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Alert! The 2002 Convention in Seattle is coming! Please find a full-page registration form for your convenience on Page Three. For more information on the upcoming event, please, visit the Convention website at www.seattlema.org!

Editors Note:

ANL held a Moratorium of business after the monumental tragedy that befell our beloved country. In the meantime **Online, MA** across the country were contacting fellow MA members in New York. One source of information came from the Pipeline. "The Recovery Pipeline is not an online meeting; rather it is a forum to share on marijuana recovery related topics via e-mail." Many thoughts and prayers were shared from all over the World, we are MA Worldwide.

Adhering to Tradition 10, "Members should not back away from their own personal convictions or from acting as they see fit; but MA as a whole does not enter into any public controversies." I personally see fit to print the following share, with permission from our MA Member.

God Bless America ~
Debra C.

WTC

Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2001 10:38:58 EDT
From: RalphieOB@xxxxxx.xxx
Subject: Re: New York

Ralph here, grateful recovering Rpothead.

It is nice to read messages from around the world this morning.

I work across the river from the World Trade Center. At the time of the first plane crash my back was to the window when one of my coworkers jumped up in shock as he saw the first tower go up in flames. We all could not believe what we saw and had no idea what was actually happening. We turned on the radio to hear that a plane had crashed into one of the towers. Our first reaction were thoughts of a plane gone out of control. The radio reported the same thoughts. A few minutes later two other coworkers saw the second plane crash into the other tower. The rest of us thought for sure that they must be mistaken. The radio confirmed it.

Everyone immediately realized what was happening. All work stopped. We were in shock. Two people in the office ran to get binoculars they had with them. What they saw later through those binoculars was more horrific than what would happen later. People who had to make the choice to burn or jump. Some of them already burning. This was not happening was it? We then got word on the radio that the Pentagon was hit. A lump the size of a melon filled my throat. "WE ARE UNDER ATTACK!" came out of mouth. There was no doubt. I had to get some air. Outside were others who were feeling the same as I was at that moment. It was there that I learned that the planes were hijacked, and there were reports of more still in the air. Fear came over me. I saw two other recovering addicts who worked in the same building. We hugged like there might be no tomorrow. Those hugs

came at the perfect time.

I rushed back into the building to find our Branch Manager announcing that we were all to go home. I looked out the window and saw nothing but smoke where the towers were. The coworker next to me asked where the towers were. I

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Ralphie O.

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assured him that they must be behind all that smoke, after all there was no way those massive structures could have come down. Another coworker confirmed it. They were GONE! "Oh my God!" was all we could muster. At that moment I seriously thought that this must be just a dream. I literally pinched myself and closed my eyes in an attempt to wake up. This was not a dream, this was a real nightmare.

I called my brother who is in sales in the city. My call was not going through. Nobody was having luck making phone calls. We were COMPLETELY powerless and the feelings were running deep and wide. Fear, anger, sadness, concern were but a few of the emotions running through me. Luckily I got through to my mother. She lived nearby and informed me that my brother was fine, as was my sister who lives in the city. Thank God.

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My daughter was in school at the time. They kept her in school and released them only to parents and guardians. Later, when I would talk with her, I would find out that there were many still waiting for their parents, obviously concerned about them.

My only concern is for my stepdaughter, Rachel. As many of you know she is an active addict who chooses wander the streets of New York. I have faith and a great feeling that she is fine. I just wish she would call to let us know.

Fifty-thousand people work in those two buildings. I was lucky. I was not a victim, nor were any family members.

Others are not as lucky. Their lives are changed forever. My heart and prayers go out to them.

Love and blessings to all.

CONFERENCE 2001

The Adventure in Oakland

Kathy & Suki

We want to express gratitude for the success of another great Conference in Northern California this year. What contributed to the productive conference? Trustees and delegates showed up prepared to do business. Our setting, the First Unitarian Church of Oakland was peaceful and serene. We were also blessed with many willing volunteers to handle all the mundane - and celestial - details of keeping all those trustees and delegates happy and business-focused!

While we lacked the spectacular views of the San Francisco Bay that the 2000 Conference attendees enjoyed, we made up for it in fabulous 4-star dining! The kitchen staff for this Conference was remarkable in their quest for food that would leave an impression on the attendees. It seemed the goal was to raise the stakes for the expectations brought to each subsequent meal that was prepared. By the end of lunch on Monday, the attendees gave a standing ovation while the kitchen staff was introduced. Theatrical? Yes, but given the effort put in, it was richly deserved. Our continued gratitude to "Head" Chef Dave, and his merry men (& women): Bob K., Doug, Ethan, Pat, Deanna, and Erin.

The most exciting and thrilling business of the conference was the birth of a new district, Number 12- Hooray for Eloise and Adam, the delegates from

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8th Annual Marijuana Anonymous World Convention

President's Day Weekend

February 15, 16, 17, 2002

Seattle, WA

Come enjoy the fellowship of other MA members. The weekend will feature many workshops and meetings, entertainment, banquet, dance, and a raffle. Lots of fun and sharing!

