

Suncoast Area of Narcotics Anonymous
September & October 2011
Newsletter

CLEAN TIMES



The Message of Narcotics Anonymous

“An addict, any addict can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use and find a new way to live.”

NA's Basic Suggestions

- Attend 90 Meetings in 90 Days
- Get a Home Group
- Get a Sponsor and work the 12 Steps
- Change People, Places & Things
- Call Other Recovering Addicts Daily
- Don't Use No Matter What
- Read NA Literature

Suncoast Area 24 hour NA Helpline:

Find a meeting, talk to another recovering addict:
(941) 257-5055

Suncoast Area Website:

www.suncoastna.org

NA World Services Website:

www.na.org

Newsletter Contact:

Please forward contributions to:
News@suncoastna.org and complete the

Submission Release Form located at:

www.suncoastna.org/newslettercommittee

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What Is The FIPT? We realized

that some NA members might not be aware of something called the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* (the *FIPT*). We figured this was a good opportunity to inform or remind members of the *FIPT*.

Since 1993, NA World Services has been charged by the NA Fellowship with sole responsibility for publishing Fellowship-approved literature and protecting NA copyrights and trademarks. The rights and responsibilities of this agreement are outlined by the *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust*.

NA literature and logos belong to the NA Fellowship, and through the *FIPT*, the fellowship has made it a duty of NAWS to protect these trademarks and copyrights from misuse and abuse (intended or unintended).

The goal of the *FIPT* is to protect the fellowship's property and ensure that useful resources and services are available to the fellowship. We are notified regularly by members, groups, and service bodies about fellowship copyright infringements.

In some cases, members (and nonmembers) violate NA copyrights simply because they don't know about the law. In other cases, people may be unhappy with the decisions of the fellowship as a whole or may want to profit from misuse of NA property. When such issues are brought to our attention, we strive to resolve the matter as peaceably as we can. Every NA member can help us in that effort by *not* supporting any activities that misuse NA property.

Protecting the fellowship's trademarks is often challenging because misuse is difficult for our members to identify—and because NA members love NA memorabilia!

We have tried to learn from some of AA's experiences (such as the fact that they no longer own their triangle/circle logo) by ensuring that the NA name and logos—as well as our literature—continue to belong to, and are controlled by, the NA Fellowship. Any NA group or registered area or region has broad parameters for use of our fellowship's trademarks.

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NA's trademarks include the name Narcotics Anonymous; the group, stylized NA, public relations, and world globe logos; and the service symbol. Placing the letter "R" in a circle or "TM" to the right of NA trademarks shows that NA legally owns them, which is one way we help preserve our fellowship's legal right to ownership of our trademarks (but doesn't preclude the above-mentioned use limitations).

NAWS also grants licenses to vendors to use our logos. By licensing a vendor to produce NA jewelry, for example, we retain control and ownership of the fellowship's trademarks even though we do not directly produce the jewelry. Again, every member can help by ensuring that merchandise purchased is produced by a registered service committee or a licensed vendor.

NA World Services uses Internet technology to make NA literature more available, while endeavoring to prevent copyright infringement of electronic versions of our literature. Under the *FIPT*, groups and service committees do not have the authority to publish NA literature online. However, with so much literature now available on the NA website, we encourage local service committees with websites either to post links to those resources or to embed the files directly in their pages. We currently have informational pamphlets available online in 40 languages and two book-length pieces of recovery literature in English—the Sixth Edition Basic Text and *It Works: How and Why*—and the Basic Text in several other languages as well. NAWS also offers the popular and free daily email service of *Just for Today* meditations.

ALL of this information is available through NA World Services or online at www.na.org. The *FIPT* bulletins (which summarize sections of the Trust in simpler terms) and the full *Fellowship Intellectual Property Trust* are available here: www.na.org/?ID=legal-bulletins-fipt.

To subscribe to the *Just for Today* daily email service, please email your request to jft@na.org or go to www.jftna.org/jft-subscription.htm.

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This Newsletter would like to highlight NA Service in upcoming issues.

We will be writing about the FDC (Fellowship Development Committee). Our FDC is one of the first in the nation and is being studied as a blueprint by other Areas and Regions interested in starting their own. We will have articles by each of our resource coordinators telling us what they do and why.

We invite everyone to share your personal experience with service.
From making coffee for your home group to serving on a local, regional or national committee we want your ES&H.

Please email to News@suncoastna.org for inclusion in our next few issues.

