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## Welcome to Digital Delivery!

You've been waiting for it, and it's finally here! Stories of experience, strength, and hope you cherish, now delivered straight to your inbox.

### A quick explanation

We would like to take a moment to explain this unexpected but pleasant surprise. A New Leaf Publications, like the rest of our organization, encourages rotation of service. We also employ a special worker, whose position also experiences turnover from time to time.

Recently, all of the above converged, and as a board, A New Leaf Publications decided that July is the perfect time to roll out our planned digital delivery of the monthly newsletter, *A New Leaf*.

Please enjoy this **complimentary** introduction to the digital newsletter for **3 months**. After that, the digital newsletter will be available for the former price of the printed newsletter before recent price increases were implemented to address the cost of printing and shipping.

Your subscription to the printed version of *A New Leaf* will be extended by one month due to a pause in delivery for July. The delivery of the printed version will resume in August and continue throughout the duration of your subscription.

Please [email](#) the ANLP Interim Office Administrator if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to progress in carrying the message to addicts who still suffer.

# What is ANLP, anyway?

## About Us: A New Leaf Publications

### The Publishing Division

Maybe you've heard reference to ANLP during a District Service Committee (DSC) meeting or at the annual Conference. You've probably thought, another acronym, really? What is ANLP, anyway?

[A New Leaf Publications](#) (ANLP) is the publishing division of Marijuana Anonymous. A New Leaf Publications publishes the following materials: the [Life with Hope](#) book and workbook, MA pamphlets, the Service Manual, New Meeting Starter Kits, and soon, the [Living Every Day with Hope](#) daily meditation book that was recently approved by the MA World Service Conference body.

The ANLP staff includes the following trusted servant positions: Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Content Editor, and Design Editor, as well as a paid special worker, the ANLP Office Administrator.

### The Newsletter

*A New Leaf (ANL)* is the literary newsletter for Marijuana Anonymous. *A New Leaf* newsletter is similar to the *AA Grapevine* magazine. *ANL* contains MA [member-submitted stories](#) and other creative expressions sharing experience, strength, and hope in recovery. It also publishes [sobriety birthdays](#) when MA members submit them individually or through their district ANLP Bureau Chief. *A New Leaf* also provides announcements and updates about major MA events and the ongoing work of MA World Services committees.

Members who would like to [subscribe](#) to *A New Leaf* may purchase an annual subscription for the print version that is delivered to their home. Starting next month, members will also be able to separately subscribe to receive the literary newsletter digitally, as well.

What *A New Leaf* newsletter is not - *Carry the Message!* ☐ All the love for *Carry the Message*, which is a service-based, free digital e-newsletter, but they aren't the same. *A New Leaf* is a paid literary publication that carries stories of experience, strength, and hope directly from members. MA members who are familiar with Alcoholics

Anonymous could liken it to *The Grapevine*, AA's paid subscription literary magazine.

Besides collecting content, designing, printing, and delivering *A New Leaf* literary newsletter, A New Leaf Publications manages the contract with Hazelden, which prints the 3rd edition of *Life with Hope*, as well as the workbook. All other printed materials, like the Service Manual and New Meeting Starter Kits, are processed through A New Leaf Publications.

### **We are looking for help!**

We have the following *open positions*:

**Secretary:** volunteer position, creates and sends out the agenda for the monthly board meetings and takes notes during the meetings.

**Administrator:** part-time, paid position, about 15-20 hours per month. Specific tasks listed below in the job description.

*See below for more information on how to apply for the Special Worker administrator position.*

## **Oh, the Places You Will Go!**

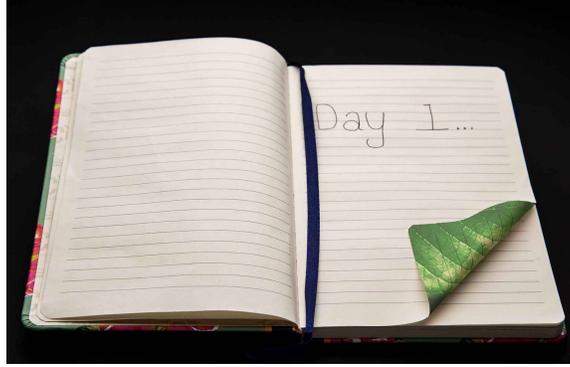
When I logged on to my first MA meeting on November 1, 2022, never in my wildest dreams did I imagine what a profoundly life-changing step I was taking. All I knew was that I was in a mental, physical, relational, spiritual, and emotional prison...and I could not get out of it.

(Cont'd online, click below)

~Annette S

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## **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.

We are reaching out to districts to update the ANLP Liaisons and birthday lists. Additionally, district/group service representatives, including but not limited to those serving as ANLP Liaisons, are encouraged to stay in touch: [chiefs@anewleafpublications.org](mailto:chiefs@anewleafpublications.org)

#### **ANLP Staff**

Chairperson: Amy F.

Treasurer: Graham S.

Secretary: Marcy E.

Content Editor: Beth F.

Design Editor: Justin W.

ANLP Admin: Vacant

#### **Contact ANLP**

Send articles/stories:

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## **ANLP ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION**

The ANLP Administrator supports the efforts of the A New Leaf Publications board and fulfills A New Leaf orders. A great administrator has excellent organization and time management skills, is able to operate efficiently without supervision, and communicates effectively in both writing and over the phone. The ideal candidate will be adept at fulfillment procedures and will be able to actively discover new ways to perform the job more efficiently.

