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COVERING NEWS FOR SCTA OF COCAINE ANONYMOUS

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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.

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

GROUP DONATIONS

Area Donations:

A Vision For You 7/5 - \$1,186.00 4th Dimension Group McAllen 7/15 - \$50 Spiritual Lines Corpus Christi 7/15 - \$100 Bottom Line Austin 7/15 - \$97 Area Meeting 7th Tradition 7/15 - \$101

H&I Donations:

Austin H&I Committee - \$100 Happy Hour - \$100 Heart & Soul Sisters - \$75 Recovery Text - \$90 Sisters In Action - \$100 Tammy - \$5

CAWS 2024 Holland

Hope Faith and Courage

38th Annual C.A. World Service Convention

July 11 – 15, 2024

The 2024 World Convention of Cocaine Anonymous (C.A.) is coming to Holland!!!!!! Our World Convention will bring together C.A. members from all around the world to share their experience, strength, and hope. The 2024 convention is scheduled to take place in Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands, from 11 till 15 July, under the theme of "Hope, Faith, Courage." For those who are not able to physically attend the convention we will have a tailored online experience to ensure everyone can get a taste of CAWS 2024. Our convention is a momentous occasion for C.A. members, you will have the opportunity to attend various meetings, speakers, workshops, and excursions. These events will be geared towards promoting the spirit of camaraderie and support, which are critical to our recovery. One of the main objectives of the World Convention is to provide support to the newcomer. Together we can achieve this if we all bring newcomers to the convention [#BRINGANEWCOMER] and putting them "on fire", through sharing our personal stories, discussions on how we stay clean & sober, and various workshops aimed at helping our members develop and maintain their recovery. If you are financially unable to pay for (part of) the registration you can apply for the Fellow2Fellow fund (Scholarship). The Fellow2Fellow fund is made possible by voluntary contributions from members of our fellowship. To apply for a scholarship please send an email to our convention chair: chair@caws2024.nl. The NH Noordwijk Conference Centre Leeuwenhorst is a four-star hotel located in the Netherlands' beautiful flower bulb region only 15 mins from Schiphol International Airport. Convention-goers will find plenty to do, as the centre is perfectly situated for excursions to Amsterdam, or Noordwijk, a well-known beach resort only a stone's throw away. Our team has made an amazing deal with the hotel for our convention guests. Book your room for single use for only 115 euro per night including breakfast. Want to share the room with a fellow? Only 25 euro per night extra. If you want to share a room with more then 1 fellow we have limited triple and quadruple rooms that are only bookable by direct contact with the hotel. NH Leeuwenhorst + 31 252 378 888

Visit <u>www.caws2024.nl</u> for more information.

AREA ELECTIONS

Elections for Area Chairs

Chips & Lit Chair – Charly ratified as Chair Area Convention Chair – Jesse ratified as Chair H&I Chair – Erich ratified as Chair Structure & Bylaws – Bea ratified as Chair Unity – Cory ratified as Chair

Nominations for Area Chairs:

Public Information: Derrick, Kyle Archives: Eddie Hotline: Owen

Please visit <u>www.ca-scta.org</u> to view the Structure requirements.

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

UNITY EVENTS

Austin-Karaoke Party

Will be the first C.A. event hosted in Austin since the World Convention. The event will be put on by the Austin Fellowship and will feature food, karaoke, raffles and some soon-to-be-announced surprises. This event will take place in September with the date and location to TBD.

C.A. Camping Trip

The 6th Annual Camping trip will be held November 3-5, 2023. The event will feature camping, hiking, volleyball, tubing, speaker meetings, and much more. It will be held at Mountain Breeze Camping Grounds at 9250 Red River Rd. in New Braunfels

The C.A. Unity Celebration

The Unity Celebration Party will take place in McAllen in November following the Area Meeting at a location yet TBD. The event will feature food, fellowship, raffles, and cake to celebrate the 41st Anniversary of C.A.

\$\$\$ 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!

Congratulations to Liz T. for correctly answering the Treasure Hunt questions for the Summer Edition. Liz won \$20

Pipeline Nostalgia

(This Feature will appear when there are NO SUBMISSIONS)

What I thought would not come true is that the problem would be removed, it would no longer exist. How it's changed is the miracle, I am not fighting any temptation and I feel I really am in a place of neutrality. I was at a party with my boyfriend the other night where people were drinking and I was perfectly comfortable being there. There was no fight against the drink!

When I first came into the rooms of Cocaine Anonymous, I didn't understand that much about resentment and what it meant to let go of them. I didn't believe it was possible to forgive my Dad. Before I came into recovery, I had been told so many times to "just let it go." That made no sense to me at all. My response was always "but I can't, or I would." It was a concept I couldn't wrap my brain around. According to the 2019 winter pipeline, where was the Regional Convention? It was in working the 4th and 5th steps with a C.A. sponsor that helped me understand. I was finally able to "let it go" and I found so much peace in that. My number one resentment no longer haunted me. I was free.

I'm an addict. Early in my recovery I had to learn what C.A. was all about. I never heard of Cocaine Anonymous. I truly believed the 12 steps was something I could get up in the morning and check off a list and I would be okay. Yes, I was that ignorant! That was on March 23, 2006. Now I know better!"

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When I first came to C.A. at my first meeting there were a dozen or so fellowship members at the meeting. A couple things caught my attention very quickly one that the sharing that was being done was very similar to what I was going through or had gone through. The other thing was how the C.A. program had changed their lives and how things were much better for them. These sharing were hard for me to comprehend how can following a program of doing 12step work going to change my life. How many nominations were there for the Area Chairs in the 2020 fall pipeline? I was skeptical about this, but I was desperate, so I was all in do what I needed to do to be clean and sober. Just after 3 months my life started to change, I had been clean for 90 days, I was working, I had saved a bit of money, I had gotten out of debt, my relationship with my wife and my family was getting better. C.A. has given me life in a world where I just used to exist. Thanks to my higher power and C.A."

When, upon awakening or it could be at the end of my day, I thank God for giving me all that I have this day. Without God as my Higher Power, I would be nothing. To me, there is no greater peace and serenity to know that fact- each day and every night.

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Winter Newsletter Theme:

For the Winter Newsletter we are asking members what they felt when they first came into the rooms, and how that has changed.



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