Heard it in a meeting:

Please submit to: newsletter@suncoastna.org

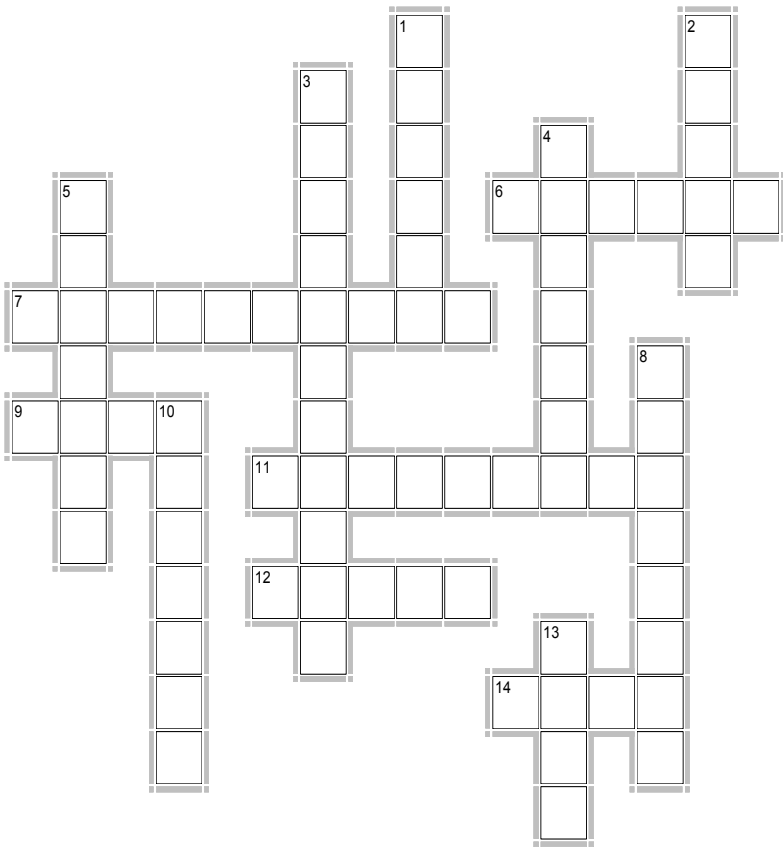
Put "Heard it in a meeting" in the subject line

"The only day I can't use is today."

"The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just know how to make the best of everything they have, and are willing to share."

"Honesty is always the first step in self-development."

"I used to pursue feeling good no matter how bad it made me feel."



EclipseCrossword.com

Clean Time Celebrations September & October 2011

For inclusions or corrections
Please e-mail newsletter@suncoastNA.org

Step 3 "We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him"

Across

6. When we trust that there is ___ in taking action, we are able to work Step 3.
7. From now on, we are going to be ___ this decision.
9. We are no longer fighting ___, anger, guilt, self-pity or depression.
11. Open-mindedness, willingness and ___ are the keys to this step.
12. Our concept of God comes from whatever force keeps us ___.
14. Take my ___ and my life.

Down

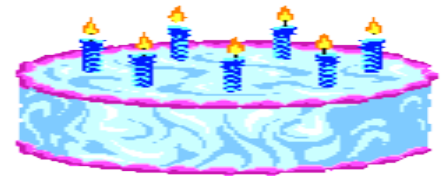
1. The word decision implies ___.
2. Our relationship with our higher power grows as we practice ___.
3. We must ___ decide to do this for ourselves.
4. Acting on our self-will has kept us ___.
5. We learn that we don't have to be ___ to live a spiritual life.
8. As we gain acceptance, we cease to ___ against life on life's terms.
10. Step 3 liberates us from excessive worry about the ___.
13. The proof of this step is shown in the way we ___.

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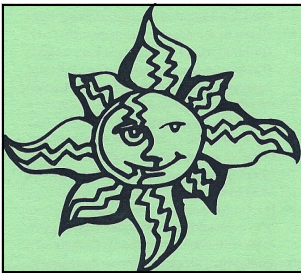
Omissions for August

Tony C. 8/12/1998 13 years

Kellie E. Unity & Serenity Group 8/22/2009 2 years



Tiffany C.	Tradition Twelve	9/20/2008	3 years
Cassie F.		9/26/2007	4 years
Tony F.		9/11/1986	25 years
Chris	Keep It Simple	10/3/2007	4 years
Cheryl C.	Friday Night Clean	10/7/2009	2 years
John V.	Unity and Serenity	10/7/1996	15 years
Marie	Keep It Simple	10/8/2006	5 years
Mike B.	Call Group	10/11/2005	6 years
Karen N.	Friday Night Clean	10/12/2008	3 years
Henry E.	Thursday Night Live	10/15/2008	3 years
Dee H.	Time 4 Recovery	10/17/2004	7 years
Wendy W.	Thursday Night Live	10/21/2008	3 years
Ken N.	Friday Night Clean	10/22/2008	3 years
Farrell Z.	Mid-Day Wake-Up Call	10/25/2002	9 years
Francisco D.	Friday Night Clean	10/28/2007	4 years



