



A NEW LEAF

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WORTH THE CLIMB

Worth the climb? Some of us may wonder. It seemed for me in, the beginning of my 5 years of sobriety, that I would be miserable, resentful, and feel inadequate forever. Who would have ever thought that I could learn to love myself and others. To forgive myself and my perpetrators. I for one thought it would never happen.

Until I got into the 12 steps of recovery, my life was miserable. I can't urge the importance of this simple procedure. You see, I look at the 12 steps as a stairway to a spiritual cleansing. Seeing that I was spiritually ill when I got here, the 12 steps as I experience them are like a personal journey in which each flight contains 12 individual steps. Each step being a different event.

Usually on this journey, my Higher Power, whom I choose to call God, puts me in various positions, or allows me to get into situations, whether they be good or bad, so I may penetrate deeper into the wall of self-will. With each step I climb, I'm given a new set of tools, and a new understanding of what's really going on inside of me. The nice thing is that at the end of each flight is a landing where I can rest. With each flight comes less fear, more faith, and a better understanding of what my purpose for being a human really is.

There is just one catch. This is a stairway that has no ending. I must step all the days of my life, one step at a time, one day at a time, and perhaps one breath at a time. Each flight takes you higher and higher, and it's a long way down if you decide to stop climbing. Many of us have experienced the pain and bruises of falling down the emotional stairway.

Nothing in God's world is so bad that a slow walk up the stairway of the 12 steps can't take care of. No matter what you've done, or what you've become, there is room for you in the hearts of many in the fellowship of marijuana anonymous. I attach no disgrace to your condition.

The real friends I've made in M.A. have pulled me from the gates of insanity so many times. Because of this program, I'm able to give back all I've learned from each stairway, a step at a time.

If you're new or old and you're scared, ask somebody to hold your hand and lead you up the first flight. I'll see you on the way up. Worth the climb? Absolutely!!!

Michael Mc.



Happy Birthday!!

CHRIS G.	APRIL 1	2 YEARS
RON W.	APRIL 8	2 YEARS
BARBARA H.	APRIL 10	1 YEAR
TOM W.	APRIL 12	2 YEARS
PAULA C.	APRIL 24	6 YEARS
RON S.	APRIL 25	3 YEARS
EVAN B.	APRIL 28	4 YEARS
MARK E.	MAY 2	1 YEAR
SHANNON W.	MAY 5	3 YEARS
CHARLOTTE	MAY 6	4 YEARS
JOHN R.	MAY 7	6 YEARS
JOHNNY S.	MAY 13	3 YEARS
HOPE P.	MAY 18	1 YEAR
ROB M.	MAY 19	1 YEAR
SETH P.	MAY 20	3 YEARS
JOHN H.	MAY 28	3 YEARS
NORM B.	MAY 30	10 YEARS

NOTE:

If you're having an M.A. birthday and would like to be listed here, please contact one of the New Leaf Co-Editors.

A NEW LEAF PRAYER

*GOD, grant us knowledge
that we may write according to Your will.
Instill in us a sense of Your purpose
Your power, Your love, Your way of life.
Grant us a bond of selflessness,
that this may truly be Your work not ours,
so that no addict, anywhere,
need die from the horrors of addiction.*

A NEW LEAF 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 marijuana addicts and their stories that we can find experience, strength and hope. Articles submitted should reflect recovery, unity, and service.

**DISTRICT 5
INTERGROUP**

**DISTRICT 6
GSO MEETING**

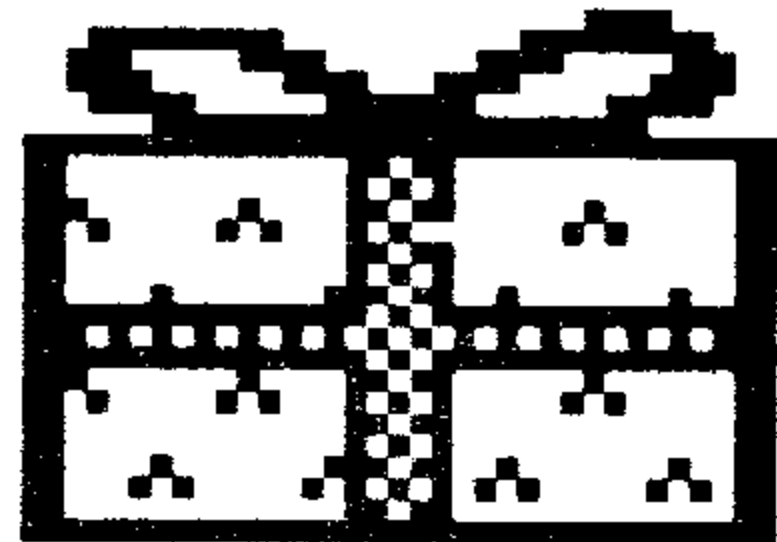
**DISTRICT 7
GSR MEETING**

2nd Thursday of Month, 7:30 pm
REA Community Center, Room 640
661 Hamilton, Costa Mesa

