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COVERING NEWS FOR SCTA OF COCAINE ANONYMOUS

San Antonio Austin Laredo Rio Grande Valley Kerrville Cedar Park 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.

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 Corpus Christi (361) 364-7001 Español (210) 739-0588

GROUP DONATIONS

Area Donations:

- \$20 Primary Purpose CA
- \$100 Downtown CA
- \$200 Hope Faith & Courage
- \$241 Recovery Text
- \$29.78 Vision for You
- \$60 Spiritual Lines Corpus
- \$80 Cornerstone
- \$43 7th Tradition (March)
- \$89 7th Tradition (May)
- \$70 Hope Faith & Courage
- \$25 Front Line
- \$50 Primary Purpose
- \$200 Heart & Soul Sisters

H&I Donations:

- \$75- Heart & Soul Sisters Austin
- \$80- Spiritual Lines CC

AREA ELECTIONS

Open Nominations for Positions to be elected at the July Area Meeting

Internet Chair

Chips & Lit

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.

EVENTS



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SUBMISSIONS

Experience, Strength & Hope

Dear readers,

I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve CA for the South Central Texas Area! The theme of this Newsletter is "Service." I have asked people to share what types of service that they do and how has it enhanced their recovery and their lives. Service has been a crucial part of my recovery and my serenity. After finishing the 12 steps I was eager to give away what was freely given to me and I began carrying the message at the local rehab here in Corpus Christi. I have been doing it for about 2 and a half years now. It has been amazing to see so many people come out of rehab and into the rooms of CA. Not all of them stayed sober, but I believe that seeds have been planted. I have seen many who have gone on to work all 12 steps and go back up to the rehab to help others the same way they received help. It is an absolutely amazing experience to be able to share the solutions to all my problems that I have found in the Big Book and share my experience, strength, and hope with others. No matter how tired I am or whether I had a rough day, anytime I leave the local rehab after carrying the message, I always feel uplifted! I am so happy to be able to share with you the submissions I have received for the Summer Edition of the CA Pipeline! I want to thank everyone who made a submission!

-Roger H

The service work that I do is I go to the local rehab and speak the word of recovery in there. I am fresh out of s.a.t.f but I wanted to make myself available to start doing

service work, so I can help the next person that was stuck in addiction just like I was...

It has Enhanced my recovery by giving back to people who want help. By doing so it's me stepping out of my comfort zone and my selfish way. It's new and exciting for me and am looking forward to what my Higher power has in store for me.

-Zach B

This is Joel Garcia. I do service work. I read the AA book at the bus stop to people inneed and that are willing to change. Give them strength hope and sober energy to show them the way. Working the steps with people who are stuck in the beginning of recovery. It helps me in my life and motivates me to be completely willing to change. Showing people that it is possible and how all the A's work AA . CA . NA.. Being at rehab and completely completed the course helped me mentally. Doing the step work and getting a sponsor really was the way I was able to learn. So I am willing to show anyone that the steps are important in recovery, life, and guiding them to our higher power really works.

-Joel G

When I first came into the program, I was invited to be of service right away. It was an honor to take on several roles and responsibilities within AA, which helped me stay grounded and connected. When I later found CA, I discovered it offered a similar structure — but with an even broader reach. One thing that remained true in both programs was the principle of 'principles before personalities.' That mindset helped me focus on the message rather than individual differences. I also learned differences are teachable moments as long as I stay open to receive them.

I have served as inter-district representative for Grapevine, Corrections Facility Registration Chair for Area, 2 city wide fundraising events (Chair). Group Facilitator,

Treasurer. Treatment Facilities Chair for inter-district, Group Service Representative, Speaker Chair, Decorations Chair, Chairman for Facilitating an H&I and now Flyer communications liaison. I've helped start Zoom and 12-step recovery meetings, and teach Traditions through relationships.

Through recovery, I began to heal from the inside out. I learned to take responsibility, to forgive myself, and to walk through life with a new sense of purpose. Recovery gave me back my worth and taught me; I am not defined by my past, but by how I rise from it.

What has deepened my journey through the acts of service has helped me to find hope. Healing grows when it's shared. Serving others gave me a sense of connection, purpose, and community that I didn't even know I was missing. Whether it's offering a listening ear, sharing my story, or simply showing up, I've learned that giving of myself is one of the greatest gifts I can offer — and receive.

My girls have seen a change, I'm now engaged and didn't think this life was possible for someone like me. I'm no longer just physically present — I'm emotionally engaged, dependable, and loving in ways I wasn't before. Recovery allowed me to repair broken bonds, and service showed me how to live a life that gives back. Today, I don't just say "I've changed" — I show it, in every interaction, every choice, every act of love and care. It's a way of life cultivated into how I show up.

I walk in faith, trusting that each new day is a chance to serve someone else — and through that service, I continue to grow, heal, and support those I love. There is a deep peace in knowing that as long as I keep seeking, I will be okay. I am never alone. We are united as God's children, and He is the Director of it all — lovingly guiding our steps.

Thank you for showing me how to truly live life.

-Dianniella S (Dani)

Since June of 2023, I have been of service in C.A. For me, service began with sharing in meetings, quickly working my steps, giving rides, and embarking on sponsorship. I then began to get involved in group conscience for my home group, and serving in Chips and Literature. After attending Area meetings, I became involved in planning committees, and on to Area Interim Unity Chair. Serving allows me to stay close to God, my fellows, and stay connected to the fellowship that helped to save my life. Whether it is talking to newcomers, or serving on the Area level, I am able to get out of self, "smash my ego", and give back to others, which allows me the freedom and serenity I have today.

-Brooklyn H

Giving back what was so freely given to me has been the most amazing experience I've ever got to be a part of. Today I get to be part of something bigger than myself. To watch others light up from a shot of hope, and to see them recover and grow together with them is some of the joy I get to experience today.

Today the Lord uses me as a vessel to bear witness to others about His power, His love and His way of life. By staying close, connected, present and spiritually fit, I get to go anywhere He has a purpose for me to go.

I started simply greeting people at the door, then chairing the meeting, reaching to the newcomer and those still struggling, and now I share message at Residential or detox at our local rehabilitation institution where I to was first told about the group of CA and the message that is saving my life and so many others.

My sponsor takes time out of his life to save my life and today I get to gratefully do the same for otters.

-Clarence J

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What does Service mean to me?

Service takes many forms for me, but as it relates to AA/CA, it means that, first and foremost, it is my duty to stay sober, but also to help others recover from this horrific disease of alcoholism and addiction. I have to be willing to pass the knowledge of the Big Book on. For me, that also means going to a Rehab and sharing my experience, strength and hope. It means working with others as a Sponsor, taking them through the 12 Steps just as my Sponsor did for me. It means saying YES to ANY question that comes up with regards to furthering our cause. Today I understand that I cannot keep my sobriety unless I am willing to pass it on to other sufferers. Service also means putting a smile on my face and greeting newcomers, or making coffee, or opening a door for someone, or perhaps giving someone that needs it a gentle hug. And of course, sometimes it just means listening, without judgment but always with compassion, because I know what it's like to come into these rooms hopeless, mercilessly beaten by life and the consequences of my actions and deeds. Yes, little things matter.

-Dane V

For me, service is more than sponsorship. It is the little things like welcoming the newcomers and helping them feel at home, opening the door for someone, making coffee, sweeping, wiping off the tables, anything to step out of ourselves and try to do for others.

-Arthur

In the words of Dr. Bob, the program is summed in the words Love and Service. My service to this program is a demonstration of my love to a program that has given me a life worth living.

-Owen S

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