begin following the Area meeting in McAllen, TX. The event featured speakers, music and some great local tex-mex. This was the first Unity event ever to be hosted in South Texas. We are hopeful

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that this will lead to many more in the upcoming year. Unity is already hard at work planning an event in Austin. Unity will be having a drag show and beach party in the upcoming year.

**\$\$\$ Treasure Hunt \$\$\$**

This is a new feature of the newsletter. Somewhere, imbedded in the newsletter are two questions. The answers will be in one of the archived newsletters. If you find the answer, write it on an index card and be the first one to give it to the newsletter chairperson at the area meeting. Two winners, \$10 each Happy Hunting!

Congrats to the winner of the Fall Edition of \$Treasure Hunt\$

Bea B. from San Antonio

\$20.00

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# Pipeline Nostalgia

(This Feature will appear when there are NO SUBMISSIONS)

As looked into her eyes, I saw sadness, hope, despair, faith, uncertainty, and courage. Most of all, I saw willingness. Willingness to go to any length to stay sober. I can remember being in the state. I can remember saying those words, "I will go to any length to stay sober". Those words marked the beginning of my never-ending journey through sobriety. She has no idea what she is about to embark on. This journey will include: a new approach to life, a new thinking plane, and most importantly, a life changing experience without drugs and alcohol. That was my experience as well as my sponsors, and their sponsor's. As I sit with my sponsee for hours, I see myself, my addiction, my soul, and a newfound relationship. Who was the newsletter chair for the pipeline in spring 2012? I will never allow myself to let go of this feeling- a new spiritual experience. Without her knowing, every time we talk and cry, I get closer to God. I experience a new spiritual connection with God. And I hope she does too. Until then, her level of faith has guided her to two months of sobriety. And I am grateful for another newcomer, especially another young woman recognizing her addiction and the solution.

We do the work that most won't do. Listening to discussions, counting votes, asking questions, figuring out how to stretch the money to help the newcomers in our meetings, it is easy to forget how we got here, why we are here and why it's important. When I first started going to meetings, I didn't really give much thought to where my dollar was going or who made that decision. I just did it because everybody else did. I started attending group consciences and realized that the coffee and meeting place did not just magically appear along with the pamphlets and my first Big Book, which I did not have to pay for. We sent money on to Area, but I did not know what that bought us or what those Area meetings had to do with my meeting. I thought it must consist of the political muckety-mucks who tell us how to do things and keep us in line, much like corporate retail. At 7 months sober I became a GSR and attended my first Area meeting. All I could figure out was that there were a bunch of committees that all needed money. For what, I wondered. Well, when I became a chair of one of those Area committees, I found out. Hotline needs money to keep the phone lines open so that when some terrified brother or sister has made the brave decision to put the straw, the pipe or the needle down and pick up the phone to ask for help instead, they can get a hold of a life-line - the voice of a recovered addict. Public Information needs money so that when a drug addict finds him or herself in court, they can see C.A. pamphlets instead of just a bunch of stuff about alcohol, which they stopped drinking a long time ago. Public Information also needs money so that the

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tweeker sitting on the couch alone at 4 am watching infomercials is greeted with a way out - a public service announcement. Hospitals and Institutions needs money so that the patient in a state funded facility who has only heard "just change your environment and avoid those triggers and you'll be just fine", can hear and read about a solution that has worked for millions. Internet needs money so that the lost can find their way back to us, no matter where they are, just by looking up a meeting in whatever town they're in. Newsletter doesn't need money, but something that's harder to come by - support, so that addicts can relate to each other across city limits. Chips and Literature needs money to be able to provide the newcomer with a keytag - something solid to hold onto for dear life. Unity needs money to throw events that show the newcomers that sobriety isn't boring and that the smile that's been missing for years can come back all at once on a Camping trip with their fellows. The delegates need money so they can go to the World Service Conference where they sit in nonstop business meetings for days in order to represent our needs and show the world that we're recovering here in south central Texas too. Last, but most importantly, other groups need money so they can keep the lights on for the addicts who Can't even afford to throw a quarter in the basket. What iconic symbol appeared on the logo of the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Southwest Regional Conv.? Sitting in these, often boring and frustrating business meetings, I keep showing up and asking questions and participating, because I know that this is a part of the higher purpose to which I've been called. When I remember all the good, we can do, it doesn't seem so boring or frustrating anymore. It feels like an honor and a privilege.

The reaper was standing at my door As I was lying on the floor Death to me didn't seem so bad Now I am back from that foreign land There was light I could finally see It said take the steps and walk with me I will save you from your war You won't have to suffer anymore Finally there was a power greater than me It helped restore my sanity It reached down and kept me warm It was my shelter from the storm

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Experience, Strength & Hope

Future Submissions Scan QR Code to Submit

Spring Newsletter Theme:

With Valentine's Day just around the corner...relationships can be tough in sobriety. What have you done to grow, change and be a better person in all your relationships – not just the romantic ones?



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# UPCOMING C.A. EVENTS

Thus We Grow – C.A. European Regional Convention 2023

March 24-26 2023

Celtic Manor Resort

Newport, South Wales NP18 1HQ, UK

Pacific Northwest Regional Conference

March 31st – April 2nd, 2023

Double Tree Suites – Southcenter

Seattle, WA 98188

206-849-4521

Southwest Regional Convention

April 21–23 2023

Wyndham Garden Hotel

2001 S. Meridian Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73108

405-500-0701

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