When I first got here, I had to good fortune to meet some of the straightest talking folks I have ever been around. There were times when I really did not like what they told me, but they loved me enough to tell me what I needed to hear not what they thought I wanted to hear. Have you ever heard that saying, “The truth will set you free, but first it will make you mad”? Well, when I was told, “Listening is a spiritual principle, so why don’t you shut up and try it”, it kind of hurt my feelings, until I realized that I was damaged goods, and really did not have any feelings left. I came to Narcotics Anonymous because I had nothing left to lose; it was definitely the last house on the block for this addict.

One of the first things I heard when I became willing to listen was that as addicts we use this thing called the sympathy card to try and get others to excuse us for our inexcusable behavior. My sponsor told me that I must remove the word sympathy from my vocabulary. I was told if I want to learn to live life to the fullest, I have to take responsibility for my own actions. I can no longer blame others for the mess I have made of my life. Since I have been around this thing we call recovery I have heard many clichés, and a lot of useless nonsense, but I have also heard some very meaningful information that has somehow managed to help me stay clean. As a fellowship, we are blessed to have some cool literature.

We have a book that has guides for working the steps, and many of us have used it and cannot stay clean. We have a great piece of work we call the Basic Text, and still there are those of us who have read it cover to cover, but are still as miserable as we were in our full-blown addiction. There exists a green book called It Works, How and Why that goes into great detail about our steps and traditions. So why is it that more of our members are not able to use the spiritual principles of our program to find that new way of life we must embrace to become a productive member of society? It cannot be that all of this information is flawed, so it must be how we use it. Thousands of addicts around the world have found freedom from active addiction by putting these tools to good use. It is one thing to know this program, but it is something else entirely to apply it in our everyday living. Is it easy? Can anyone do it? I cannot speak for you, but just doing what the Serenity Prayer asks of me at times more than I can handle.

Proof that the program works!

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 names). 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 original material sent to Macomb Miracles and you understand that this material may be edited or repurposed in other NA journals. Each item will be checked and edited (proofed) and will become property of the Macomb Miracles. You can submit an item to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com. We are always looking for NA news, upcoming events, poetry, your story, your opinion, artwork, and anything else you think may be suitable for our newsletter. There is no requirement to send in your experience, strength, and hope. Your story could help someone stay clean another day. We can only keep what we have by giving it away.

With Loving Service your Newsletter Chair,  Joelyn D.
Keep Coming Back!

She lied.
At first, it was all fun and games... Until the day our relationship changed... I hit a point of shame.

She is a demon, played me until I had nothing to believe in. Hopeless. Couldn't look in the mirror, For the fear of what would be there. When it did happen, I had a stream of tears.

Who was that looking at me? A skeleton. I could not bear.
Bones sticking out everywhere. I can't escape. Is this how my fate? Separated over a month, I still think about her a bunch. I miss the high velocity rush. Then I remember what she brought, Madness taking over my life and thoughts.

Anastene M.

TRADITION NINE “NA, as such, ought never to be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.” Our growth can be measured by the degree and quality of our interaction with other people. We develop the ability to see how our thoughts and actions contribute to the lives of others. We begin to show up for our families, friends, and employers in ways we never could before. We become accountable and directly responsible for our actions. Assuming direct responsibility as productive members of society, we become more deeply involved within our communities. We may find ourselves taking an interest in, or working for, a social or political cause. Today, we can support the services provided by our churches, schools, and institutions of government, instead of being just beneficiaries of these services.

Read the chapter in the Basic Text on the Ninth Tradition. Read the chapter in It Works: How and Why on the Ninth Tradition. Write answers to the following:

1. What does this tradition mean to you?
2. What does this tradition mean to NA?
3. What are “NA”, “NA as such”, and “NA as a whole” and the “Fellowship of NA”?
4. Is the service structure part of “NA as such”? How does it relate to this tradition?
5. Can we create anything other than service boards or committees? If so, how?
6. Who do our “Service boards and committees” serve?
7. What does direct responsibility mean?
8. The spiritual principles of this tradition are humility, prudence, fidelity, and responsibility. Define in your own words the spiritual principles in this tradition. Look up and write the definitions from the dictionary.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Do you have an article, poem or personal story you would like to share with other recovering addicts? Maybe you would like to share an interesting experience of how your Higher Power has intervened in your life. Or maybe you would like to tell how you have applied the principles of Narcotics Anonymous in your life to overcome a difficult situation. Any submissions you have can be sent to:
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Everyday 10 p.m. Daily Maintenance, Eastside Alano Club
Sunday 3 p.m. Serenity on Sunday, Macomb Alano Club, Clinton Twp.
Sunday 7 p.m. No matter what, St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Eastpointe
Sunday 7:30 p.m. Go for Hope, Peace Lutheran Church, Warren OUTSIDE
Monday 7:00 p.m. 27000 Gratiot, Roseville
Monday 7:00 p.m. Coffee Shop Recovery, The Dovetail
Monday 7:30 p.m. Eastside Alano Club
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. 1 for all, all for 1, 49655 Jefferson, Chesterfield
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Just for Tuesday, St. Margarets Church. Outside
Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Many a Mile to freedom, Bethel Lutheran Church, SCS
OUTSIDE, NO BATHROOM AVAILABLE (in the case of bad weather 20 max inside)
Wednesday 7 p.m. Clean for today, 36223 Alfred St. New Baltimore
Wednesday 7 p.m. Freedom Seekers 2, Barnabas, Eastpointe
Wednesday 7:00 Dovetail
Thursday 7 p.m. Spiritual Connection, St. Mark’s Church, Roseville
Thursday 9:00 Macomb Alano club, Bonfire Meeting
Friday, 11 a.m. It must be Friday, Dodge Park, Sterling Hts.
Friday 7:00 Dovetail Coffee Shop
Friday 7:00 Please don’t use dammit, 38900 Harper, Clinton Twp., MASKS required
2nd Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. Work the step or Die, Eastside Alano Club
Thursday, 7 p.m. Eastside Story, 27000 Gratiot, Roseville
Wednesday 7:00 Get a life, 38751 Prentiss, Mt. Clemens
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Huron park pavilion
Thursday 8:00 p.m. It Works, 15537 E. Nine Mile, Eastpointe, Outside, Bathrooms available

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MACNA 10 POSTPONED
MACNA 10 is postponed until 2021 Due to the current situation in the country.
The difficulty in holding fundraisers and for the safety of everyone involved. The committee has voted.
We will reconvene January 3rd. The current positions will be available to those that are holding them at this time, and any positions that are open will be available For nomination and voting.

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