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PIPELINE

COVERING NEWS FOR SCTA OF COCAINE ANONYMOUS

San Antonio Austin Laredo Rio Grande Valley Kerrville Cedar Park Pflugerville Corpus Christi



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 Donations:

Heart & Soul Sister – Austin \$100 9/16 - \$50 11/18 -- Area

Boild As An Owl – Austin \$400 9/16 – Area

Properly Armed – San Antonio \$50 9/16 - \$40 11/18 – Area

Frontline – San Antonio \$25 9/16 – Area

Recovery Text – Austin \$90 9/16 – Area

Drop Kick Rocks – Austin \$100 9/16 -- Area

Fourth Dimension – McAllen \$50 9/16 –Area

Area Meeting 7th Tradition \$181 9/16 - \$50 11/18

C.A. 183 – Cedar Park \$100 9/16 -- Area

H&I Donations:

Boiled As An Owl – Austin \$300 9/16

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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 than 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 www.caws2024.nl for more information.

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AREA ELECTIONS

Nominations for Area Chairs:

Chips & Literature – Jackie, Charlie

Internet – Kenyan

Newsletter – Jose, Eloy, & Clinton

Public Information: Kyle

Chairperson - Mark, Susan, Riley

Secretary – Vanessa

Alternate Delegate – Cory

Hotline - Stacie, Jackie, Derick

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

The Annual Camping trip was held on November 3-5. The event featured camping, hiking, volleyball, kickball, tubing, and speaker meeting (more than last year). The event was held at Mountain Breeze Camping Grounds in New Braunfels. We had over 150 people who attended from across the CA-SCTA Area. This was our largest event for the year. Cory would like to thank everyone for coming together to help support this event.

C.A. Spades Tournament - Austin

Will be held at Noon on December 9th at Club 101. The event will feature pizza, raffles and karaoke with prizes. It's expected to host over 50 people. Similar spade tournament was held in San Antonio and was a huge hit with members and the newcomers. Suggested donation of \$10 per team and newcomers are always free. The Recovery Text Group of Austin has taken the lead in starting our C.A. Austin Unity Committee and will be the primary planners of this event.

2nd C.A. Baseball Tournament - Austin

Event will be held in January in the Austin area. This event will feature food, raffles and music. The location has been chosen and a flyer is currently being made. The event will feature teams from around Austin and San Antonio and be open to the entire SCTA C.A. Austin Unity Committee will be the primary planners for the event.

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Karaoke Party – Austin

This event will feature food, karaoke, raffles and some soon-to-be-announced surprises. Event will take place in the spring. A location is currently being considered and the event should move forward quickly after the date is chosen.

C.A. New Years Eve Party – San Antonio

This will be the 3rd annual New Year's party that our area has held. The event will have a new location and will feature fireworks, games, and raffles. We are hopeful to have our outgoing Delegate A "Jane" as the speaker for this event. C.A. San Antonio Unity Committee will be the primary planners of this event.

C.A. Drag Show Fund Raiser – San Antonio

This event will be held in January or February. A new location will be chosen this year. The event will be holiday themed and feature performers from all over the SCTA area this will be our only fundraiser and may be teaming with the 2025 Area Convention. The event will have raffles and prizes. More information will be announced soon.

C.A. Tubing Trip – Area

This event has more than tripled in size since it first began in 2017. The event will be held in the spring and will feature a BBQ, DJ Music, Raffles and of course Tubing. Event will be held at Hinman Island Park in New Braunfels. T-shirt will be created for this event.

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Pipeline Nostalgia

(This Feature will appear when there are NO SUBMISSIONS)

Before I came into recovery, I did a lot of harm to those around me due to my selfishness, dishonesty, greed, and other character defects. The process of working the first 9 steps allowed me to clear away much of the wreckage of my past and gave me the opportunity to right as much of those harms as possible. But a lifetime of addiction and the behaviors that went with that could not be changed overnight. The tenth step gives me instructions for what to do when I start to indulge the character defects that lead me to harm those around me. Step ten reminds me that my life and my self are a work in progress, that I don't have to be perfect, and the process of becoming the person God intended me to be takes action.

During the pandemic, 10th steps with other women in the program became my saving grace (although they should always be my first line of defense, even before this). Being able to voice my resentments, fears, selfishness or dishonesty to another sister and have some accountability brought to me was so important. The longer I am sober the more comfort I find in reaching out to someone else and doing spot checks as much as I can. Being by myself and trying to see my own faults often left me blind to parts of myself that were due for growth. In moments of doubt, it is always better for me to do a quick inventory because when I am in doubt it almost always means I have overlooked something.

I personally love the 10th step. It's continues to help me grow in my sobriety and as a person. When I feel that someone has wronged me, I write resentment inventory on the situation. In my head all I want to do is blame the other person, but with this step I can see how I also hurt the other person or wronged them as well. I can then go to the other person and talk to them, and then make an amends immediately. See how I can make it right. Being able to make an amends is so freeing, for them and me
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as well. When I get into an argument with my parents, I'm able to take a step back collect myself by praying and writing inventory then being able to have a civilized conversation with them. See their point of view and hear them out. If I said anything harmful I'm able to make an amends and make it right. It helps so I can keep having trust with them and a relationship I didn't have while I was in active addiction. It's freeing for them when I can continue to see my wrongs and make them right.

The 10th step is a beautiful, multifaceted blessing; one of the many this program offers. Not only does the 10th step allow me to work through things immediately and help others do the same, but it also gives me the opportunity to truly connect with my fellow addicts and alcoholics, something I didn't know how to do in my addiction. The 10th step, like pretty much everything else in my recovery story, took practice and repetition as it was a very foreign concept for me to reach out and ask for help, talk to someone, allow someone in, be of service to others. I drew a lot of courage from the men and women around me and watching them get vulnerable, it gave me strength to do the same. It never ceases to amaze me how healing and helpful the 10th step is both doing and receiving, and I know it will never lose its magic if I keep reaching for it as a tool in my recovery.

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Experience, Strength & Hope

Future Submissions Scan QR Code to Submit

Spring Newsletter Theme:

Share your Experience, Strength, and Hope as it relates to recovery.



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