



“What’s Going on with ANLP?”
A Letter to Our Readers

Dear Reader,

My name is Maurice and I am a marijuana addict. I also serve as President Trustee of Marijuana Anonymous World Services. I hope this message finds you well. As you have probably surmised, we are well behind in our commitment to deliver literature ordered on our website and in publishing our newsletter, *A New Leaf*. Emails and phone calls have gone unanswered.

I cannot make excuses for this; it is behavior unbecoming to A New Leaf Publications and MA World Services. It is not the way a Twelve Step fellowship should operate. We have been challenged by personal and health issues, as well as turnover of volunteers at ANLP, yet we make no excuse. I take responsibility for my part; I should have stepped in earlier to rectify the situation. As a group, we ask for your understanding and forgiveness.

Adding to concerns, we ran out of copies of the Second Edition of *Life with Hope*. Thankfully, the Third Edition, which includes additional recovery resources, has gone to print and should be delivered to us by late January. By that time a new Administrator should be in place, and shipping will begin as soon as possible.

The volunteers at MA World Services and ANLP want to regain your trust and make amends for what has happened. Individual subscriptions to *A New Leaf* will be extended by one year and, of course, you will receive all of the months for which you have already paid. If this is not suitable to you, please contact me personally at president@marijuana-anonymous.org and we will do what needs to be done.

Yours in Service,

Maurice R.

No More ~by an anonymous MA 01/11/2017

Discarded glass
Days ago
Just one more bowl
One more
Echoes
Just...

F***
Feelings

Spilling up
Through the cracks
Can't cover
Can't exorcise

Soul's Losses and Hurts

All of them
Count em
Go ahead
Turn the clock
Counter-wise

What could have been
When it was different
When there was Hope
When it was crushed
When they...
They...

And when you were dust
Again
Again...
And again
And it hurts...
It hurts
It hurts so much

Humor doesn't hide it
Cynicism doesn't soothe it
Judgement doesn't shrink it
Bitterness doesn't smother it
Bitterness doesn't...

Self-pity... fuhgeddaboutit

...fuhgeddaboutit

They make it worse
They make it last
And the hurt is shared,
passed on
And the losses are
magnified

Burnt glass

You're not invisible but
transparent
Dammit
God DAMN those that see
you
F*** them
F***
Hide
So lonely
So lonely...
Those bastards
They
Them
F***
Hide

It's lonely
It's so...

Punishing
Paying the debt
Alone
Punishing
Paying the debt
Over and over
Inhale, gasp, cough
Paying the debt
Alone
Your lot
You suck
Keep on paying

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

We will be reaching out to districts soon to update the District Bureau Chief list. Additionally district representatives, including but not limited to those serving as Bureau Chief are encouraged to stay in touch: editor@anewleafpublications.org

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Worldwide Outreach Campaign: We invite You!

The MA World Services Outreach Committee completed our worldwide mailing of letters to independent meetings and meetings outside of the United States on December 8, 2016.

We embarked on this campaign with a goal of building an up-to-date database of contacts for independent meetings and meetings outside of the United States because maintaining communications is vital for those meetings and the fellowship as a whole.

Of the 138 letters mailed, 42 were sent outside of the United States, to meetings in Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Japan, Iceland, Italy, New Zealand, the Republic of Ireland, and the UK. Mailings included information on how to confirm a meeting's current contacts, a Save the Date for both the 2017 MA World Services Convention and Conference, as well as other

pertinent MA World Services information. These letters were sent to the facilities where your meetings are held, so we hope they've all been received by this point. **Hey, let us know!**

More broadly, the goals of Outreach service are to assist groups in solving problems that may impede their growth or threaten their survival. We help groups and



individuals in service wherever possible to overcome many kinds of isolation by encouraging increased knowledge, contact, and exposure to MA as a whole, and especially the MA service structure. Fundamentally, our intended approach is to help groups, districts and committees to help themselves by being informed.

Should your meeting be struggling or require some support we are here to help in any way that we can. The Outreach Committee has been striving to build a strong foundation and infrastructure to better communicate with, and support meetings and Districts around the world who face isolation from the MA service structure and resources.