SUNCOAST AREA MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

For directions to meetings go to: www.suncoastna.org
 Or call the NA Helpline (941) 257-5055
 For meetings outside the Suncoast Area, go to: www.na.org
(NA is not affiliated with any meeting facility)



The Helpline Needs Help!
 Please help our helpline remain available to addicts needing meeting times, meeting locations or just another addict on the other end of a phone.
Helpline meets at FDC Every second Sunday at 2:00 PM

September 2011
Florida Regional Service Conference Weekend
 Friday, September 16th 10:00 PM
 to Sunday, September 18th 5:00 PM
 Hyatt Sarasota Regency on the Bay
 1000 Boulevard of the Arts
 Sarasota, FL

Bay Area 30th Anniversary
Bridges to Recovery—Homecoming Celebration
 Saturday, September 17th, 2011 from 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM
 Treasure Island Community Center
 1 Park Place & 106th Ave, Treasure Island, FL

Fellowship Development Committee (“FDC”)

meets

The 2nd Sunday of each month,
 Hospitals & Institutions 1:00—2:00
 Fellowship Development Committee 2:00 - 3:30
 Area Service Committee 4:00-5:00
 Whitfield Presbyterian Church,
 7045 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

This newsletter is looking for submissions (articles, news, activities, cartoons, etc.) and people to help out. Please contact News@suncoastna.org or come to FDC (See Above) Get Involved and Give back!

Help us be responsible caretakers of NA funds.

The Literature Committee is asking that unused meeting lists be returned to them for recycling. Also groups are asked to note on GSR reports how many new meeting lists they received and how many are unused at the end of the meeting list cycle (every two months).

This is an effort to determine whether we are printing too many lists and, if so, to cut down on waste and printing costs by printing less.

REGISTER NOW 
CAMPFIRE MEETING *River Coast Area's*
GOOD FELLOWSHIP **23rd Annual Camp Out 2011**
SWIMMING & TUBING
SEPT. 23, 24, 25, 2011

Weeki Wachee Christian Campground
 7360 Shoal Line Blvd, Weeki Wachee, FL 34607
 Rain or Shine – No Pets – “No” Ground Fires
 Gates Open 9am – Friday & Close 2pm – Sunday
Parking Restrictions Strictly Enforced

Accommodations Include:
 Bunkhouse style sleeping available
 First Come First Serve Fri. 9am
 Food Concession in Main Dining Room
 Saturday BBQ Dinner Included
 Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
 \$2.00 All You Can Eat
 Only 5 Rv Hook-ups Available
 Please Call 813-477-0110
 Tent sites First Come First Serve
 No electrical hook-up for tents

Children Must Be Supervised At All Times!
Campground Rules Strictly Enforced!
Absolutely No Pets!

Save \$10 Pre-Registration Now!!!
\$40 at the Gate
Free Gift for All Who Pre-Register

Directions: West off Rt 19 @ Rt 550 Across from Rt 50 (Cortez Blvd)
 Take Rt 550 to Shoal Line Blvd make a left at Shoal Line Blvd
 When Shoal Line Blvd bears right at gas station continue ...
 Straight ahead into the campground

Mail with your Check or Money Order
 Pre-Registration for 23rd Annual Camp out
\$30 per Adult – Children 12 & Older \$10
Deadline for Pre-Registration is Aug 31, 2011
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone No. _____
 No. of Adults _____ x \$30 = _____
 Children over 12 _____ x \$10 = _____
 Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 Mail to: River Coast Area Service Comm.
 P.O. Box 476 Lecanto, FL 34460-0476

Retain This Side for your Records
 Pre-Registration for 23rd Annual Camp-out
\$30 per Adult – Children 12 & Older \$10
Deadline for Pre-Registration is Aug. 31.11
 Date Mailed _____
 No. of Adults _____ x \$30 = _____
 Children over 12 _____ x \$10 = _____
 Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 Check or Money Order # _____
 For More Information Please Call:
 The Hotline 352-754-7200 or 352-382-0851
 Web-site ~ www.RiverCoastAreaNA.org
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