Service work has been a huge part of my recovery. I've been the editor for this newsletter for some time now and it truly has been very rewarding. Putting this newsletter together every month consists of reaching out to other addicts in recovery and asking them if they would share their experience, strength, and hope with us through this newsletter. Whether it be in a poem, an article, however long or short it needs to be for them to get their story out. Asking for clean dates to add to the Anniversary column, looking for any new meeting information or flyers, and opening the Basic Text to look for a piece to add to the newsletter. Doing these things has kept me from isolating myself. It keeps me accountable. If it weren't for this newsletter position I probably would never open the Basic Text unless I was at a meeting.

Knowing that someone is reading these every month and that there is a good possibility that they're reading could be helping them somehow, that really keeps me going.

There are times when I can't make my meetings regularly so doing these things really helps me to stay involved. Early in my recovery when I first discovered the Macomb newsletter on the literature table at an NA meeting I became that person that couldn’t wait to read the next one. When I first started coming to meetings I would collect every newsletter I found, and still do.

There is so much hope, inspiration, and information in these pages from other addicts just like ourselves. My favorite line in the Basic Text says "If sharing our experience of our pain helps just one person, it was worth the suffering." I completely agree because I believe I went through my own suffering so that I can help others. "One addict helping another is without parallel." No one could have helped me better than another addict in recovery. I can’t express how grateful I am to have this service position. I truly believe service work is why I get to celebrate with you my 7 years clean today!! May 19, 2012 is my clean date. That was the first day of the rest of my life. That was the day I promised myself I was going to live a better life. And so far I have kept that promise, Just for Today... I definitely can’t but WE CAN.

Thank you Narcotics Anonymous just thank you.

If you or anyone you know would like to share something with the newsletter that is recovery related please don’t shy.

Your story could help someone more than you know. Please send it to us. Some people would say they are not good writers but you don’t have to be a good writer to share your experience. All it takes is some honesty open mindedness and willingness. You’ll be happy you did.

Send all your submissions to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com. We are always asking for your story, poems, favorite quotes, meeting info, anniversary clean dates, Artwork, Jokes, anything recovery related. Service work works! Get Involved, Stay Involved.

I Thank you all so much for allowing me to be of service.

Jocelyn D Loves You!
If you would like to submit an item, make sure that it is NA or recovery related. Anonymity is strongly advised (as far as naming). 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 an item to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com. If you want to send in a recovery related question 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. With Loving Service your Newsletter Chair, Jocelyn D.

Macomb County Jail NA meeting needs woman volunteers for Mondays and Wednesdays. Requirement is 2 years clean and 2 years off paper. The newsletter meeting will be held on the 2nd Sunday of every month after the Area meeting at the Eastside Alano club in the pool room! The meeting will start promptly after the Area meeting around 12:45pm. Come join me and bring your ideas for the newsletter! I hope to see you there! Jocelyn D. Newsletter Chair

Awesome job Lindsay P! 3 months in a row she has participated and found the correct answers!! Great Job girl and thank you for participating!! We have found that the way to remain a productive, responsible member of society is to put our recovery first. NA can survive without us, but we cannot survive without NA. Narcotics Anonymous offers only one promise and that is freedom from active addiction, the solution that eluded us for so long. We will be freed from our self-made prisons.

Do you know which NA literature this is from? If you find it, email the page number and book title to: MacombMiracles@yahoo.com The first to answer correctly will get their name featured in the next issue.

We’ve got a new book in the making!

If your homegroup 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, and open service positions. Send info to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com and we will make sure to announce it in our next issue.

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Meet at 8:30pm The First Wednesday of every month at the East side Alano Club 11487 E 9 Mile Rd. Warren, 48089

Come show your support and get involved with the approval process for new literature and other aspects of the literature committee of Macomb Area. For more info contact Jonathan P. (248) 687-4755

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