



A NEW LEAF

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OUT OF THE WOODS

Until I went on the MA Campout, I hadn't realized I'd completely forgotten something very special. How the rhythm of the waves crashing on the beach make me feel alive and a part of something grand. The ocean has a permanence to it. The ocean, like God, has always been there, only I turned away and chose not to experience it.

The MA campout brought me back to the ocean, away from the insanity of the city. This gathering of non-practicing addicts proved to me that I can actually have fun in sobriety. I now believe even more so because my senses are not debilitated with sedation. Everything is real!

The sun, the moon, - why even the stars were there. Those that went were truly blessed. Back in the city, it rained. While we, not so far away on the shore, enjoyed the warmth of the sun smiling down on us. We shared a little time of our lives together. We played, swam, and basked in the rays. At night, we gathered around a cozy fire and shared. I'm making friends now, friends I never thought I'd have. Real friends! That really care about me. Wow! What a wonderful feeling it is to be cared for and be able to care for others.

A lot of us had fears prior to going on this campout. I was reluctant until I arrived. Once there, I was grateful I went and surprised that I had such a good time. The fellowship was there and is here always. We only have to allow ourselves to reach out and someone will grab our hand and hold it as long as it needs to be held.

I urge you to get involved and be a part of the wonderful events that are available to us in the program. You'll be surprised at what a good time you might have.

Anon.

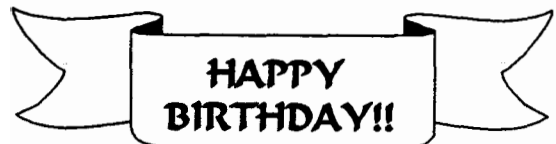
HELPLINE



If you need to talk, here's a list of people who would like to listen.

Terry M	818-771-0125
Carol M	818-708-0717
Loren N	818-509-1715
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Michelle E.	818-994-3161
Karie M	818-884-1223
Randy	818-708-2305
Terri R	818-563-6689
Tina K	818-564-1601
Joyce M	818-985-7097
George B	818-771-0704

Remember, we are not alone - we are all here to help each other.



Albert J.	October 8	2 years
Jim G.	October 8	1 year
Mike M.	October 31	4 years
Jerald	November 12	1 year
Terri R.	November 18	1 year

GENERAL SERVICE MEETING

Thursday, December 5, 1991 7:00 PM
7653 Linley Ave., Reseda

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Letters to the Editor

Dear MA:

My son, Dave, is one of you, and I want to send each of you my love and support, and thanks, for giving of yourselves. He feels he owes his sobriety and life to you - I know I have my son back, but even better than before. He and I have what appears to be a unique relationship - unfortunately. This is how it should be for every child and every mother. He's kind and good and funny and loving - as he learns, learns, learns.

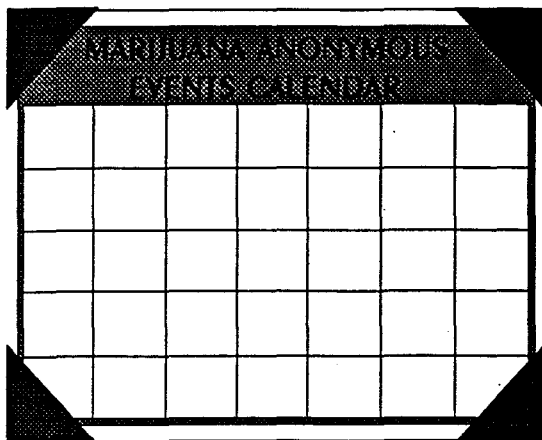
I'm very grateful for the effects of the 12-step experience in my own travels - I'm most grateful to all of you for being there for him. I wish each and every one of you love, and pray for your continuing courage, strength and hope.

My most sincere appreciation, Sally

AN AWAKENING

*All men are not created equal.
This truth had slapped me blind,
in its evil way; By its own design.
Enter God's will and now I see.
To see this truth is relief, although unpleasant.
Why me? Should I be given this burden...
This sickness which knows not compromise.
God's will? His message of chance to my soul?*

*Learn to ask him into my life and I can forsake this Evil.
Deny his love and I shall be devoured; This seems to be his work.
This shortcoming known as addiction; Punishment or gift I do not know...
Yet it leads me to God; For that I am glad. Anon*



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 23
Call Kathy C.
Call Tina K.
DECEMBER 14
Call Tina K.
Call Mikki I.

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY
818-980-4932
818-546-1601
HOLIDAY BASH
818-564-1601
818-577-8974

(WE NEED help for THESE EVENTS)



THOUGHTS FROM THE FIELD

FROM THE SOURCE

God is a vast and infinite ocean and we are but droplets in the sea. We are made of the same stuff and take part in the same limitlessness. We move about each other, we droplets, pass around and through one another, mixing, swirling, crashing. God's will in the great current. It pushes and pulls us toward and away from the shore, whichever we must go. We are rejuvenated and made well by each other in a great ebb and flow.