### **Qualifications**

Minimum two years of sobriety from marijuana, alcohol, and all self-prescribed mind-altering chemicals.

Working knowledge of the Marijuana Anonymous Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for Service

A resident of the United States, with access to a home office or similar facilities, with the ability to receive deliveries as needed

Ability to maintain flexible office hours and attend meetings on weekends with occasional weekday evenings

Ability to operate efficiently without on-site supervision

Strong typing skills with the ability to communicate effectively in writing, on the phone, and digitally

Ongoing access to a high-speed internet connection

Ability to effectively use the software systems employed by ANLP such as Google, eCommerce, Adobe Suites, Zoom, etc.

### **Responsibilities (in order of priority)**

Process ANLP orders received using eCommerce software

Place printed orders in a timely manner in order to reduce delivery delays

Picks up, packs, and ships orders

Receive, store, and account for inventory

Monitor incoming communications; respond or redirect as appropriate

Perform other related duties as assigned by the Board Chair

Maintain on-site storage for inventory and equipment

(approximately 5' x 5' cubic area)

Participate in, at minimum, semi-annual performance reviews

### **Compensation and Hours**

Part-time Special Worker

Approximately 15 hours per month

\$28 per hour

## Higher Power Gratitude

Higher Power, give me the will to keep going. To live this life I live.

Even when times are hard, give me the strength and courage to strive.

Higher Power, I thank you for letting me be a child of yours.

I thank you for removing the darkness and clouds from my mind.

For letting me see the light of life.

Higher Power, I thank you for this new journey of life in sobriety.

Higher Power, I thank you for letting me become myself/ME again.

~ Cassie C



## We need you!

Service keeps us sober, and the following committees at Marijuana Anonymous World Services need **YOUR HELP!**



## Carry the Message

**Subscribe for service-related news!**

You'll receive announcements, news, and events from

[Newcomer Support](#): (minimum 6 month sober time requirement) General committee work of responding to support requests; Subcommittee for drafting the training materials for responding to support requests; Subcommittee for facilitating future workshops for newcomers and sponsors

around the MA  
Fellowship.

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Message

[Literature](#): New pamphlets (A Safe Place, CHS, About Psychosis, Detox Stories); Subcommittee for Stories for Life with Hope, 4th edition

[Public Information](#): Social media subcommittee needs help managing content for Instagram and Facebook; Website Redesign Subcommittee

[Hospitals and Institutions](#): General committee work of sending materials and sending support to individuals and meetings within hospitals and institutions

[Conferences and Conventions](#): Convention handbook; Conference Agenda Committee; 2023 Convention Planning Committee

[Policies and Procedures](#): Special Worker Review Process Subcommittee; writing Conference Agenda items

[Outreach](#): General outreach work; Subcommittee re-writing the New Meeting Starter Kit; Representation and Accessibility

[Finance](#): Finance handbook for Districts

[Internet](#): General internet work to maintain the website and work with the PI website redesign committee; new App development

*If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact the trustee of that committee by clicking the button below and scrolling for the trustee title or clicking on the title above.*

## Whatever I focus on grows

After going through a lot of sponsors, I finally landed a really good one about a decade ago. She has this most amazing way of working the 7th Step: When I identify a survival skill that I want to let go of, she asks me, *"What do you want to replace it with?"*

This always gets me thinking of the alternative (and sometimes I need her help to figure that out!). When I want to let go of judgments, I then focus on compassion, and this frees me.

I've discovered that whatever I focus on grows, so it makes sense for me to focus on what I WANT in my life, not what I don't want.

In the past, working on the 7th Step always made my character challenges get bigger and louder. Now, when I focus on the alternative, I feel freer.

~ Susan C

## Step and Tradition of the Month

### Step 7

Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.

### Tradition 7

Every MA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

## Celebrating 95 Years of Sobriety!

### District 2

Kathy L | 6/14/1995 | 28 yrs

Nina S | 6/21/1985 | 38 yrs

### District 11

John R | 6/5/2022 | 1 yr

<p><b>District 5</b></p> <p>Sam H   6/1/2015   8 yrs</p> <p>Dave F   6/6/2020   3 yrs</p> <p>Pearl C   6/6/2020   3 yrs</p>	<p><b>District 18</b></p> <p>Jess A   6/16/2022   1 yr</p>
<p><b>District 7</b></p> <p>Jonathan B   6/1/2022   1 yr</p>	<p><b>District 20</b></p> <p>Ika M   6/10/2022   1 yr</p>
<p><b>District 8</b></p> <p>Maryanne M   6/10/2021   2 yrs</p>	<p><b>District 22</b></p> <p>Ryan J   5/18/2020   3 yr</p> <p>Victoria J   6/20/2021   2 yrs</p> <p>Brian L   6/21/2021   2 yrs</p>
<p><b>Oklahoma City, OK</b></p> <p>Jessica W   6/19/2022   1 yr</p>	<p><b>Buffalo, NY</b></p> <p>Nicole S   6/09/2022   1 yr</p>

## App is available for iOS and Android

Remember to download the Marijuana Anonymous App on all your devices!



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