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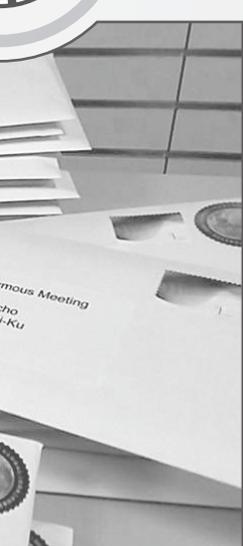
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Geographic, language and cultural barriers are primary among the variety of factors which contribute to people, groups or districts being isolated from the MA service structure. We strive to bring isolated members or groups together with other parts of MA.



Outreach has several ongoing service opportunities that we would LOVE FOR YOU to engage in. Please help us to:



- o Build a multi-lingual database of member contacts to better respond when non-English-speaking MAs or potential members reach out for help.
- o Grow our remote sponsorship database to support members who struggle to find local sponsors or service sponsors.
- o Create a New Meeting Service

Sponsor Database to connect MAs who have experience starting meetings with members who are starting a new meeting to provide ongoing support and guidance.

The Outreach Committee exists to foster participation, communication, and unity in relation to World Services and our meetings and Districts. Please contact your Outreach Trustee, Drift, at outreach@marijuana-anonymous.org.

Yours in Service,

The 2016-2017 MA World Services Outreach Committee

No More...

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Not a drink or a drug will cure
 Not a lover or a love will endure
 Not a job will fill the hole
 Isolation is insurance
 In the clear light of day
 No matter how hard you
 work or play
 That you will be whipped
 all over again
 A guarantee now
 As long as you fight it persists
 Bottomless cup of coins to drop in
 Goddess of Hopelessness grins
 Down
 Down
 Down on us...

Us

But there is no such deity
Never was

Risk
Risk Divine Vulnerability

F***ing kidding me

No

Feel
Feel
Feel

Identify
 The feeling, the feelings
 Be certain, be gentle, be kind
 Be honest and humble,
 authentic and you... it is You
 You, You, You, you will find
 through these losses and hurts

Put it all down
 Put it All down
 On paper
 Put it All down
 On paper

Yes. We. Are. Doing. This.

On the table
 Offer it up
 Feel
 Feel them
 Feel them



Open your eyes
 Don't clamp them shut
 Let it rain
 Let it rain
 Let it rain
 Share the pain

Use your words
 Your tears
 The wisdom of all your
 many years
 Let them in
 Let Them in...

Let Us in
 We know it
 We know all about it
 We do, no bs

The Truth is
 The absolute f***ing Truth is...
 The beautiful Truth is...
 And hear this
 Hear this here:

You did the best you could
 You did the best you could
 And so did they
 And so did they
 And so did they
 There is no more debt to pay
 There is no more debt to pay
 There is no more debt to pay
 There is no more debt to pay

It's done
 Let's walk

You're not alone anymore
 No more ▲

Marijuana Anonymous Worldwide

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About Birthdays

Stay tuned as we update our process for gathering and listing birthdays.

UPDATE!

Windows phone, tablet and PC users can now install the MA Mobile app. Just as for iOS and Android, search the Microsoft store for "marijuana anonymous" or use the links at www.marijuana-anonymous.org.



From Life with Hope

Step Two

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.



Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God whose expression may come through in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

MA Daily Meditation Book

The Literature Committee continues its **call for your writing** as we compile a year's worth of daily meditations focused on recovery from marijuana addiction. The writings should be approximately 250 to 500 words.

What would you want to read on your sobriety birthday?

The earliest submissions have a good chance of being printed on your recovery birthday. If you feel so moved, send in more than one. Looking for inspiration? Take a look at daily meditation books from other fellowships or take a look at the sample at: www.marijuana-anonymous.org/meditations. Find an inspiring quote to kickstart your creativity. Go for it...Write yours today! **Send your submissions to:** stories@anewleafpublications.org