In God's time, we shall see all the shores; north, south, west and east. We shall see the still depths and the swelling heights. Some of us will wash ashore, dissipate and move on. The rains will come and new friends will be among us.

In my time, I sought not to be a part of this. In my ignorance, I wished to separate myself from other droplets. In vain, I tried to flow against

the current. In shame and confusion I sought pollution and filth which, I felt, suited me. I looked for the moment when I could disconnect myself in a burst of ocean mist, fall to the shore and evaporate. Alas, I only fell back into the ocean.

In God's infinite wisdom I have been drawn back out to the deep blue at high tide. In God's infinite grace I am cleansed and renewed of the pollution one day at a time. God, the ultimate patient teacher, is instructing me that I am here to take part in the ocean. In all justice, we are not meant to be divided or disconnected, lest we diminish the source.

As the waves recede from the shore and spill from the rocky breakwater, my one prayer is for a calm sea and prosperous voyage.

Anon



FAITH

*God is not only for those who's lives need him for sake of savior.
We created by him are perfectly cut Diamonds cast into the rough of life on earth.
This place where God's light is seen clearly only by the will of the soul.*

*I concede to the thought that our own intelligence may be of a greater ignorance;
For explanations and reason hold no place in Faith.*

*Try as we may, alone we can achieve only false contentment.
When held up in the light of God's love, then only can all our facets shine fully.*

If our Faith is real, God's hand is what will lift us into the light of his truth. Anon



Southern California
Marijuana Anonymous
Schedule of Meetings
Updated 11-5-91 by Carol



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)
8939-1/2 Santa Monica Blvd., Upstairs
(W. Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Center)
- 8:00 PM** Newport Bch - Open Panel *(33/C4,O.C.) H/A
301 Newport Blvd.
(Hoag Hospital Chemical Dependency Unit)

MONDAY

- 7:30 PM** Orange - Participation *(17/B4,O.C.) H/A
1100 W. Stewart
(Sister Elizabeth Recovery Center)
- 8:00 PM** North Hollywood - Participatn. *(16/A5) H/A
6455 Coldwater Canyon Blvd.
(Life Plus Institute)
- 8:30 PM** W. Hllywd "Rastaman Vibrations" *(33/D5)
8939-1/2 Santa Monica Blvd., Upstairs
(W. Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Center)

TUESDAY

- 7:30 PM** Orange - Women's Stag *(17/E2)
(At the end of Oakmont Ave,
behind school grounds)
- 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 - "Roach Motel" *(31/D1)
350 W. Bay St.
(Starting Point)
- 8:30 PM** Woodland Hills - Participation *(13/D1)H/A
20969 Ventura Blvd. #19
(French Quarter Building)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM** Lancaster - Step Study/Partcpn *(160/B5)
44743 Yucca Avenue
(Old Skating Rink)
- 7:00 PM** Pasadena *(27/F4)
2900 East Del Mar Blvd.
(Las Encinas Hospital)
- 7:30 PM** Culver City - Beginner's Meeting *(42/C6)
3853 Dunn Dr.
(1 blk E. of Clarington - N. of Washington
(Cornerstone House)

- 8:00 PM** Costa Mesa - Big Bk Study *(31/C1,O.C.) H/A
661 Hamilton, Room 640
(REA Community Center)
- 8:00 PM** North Hollywood - Discussion *(15/F5)
6323 Woodman Ave (1/2 blk S. of Victory)
(Crossroads Hospital)
- 8:00 PM** Van Nuys - Book & Step Study *(15/C4)
15220 Vanowen Blvd.
(Van Nuys Hospital, Room C)
- 8:15 PM** Los Angeles - Gay & Lesbian *(34/B4)
1213 N. Highland Ave
(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** Mission Viejo - Step Study
23228 Madero, Conference Room
Mission Viejo Charter Hospital

FRIDAY

- 6:30 PM** Pasadena *(27/B3) H/A
131 N. El Molino, #320
(Pasadena Cnd on Alcoholism/Drug Dep.)
- 7:30 PM** Orange "TGIF" Step Study*(17/B4,O.C.) H/A
777 S. Main Street, Room 104
(Moriposa Women's Center)
- 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

- 10:00 AM** Los Angeles - All Welcome *(34/B4)
1213 N. Highland Ave
(at Santa Monica)
Gay & Lesbian Comm. Services Center
- 12:00 Noon** Woodland Hills - Spkr Meeting *(12/E5)
6201 Winnetka Avenue
(Pierce College Campus Center)
- 6:00 PM** San Diego
9184 Gramercy Dr. (Von's Shopping Center)
(Serenity Shop - Back Room)

LEGEND

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

For Information on Meetings
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