November 2018

Be Of Service

Arrive early and do the things you see other members doing – set up chairs, make coffee, set out the literature, welcome everyone. These were the suggestions which started me on my early service work.

Later, after I had close to a year clean, I was asked to join a group to share our experience strength and hope at a Hospital (Rehab), then in a Juvenile Detention Center.

A couple of years into the program I volunteered to be a GSR to a meeting. There was a natural evolution which complemented my spiritual growth and allowed me to contribute to the extent I could. While doing service work, or thinking about my commitment to upcoming service work, I stayed clean. It was as effective as when I would talk directly with a newcomer. I felt that I received a certain grace of release and removal of the obsession to use drugs. It still works after all these years, however, no one is still asking me to help set-up before a meeting; I just do those things without thought or motive.

After getting clean and making a living, a year of service work, I stayed clean. I was now ready to take the next step. I shared how I began to do the things upon years of clean time will all have these things in common: they work the steps, they go to meetings, and they are involved in service work.

As a newcomer you might not be able to make sense of the steps or be able to work them, but you can stack the chairs after the meeting. Later, you might not be a candidate for any length of time from what they could do after they left rehab. I said that with the tools and fellowship of NA there really wasn’t anything that I would want to do that I couldn’t do. Ask someone with long stretches of clean time what makes up their program. The ones with years upon years of clean time will all have these things in common: they work the steps, they go to meetings, and they are involved in service work.

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- David B.
Macomb County Area Narcotics Anonymous

December 14th at 6:30pm St. Paul’s on Mound north of 13 mile
Food, Speaker Panel, Fellowship

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Meets at 8:30am The First Wednesday of every month at the East side Alano Club 11487 E. 9 Mile Rd. Warren, 48089
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Dear Addy,
Can you have more than one home group?
Anonymous
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It states in the Guide to Local Service Page 27:
WHAT IS A “HOME GROUP”?
In some NA communities, it has become customary for members of the fellowship to make a personal commitment to support one particular group—their “home group.”

Though this custom is not universal, many believe its practice can benefit the individual member as well as the group. For the individual member, it can provide a stable recovery base, a place to call “home,” a place to know and be known by other recovering addicts.

For the group, it ensures the support of a core of regular, committed members. A strong home group can also foster a spirit of camaraderie among its members that makes the group more attractive to new members.

A strong home group can also foster a spirit of camaraderie among recovering addicts.

If your home group is in need of support or has open service positions, Please let us know! Send us an email with the meeting information—location, Day & time, open service positions.
Send to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com & we will make sure to announce it in our next issue.

If you would like to submit an item, make sure that it is NA or recovery related. Anonymity is strongly advised (as far as names are concerned). By sending in any submissions you hereby grant permission to Macomb Miracles, their successors, assigns and those acting on their behalf, authority to publish the attached original material sent to Macomb Miracles and you understand that this material may be edited or reprinted in other NA journals. Each item will be checked and edited if needed and will become property of the Macomb Miracles. You can submit as many items as you wish, but please limit your requests to one or two per issue. No recovery related questions for our Dear Addy section please send to mcanadearaddy@gmail.com. We are looking for NA news, upcoming events, poetry, your story, your opinion, artwork, recovery related questions for “Dear Addy” and anything else you think may be suitable for our newsletter.

If you have questions about submitting material, please feel free to contact us at Macombmiracles@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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—Good Morning Recovery— Wednesdays at 11am
—Lost Dreams Awaken—Mondays & Fridays at 9am
These two Meetings are held at Metropolitan Church Nazarene 18945 Frazho Roseville

—Happy Holidays!—

NEW YEAR’S EVE-VARIOUS TIMES AND LOCATIONS

MARATHON MEETINGS

November 21st 6pm-1am
November 22nd 10am-10pm
December 25th 10am-1am
January 1st 2019 (2019) 10am-10pm
First Congregational Church 2nd floor 1314 Northwood Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073
Bring a dish to pass if you can
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MDRCA 2019
Metro Detroit Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous August 16-18, 2019
“Through Change Comes Freedom”
FLASH SALE PRE-REGISTRATION
$15 September 30th - November 25th Only
Logo Contest
Think you can put together a logo that represents the convention theme? “Through Change Comes Freedom” Please submit artwork to Mike G. Arts & Graphics Chair. MTRCNAustin@gmail.com Contest ends Nov 25th.
If your logo is chosen you will receive one full registration pack for the convention.
Make checks/money orders out to MDRCA and mail to: MDRCA 2019 C/O MSO 726 Livernois Ferndale, MI 48220
Receipt/Confirmation # will be emailed or mailed following processing from tickets and registration. Only T&R can provide confirmation # needed for your protection and ours. Do not register with anyone who cannot provide you with a receipt. Contact Rudy S. (619)- 689-8433 or Mary W. (734)-620-6861 for tickets and registration information.

DACNA XXVII Living The Dream April 18 – April 21, 2019
“Black Friday” Speaker Jam & Fundraiser Dance November 23, 2018
AK – Surviving Our Emotions
Venus MD—Living Life on Life’s Terms
*Special Raffle*
Pay full price $7 admission to dance (no shorts) pre purchase a $7.00 raffle ticket
Wins you two “All you can Eat” tickets for the Motor City Assembly Line Buffet that can be used anytime through 2019
Speakers 7pm *Dance 9pm-1am
*7$Adults *5$ Children*
*50:50 Raffle “Food Sold” *Photos by Dave *Music by Renard*
*DACNA XXVII Promos Shirts on Sale*
*DACNA XXVII Registrations $20 until March 1, 2019
*The Detroit Recovery Project 1145 W. Grand Blvd Detroit, 48208

Oakland County Area Presents
Learning Day
“Service work is carrying the message to the addict who still suffers.” (Basic Text)
Come and see the different ways YOU can carry the NA message. Learn all about area service and find out where your individual passion lies!
Subcommittees Include: Activities, Public Relations, Newsletter, Outreach, Helpline, Technology, H&I, Literature.
Saturday, November 17th 2018 2pm-6pm
Cana Lutheran Church
2119 Catalpa Dr. Berkley, MI 48072
Fellowship, Games, Learning, Food

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