



Honesty is the Name of the Game

Trust was a commodity I had a short supply of when I first arrived to Marijuana Anonymous. Hope I had rid myself of when I was young and my stock of faith had been running on empty for some time before I came in. Emotional and physical abuse as a child bred a an empty, incomplete, desperate attitude that I carried long after the abuse was over. I was trapped and ensnared in the insidious grip of addiction.

The trust I lacked the most was trust in myself. It seemed like every decision I made revolved around filling that empty, incomplete, desperate view I had of myself and my life. I loathed myself and was totally oblivious to my warped perceptions of the world!

Recovery to me became all about honesty getting me, not me getting honest. What I mean to say is I just couldn't see that I was so affected by this disease, how terribly uncontrollable my smoking was, how harmful the effects of my behaviors were to those around me and to myself. What cracked me open was our literature, our workbook,

my sponsor and other trusted MA members. As I wrote and shared, the walls broke down, and I broke free.

To quote Step 1: "We admitted we were powerless over marijuana, that our lives had become unmanageable." I am so grateful that as I study these Steps they reveal themselves to me, in time, as I am able to take them in. They show me how wide-reaching and gripping this disease is, how incredibly powerless I am over it, and how to learn to trust myself in living with it one day at a time. Today, honesty is the name of the game. ▲

~Anonymous

We need YOU!

IN STEP TWELVE, we take action to carry the message of recovery to the marijuana addict who still suffers. Listed below are a number of opportunities for you to participate in your own recovery while helping others. Please volunteer today!

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Join us in Seattle for the 24th Annual MA World Convention!

Feb 16–18 2018 • \$165 thru Jan 24th • then \$175 after that

REGISTER: <http://mawsconvention.org/2018-convention/register>

SCHOLARSHIP: contact Convention@MADistrict4.org
Scholarship funds are available for those in need of help with the registration expense.

HOTEL DETAIL: Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport +1.206.248.1000
17338 International Blvd Seattle, WA 98188
Book directly with the hotel. Discounted rates are available using booking code: "MA World Convention"

WHAT TO EXPECT: Fun and Recovery!



convention site

Throughout the weekend: Fellowship, MA meetings, MA phone meetings, Sat & Sun workshops, a beautiful hospitality suite with hosted coffee, food, and games.
Specific days/eves: Friday eve keynote speaker, live music and open mic, Saturday eve keynote, banquet and dance with live band, Sunday afternoon closing ceremony.

For the play-by play: http://tiny.cc/2018convention_schedule

Come see how much fun WE can have together!!!

ANL's Purpose

The purpose of *A New Leaf* is to carry the message of recovery from marijuana addiction. It is through the written experiences of recovering addicts and their stories that we may find experience, strength and hope.

Articles submitted should reflect recovery, unity, and service.

The articles contained in *A New Leaf* are the sole opinions of the authors and do not reflect the opinions of Marijuana Anonymous as a whole. MA is not affiliated with—and does not endorse or accept contributions from—any outside enterprise.

District Bureau Chiefs

Please get in touch with our ANLP's Managing Editor to collaborate on continuing to breathe life into our fellowship's newsletter. Your ideas and service are welcome, wanted and needed. Contact Thor H. at editor@anewleafpublications.org

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stories@anewleafpublications.org

Or they may be submitted online:
www.marijuana-anonymous.org/story

Outreach Board

New Meeting Support Program

The Outreach Committee invites *you* to engage in service by supporting new and independent meetings by participating in the New Meeting Support Program.

Did you know that thousands of marijuana addicts have no local access to in-person meetings?

Luckily, new meetings are starting up all over to increase access to the fellowship. As MA continues to grow around the world we find that many new meetings face challenges as they begin to build their foundation. In addition, many meetings operate without service sponsorship or other types of support because they are located in geographic areas that don't fall within an MA district.

We want to reduce the isolation by connecting these meetings with volunteers who can share their both their recovery through the 12 Steps and MA service experiences. Volunteers are paired with a new meeting and provide correspondence (email or phone) with a contact person to discuss service topics, challenges and successes the new meeting is experiencing.

The Outreach Committee has set a goal of each District having two members joining the New Meeting Support Program. Please spread the

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word about this program so we can better serve and support MA's new and independent meetings. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Aimee or Drift at outreach@marijuana-anonymous.org

Correspondence Committee

The newly formed Correspondence Committee is looking for volunteers!