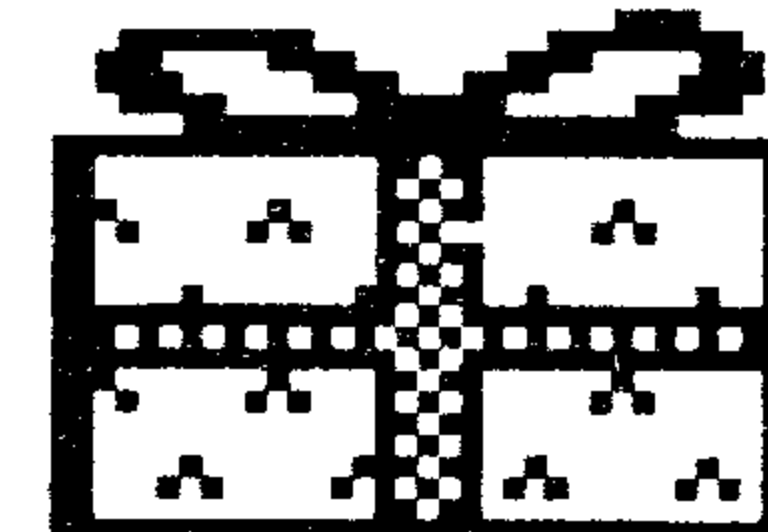
1st Thursday of Month, 7:30 pm
9919 La Tuna Canyon Road
Sun Valley

2nd Wednesday of Month, 7:30 pm
Call Jim for Information
310-202-6602

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



*IF YOU ARE ALL WRAPED UP IN YOURSELF
THEN YOU ARE OVERDRESSED*



THE ROVING REPORTER

A COLLECTION OF VIEWS FROM AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP.

This Month's question: Why are you looking forward to hosting the M.A. World Conference in Your District?

JAMIE P. 5 mos.
The conference is a great opportunity to get involved and participate in the inner-workings of the fellowship. I'm looking forward to exchanging thoughts and ideas with fellow members while gaining new strength and perspective from the sharing.

BARBARA H. 13 mos.
I'm glad because it's being held here so I can attend. If it was held in another district I would not be able to attend.

LISA T. 2 yrs. 8 mos.
It will get more people involved from our district, and hopefully keep them coming back to meetings. It will give us a chance to meet people from the other districts to see Southern California. It will build the camaraderie of the members that are already involved in service from District 5.

MIKE LB. 6 yrs.
This conference is a great opportunity to spread the message of sobriety from marijuana. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other M.A.ers from around the U.S. and show them what great people we are who live behind the orange curtain.

SHANNON W. 3 yrs.
I'm looking forward to the conference because I'm looking forward to meeting members of other districts. I want to give back to the fellowship as much as possible. I'm grateful to be a delegate and to be of service.