Friday, February 15 *

- 4-9 Registration
- 6 Introduction, Meet & Greet
- 7 Taco Salad Bar
- 8:15 Announcements
- 8:30 Speakers Meeting
- 10-1 Entertainment

Saturday, February 16 *

- Breakfast on your own
- 9-12 Workshops (Meetings)
- 12-1:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:30-4:45 Workshops
- 4:45-6:30 Free Time
- 6:30 Banquet Buffet, Raffle
- 8 Speakers Meeting
- 9:30-1 Musical Entertainment & Dance

Sunday, February 17*

- Breakfast on your own
- 9-10:30 Workshops
- Check-out of Hotel
- 11:30-2 Soup & Salad Buffet
- Closing Meeting
- Raffle
- Birthday Countdown

**All times are subject to change!*

The Hospitality Suite will be open all weekend, from 4 pm on Friday until Sunday morning. The suite will have free snacks and drinks, and is a great place to say hello. Vegan food items will be available at the suite and at all meals. Drum Circle, Chair Massage and other surprises TBA. We are working on getting ASL Interpreters for the Deaf, for more info, please contact Mary, sabetto@home.com. Check out the convention website, www.seattlema.org

HOTEL REGISTRATION

Hotel is **not included** in the price of the Convention; you must book your room separately.

Call the hotel and make a reservation (no reservations booked online!)
 Best Western Executive Inn, 200 Taylor Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98109
 (206) 448-9444 or 1-800-351-9444

Reservations must be made by January 1, 2002

*Our guarantee of a minimum of 25 room nights booked per night ensure our receiving use of meeting rooms and Hospitality Suite free of charge; **PLEASE RESERVE EARLY!!!***

Single or Double Room \$79.00, call for details

IMPORTANT!!! Shuttle Tickets for Airport Transportation are only for those who pre-register!!!

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION	COST	QUANTITY	TOTAL
•Before January 1, 2002	\$40.00	_____	_____
•After January 1, 2002	\$45.00	_____	_____
•Banquet Buffet, Speaker Meeting, Dance (vegan options)	\$40.00	_____	_____
GRAND TOTAL:			_____

Any person attending the Banquet will be eligible for the Banquet Raffle, the Banquet is an additional cost

Please make check out for total amount payable to Marijuana Anonymous, and mail to MAPuget Sound Service Committee, PMB 4403, 10002 Aurora Ave. North #36, Seattle, WA 98133-9334

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Conference

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the North (San Francisco) Bay.

Note from Kathy — As Treasurer for the conference, congratulations are in order to the District 2 volunteers that did an excellent job of raising funds & managing the Conference with a modest budget. We'll always cherish the memories of the "rolling party" we held to top off the fundraising campaign. District 2 was able to make a donation to next year's host district, District 7, of \$500, and a contribution to MAWS of \$903.

Note from Suki — I have attended many conferences in my lifetime but this was my first 12-step conference. The most memorable thing for me, (I will never forget it until dementia sets in- it may already be too late), was that whenever personalities started to get in the way of principles, anyone present could raise both hands in the air, and everyone had to stop whatever they were doing and say the Serenity Prayer. I have never seen anything so amazing in all my life. I have been trying to sell the idea at my workplace but for some reason they won't buy it. I think that the entire PLANET should operate like that. If I had known that tactic and how to implement it online during the pre-conference logistical planning- I would've gotten less gray hairs from it all. Whoever is in charge of next year's pre-conference logistics, be sure to email or call me, I'll have a few pointers, if my memory cells hold up. Organizing marijuana addicts is like herding cats- or sweeping marbles, if you will. I experienced an interesting combination of personalities, ranging from extremely detail oriented preplanning to very relaxed wait and see attitudes. I had to attend extra alanon meetings during this service work.

Once again thanks everyone, including John, Kevin, Jay, Eloise, Tim, Suki, Raquel, Chris K., Chris M., Weed Hound (who?), & Bob H. (great party!). If there is anyone we have forgotten, please forgive us, we are grateful to you too, but we are potheads!

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Mel G.	10/31/87	14 Years
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Dianne F.	10/22/91	10 Years
Judi F.	10/10/93	8 Years
Steve Mc.	10/4/93	8 Years
Richard H.	10/8/97	4 Years

District 4

David H.	10/26/96	5 Years
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District 5

Tom G.	10/17/93	8 Years
Jason	10/29/93	8 Years
James V.	10/29/98	3 Years
Randi	10/5/99	2 Years
Alyson M.	10/8/99	2 Years

District 6

Kathy B.	10/21/89	15 Years
Brian A.	10/16/87	14 Years
Randy F.	10/25/87	14 Years
Joanne M.	10/2/88	13 Years
Tomaso	10/7/91	10 Years
John C.	10/30/94	7 Years
Marc A.	10/18/94	7 Years

District 6 (cont'd)

Kim B.	10/15/95	6 Years
Debra R.	10/9/97	4 Years
Gary Z.	10/11/99	2 Years
Raymond J.	10/13/99	2 Years

District 7 (9 Belated)

Richard D.	8/25/88	13 Years
Bobbie	8/29/88	13 Years
Serenity Jim	9/25/89	12 Years
Al	9/15/95	6 Years
Cynthia	9/1/98	3 Years
Kari	9/14/88	3 Years
Elektra	9/8/99	2 Years
Dena	9/15/99	2 Years
Tom M.	9/24/00	1 Year!
Sharon	10/15/90	11 Years

District 8 (Belated)

Jay F.	8/5/00	1 Year!
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Tennessee

Ilene M.	10/20/94	7 Years
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Celebrating 252 Years of Sobriety in This Issue!