We are seeking additional volunteers with service experience and a working knowledge of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Marijuana Anonymous to respond to support requests received through the MA 800 helpline and email inquiries. Volunteers will respond to calls that come in on the voicemail line with a goal of returning calls within 48 hours. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact office@marijuana-anonymous.org

Are you fluent in another language?

Many people across North America and the UK contact MA looking for help. However, the long-term goal of Marijuana Anonymous is to become a truly global support network, able to provide resources to suffering addicts in countries all over the world. In taking steps to reach this goal the Outreach Committee is looking to create a database of members who are fluent in languages other than English who would be able to help us bridge the communication gap. We are especially looking for Spanish speakers, as well as European language speakers. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Outreach at outreach@marijuana-anonymous.org

Women's Town Hall

The Outreach Committee is currently researching and developing an online Town Hall for MA's female-identified members. The Project Lead is seeking input, guidance and volunteers to develop this remote Town Hall for the fellowship worldwide. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please contact Lana or Drift at outreach@marijuana-anonymous.org

*To volunteer at ANLP send a note to board@anewleafpublications.org

Marijuana Anonymous Convention 2018



Mail-in Registration Form (Complete a separate form for each attendee)

February 16-18, 2018

Crowne Plaza - Seattle Airport Hotel

Hosted by MA District 4: convention@madistrict4.org

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Enter Amount(s)</u>
Convention Registration (Includes all meetings, workshops, hospitality suite, entertainment, Friday night snacks, and Saturday and Sunday lunches)	\$165 general (rec'd/ postmarked 11/1/2017 - 1/24/2018)	\$ _____
	\$175 late (rec'd 1/25/2018 - 2/17/2018)	\$ _____
Banquet (circle one) Fish Chicken Vegetarian Note dietary restrictions below: _____	\$35	\$ _____
	Total Amount Enclosed:	\$ _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Are You willing to help at the Convention?: _____

Please fill-in all applicable information and amounts above and send with your check/money order to: Marijuana Anonymous Convention 2018, PO Box 17452, Seattle, WA 98127. Register online and more information at: mawsconvention.org.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza - Seattle Airport, 17338 International Blvd., Seattle, WA. For discounted room reservations: mawsconvention.org or call (844) 733-1389; use booking code MJ1.

Marijuana Anonymous Worldwide

For a complete listing of all meetings visit
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John L.	12/15/84	33 yrs

District 4

Thor H.	12/6/00	17 yrs
Bryan C.	12/8/16	1 yr

District 5

Amanda	12/17/14	3 yrs
Andrew	12/13/17	2 yrs
Colin	12/3/11	6 yrs
Debra	12/13/15	2 yrs
Ehsan	11/20/11	6 yrs
Gary R.	12/10/90	27 yrs
Joe W.	11/19/11	6 yrs
Larry C.	11/28/99	18 yrs
Lisa S.	12/7/93	24 yrs
Ray M.	11/19/13	4 yrs
Robert M.	12/11/11	6 yrs

District 6

Gregg L.	12/3/15	12 yrs
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District 11

Andy D.	12/2/07	10 yrs
Bethany D.	12/19/16	1 yr
Bill C.	9/15/12	5 yrs
Casey B.	1/2/12	6 yrs
Cassi S.	12/9/97	20 yrs
Claire H.	12/30/12	5 yrs
Issa K.	11/11/09	8 yrs
Jenifer C.	11/12/12	5 yrs
Jon C.	1/1/99	19 yrs
Kelly P.	10/29/10	7 yrs
Lon M.	11/24/09	8 yrs
Louise R.	12/3/98	19 yrs
Nikhil K.	12/13/12	5 yrs
Stephan H.	9/15/02	15 yrs
Thomas T.	1/15/12	6 yrs

Fairfax, VA

Sarah E.W.	12/19/13	3 yrs
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GOT A YEAR? ALLOW US TO PUBLISH YOUR ANNIVERSARY TO CELEBRATE!!!

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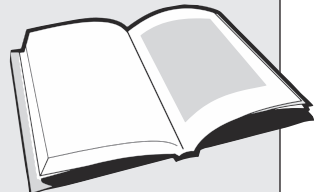
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 - 2) HAVE NOT been published recently,**
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From Life with Hope

Step One

We admitted we were powerless over marijuana, that our lives had become unmanageable.



Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on MA unity.