



**hey, what's the basket for?**

*The monies collected during our seventh tradition ultimately goes to carrying the message of Marijuana Anonymous, not only locally, but worldwide. When this is hampered, the addict is the one who suffers or dies.*

*Most of us figured that the basket money went to rent, literature, coffee, and cookies. Whatever was left over would go the district or World Services to pay their expenses, etc. Well folks, the "etc." is carrying the message, and the message needs our combined support.*

*Let's face it, the dollar cost of recovery from active addiction in MA is CHEAP! Under four hundred bucks a year if you go to a meeting every day and put a dollar in the basket. That wouldn't buy you four sessions with a shrink. That wouldn't have kept you loaded for a (check one) \_\_\_ day, \_\_\_ week, \_\_\_ month. Think about how much you used to spend on insanity.*

*So please remember that our donations go far beyond just paying the rent. They save lives! So when that basket comes around and you're clean today, go ahead and double up or do whatever you can. And of course, if you're clean and sober, you should just naturally pop the two bucks in the basket - one for each.*

*Loren N.*

***hugs, service and sobriety***

*Words can't begin to express my feelings or explain the love that was generated through the 1991 World Conference. When I got clean and sober almost 18 months ago, I honestly didn't think I'd have a good time doing it! I had a chance to be of service this weekend and to give back some of the things that I've gotten from this program. Being the party animal that I am, I expected the party Saturday night to be the "highlight" of the weekend, but I was amazed by how much fun the actual conference was. I got a chance to really get to know the people that I've depended on for the last year and a half. For the first time in my life, I felt a part of something! I met people from San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Seattle and Orange County. We all shared a common bond called drug addiction and for once in my life, it has worked for my recovery instead of against it. I'm very proud to be a part of District #6. This weekend went very smoothly and we got a lot of compliments on what a great job we did! Thanks again to everybody who helped and I greatly encourage everybody to get involved next year!*

*I love you guys! Tina K.*

*P.S. I just want to thank everybody at the conference for the great hugs! They will definitely keep me coming back!!*

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*The following are our new **Board of Trustees**, as elected at the conference: George B., LA North, President, Aziz, A., Orange, Secretary, Kate Mc., East Bay, Treasurer, Nina S., East Bay, Archivist, Peter D. Seattle, Bill B., San Francisco, David D., Seattle, Fred M., LA South, B.W. L., San Francisco.*

*Our **Committee Coordinators** are: H & I - Al. E., LA North, PI - Geoff F., LA North, National N.L. - Kathy C. LA North, Chips - Joyce, LA North, Literature - Joanne R., San Francisco and Publications - John D., Santa Cruz.*

### **CARRYING THE MESSAGE**

*The Twelfth Step tells us, having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to other addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs. I learned very early on in MA that service would help to keep me sober. It kept me going to meetings when the rigors of every day life seemed more important. It brought me out of the woodwork and make me feel a part of the group. This past Memorial Day Weekend, when I had the privilege to serve as a delegate from our district to the Fourth Annual MA World Conference in Pasadena, service allowed me to see the large foundation upon which my own program of recovery is based. The conference brought together delegates from all over California and Washington for three days of hard work, much needed MA meetings and a sprinkling of fun.*

*I was amazed at the working structure that already existed for getting things done. We met in committees for the first day and a half, sharing ideas and preparing materials and motions to bring to the larger group for the second day and a half. Some of the many accomplishments of this conference included an H & I manual, an expanded new starting pack, and MA business letter to aid intra-district communication and plans for an MA service manual to be written over this coming year by a committee of delegates. Old friendships were renewed, new friendships were made and all of us had the opportunity to participate in our own sobriety and in sobriety of those who have not yet, but hopefully will, reach the doors of MA. When they do, we will definitely be there for them. Thank you for letting me be of service, it was truly a gift. Andi A.*

### **PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION**

The Fourth MA Conference meant progress and letting go for me.

Just under two years ago, it was "us" versus "them" and now it is "we", a true unified entity of marijuana addicts in recovery. My how far we have come. Imagine through all the different opinions and

personalities, Marijuana Anonymous maintains its common bond which is our primary purpose to help marijuana addict who still suffers. The principles in action!

I came to the conference feeling overwhelmed and even burnt out. I could only think about how much we had to get done. All of a sudden I remembered the infamous slogan "progress, not perfection" which allowed me to let go and focus on doing only that which we could get done.

In addition, this conference represented the letting go of a three year commitment to MA World Services, which brought up many emotions. I wanted to continue on with public information as that is where my interests lie, yet my recovery comes first. I learned that I can now remain committed to MA and do that service which God puts in my path - namely the newcomers.

I want to thank MA and all of you as I can not express enough how much you all have given me. Keep coming back, Mariska P. (Seattle)

P.S. District #6 did a dynamite job! Thanx.

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### **To God with Love, Goodby to Drugs**

*God, I get so disgusted with myself  
When I refuse to knock the drugs  
Blow it away with one giant breath,  
Breath in beauty and blow out death.*

*The pain is like saying farewell  
To the potions that made me do dares well  
Far away was never far enough to run,  
Chasing that next hit hasn't been all fun.*

*The decision to surrender is so very scary  
But when I get high I consider hari-kari.  
God, it never reached the point that  
You shut me out of your heart;*

*I shut the door on my heart  
With the drug that left its mark  
I'm dying and it just now hit me  
The Queen Lady Snow tackled me and bit me*

*She lied and deceived me, Your Love retrieved me  
Thank you, Father, for giving me reality  
I offer to you my sobriety  
One day at a time, until your eyes meet mine*

Regina H. 6/8/85 (See Page 1 - Ed.)



# Southern California Marijuana Anonymous Schedule of Meetings

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## SUNDAY

- 10:00 AM El Segundo  
\*Sunday Morning Joint Effort\*  
550 N. Continental Blvd., Suite 130  
(W. of Aviation, N. of El Segundo)
- 4:30 PM West Hollywood \*(33/F4)  
1296 N. Fairfax (corner of Fountain)  
(United Methodist Church)
- 5:30 PM Glendale - Discussion \*(25/C4)  
225-D N. Maryland Ave.  
(Positive Directions Activity Center)
- 7:45 PM West Hollywood - Men's Stag \*(33/D5)  
8839-1/2 Santa Monica Blvd., Upstairs  
(W. Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Center)
- 8:00 PM Newport Beach - Discussion \*(33/C4, O.C.) H/A  
301 Newport Blvd.  
(Hoag Hospital Chemical Dependency Unit)

## MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Palmdale - Step Study \*(183/D1)  
37707 Palm Vista Ave.  
(Corner R-6 - 1 blk E. 10th St. East)  
(First Assembly of God Church)
- 7:30 PM Orange - Participation \*(17/B4, O.C.) H/A  
1100 W. Stewart  
(Sister Elizabeth Recovery Center)
- 8:00 PM North Hollywood - Participation \*(16/A5) H/A  
6455 Coldwater Canyon Blvd.  
(Life Plus Institute)
- 8:30 PM West Hollywood \*Rastaman Vibrations\* \*(33/D5)  
8839-1/2 Santa Monica Blvd., Upstairs  
(W. Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Center)

## TUESDAY

- 8:00 PM Mar Vista - Participation \*(49/F2) H/A  
3590 Grandview Blvd.  
(2 blk N. Venice - 1 blk E. Centinela)  
(St. Bede's Episcopal Church)
- 8:00 PM Costa Mesa - Topic  
350 W. Bay St.  
(Starting Point)
- 8:30 PM Woodland Hills - Participation  
7475 Fallbrook (and Saticoy)  
(West Valley Baptist Church)

## WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Pasadena \*(27/F4)  
2900 East Del Mar Blvd.  
(Las Encinas Hospital)
- 7:30 PM Culver City - Beginner's Meeting  
3853 Dunn Dr.  
(1 blk E. of Clarington - N. of Washington)  
(Cornerstone House)

- 8:00 PM Costa Mesa - Big Book Study \*(31/C1, O.C.) H/A  
661 Hamilton, Room 640  
(REA Community Center)
- 8:00 PM Van Nuys - Discussion  
6323 Woodman Ave.  
(Crossroads Hospital)
- 8:00 PM Van Nuys - Book & Step Study  
15220 Vanowen Blvd.  
(Van Nuys Hospital, Room C)
- 8:30 PM Manhattan Beach  
1001 N. Rowell  
(At the church, East of Sepulveda)  
(South of Manhattan Beach Blvd.)
- 8:30 PM Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian \*(43/B4)  
1213 N. Highland Ave, Room 207  
(at Santa Monica)  
Gay & Lesbian Comm. Services Center

## THURSDAY

- 8:00 PM Mar Vista \*(49/F2) H/A  
3590 Grandview Blvd.  
(2 blk N. Venice - 1 blk E. Centinela)  
(St. Bede's Episcopal Church)
- 8:00 PM Lake Forest - Step Study  
23228 Madero, Conference Room  
Mision Viejo Charter Hospital
- 8:30 PM Pomona \*(90/F6) H/A  
1289 Park Avenue  
(Serenity House)

## FRIDAY

- 8:30 PM Pasadena \*(27/B3) H/A  
131 N. El Molino, #320  
(Pasadena Council on Alcoholism/Drug Dep.)
- 7:30 PM Orange - Step Study \*(17/B4, O.C.) H/A  
777 S. Main Street, Room 104  
(Mariposa Women's Center)
- 7:30 PM Costa Mesa  
150 Paulerino Avenue, Suite 165
- 8:00 PM Northridge - Participation \*(14/C1) H/A  
18420 Roscoe (at Reseda Blvd)  
(Pavilion Plaza)
- 8:30 PM West Hollywood \*(33/D5)  
\*Resin Resisters\* - Step Study  
8939-1/2 Santa Monica Blvd. Upstairs  
(W. Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Center)

## SATURDAY

- 6:00 PM San Diego  
9184 Gramercy Dr. (Von's Shopping Center)  
(Serenity Shop - Back Room)

## LEGEND

\* - Thomas Guide Coordinates  
H/A - Handicapped Accessible

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