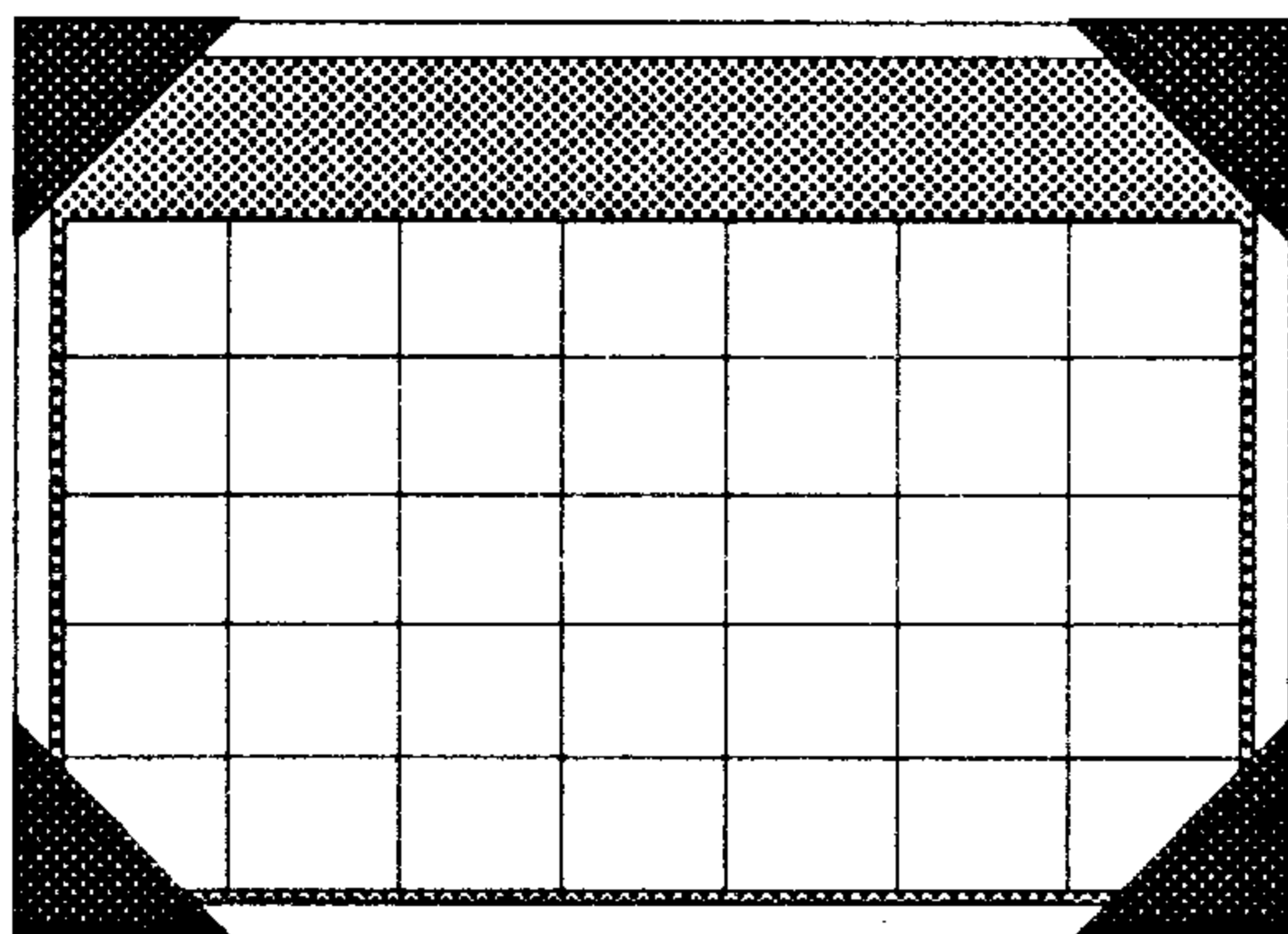
KRISTINE C. 7 mos.
I'm looking forward to meeting different people all involved with M.A. Hope to see you soon.

PATRICK 7 mos.
I've never been to one and it will be cool to meet people from different parts of the country.

AZ 6 yrs. 8 mos.
It's good to see people participating in their own recovery at the World Service level. It fosters the truth that "we" are M.A. as a whole at every level of service. The ad hoc conference committee and sub-committee have brought unity and a sense of purpose to District 5. Meeting addicts from far away places is an opportunity to share experience, strength and hope outside of our own local area.

STEVE M. 4 yrs. 1 mo.
To show that M.A. in Orange, the place of its birth as M.S.A. can lead the way with new direction and enthusiasm for the coming year.

UPCOMING MARIJUANA ANONYMOUS EVENTS



**WORLD CONFERENCE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE
55 FAIR DRIVE
COSTA MESA**

**MAY 29TH - 31ST
REGULAR MEETINGS DAILY
NO TALENT, TALENT SHOW
(SATURDAY NIGHT 8:00PM)**

LOOK FOR FLYERS FOR THESE OTHER UPCOMING M.A. EVENTS

**SPEAKER MEETING AND DANCE
23590 PARK BELMONTE, CALABASAS
JUNE 5TH 8:00PM**

**BEACH PARTY - HUNTINGTON BEACH
BROOKHURST AND PCH
JUNE 12TH 10:00AM - 10:00PM**

SOBER CAMPOUT - JULY 9TH - 11TH

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

1993 MA WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
(EVENTS IN BOLD ARE FOR ALL M.A. MEMBERS)

FRIDAY MAY 28, 1993

8:00PM: TRUSTEE MEETING

SATURDAY MAY 29, 1993

8:00AM - 8:30AM: BREAKFAST

8:30AM - 9:30AM: M.A. DISCUSSION MEETING (optional for attending members)

8:30AM - 12:30PM: GENERAL SESSION - TRUSTEE, OFFICE MANAGER, AND DISTRICT REPORTS; APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES; ATTENDING MEMBERS SPEAK OUT

12:30PM - 2:00PM: LUNCH

1:00PM - 2:00PM: MA MEETING (optional for attending members)

2:00PM - 5:00PM: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5:00PM - 7:00PM: DINNER

7:00PM - 8:00PM: SPEAKER MEETING

8:00PM - 11:00PM: NO TALENT, TALENT SHOW

SUNDAY MAY 30

8:30AM - 9:30AM: BREAKFAST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:30AM - 10:30AM: MA MEETING (optional for attending members)

10:00AM - 1:00PM: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00PM - 2:00PM: LUNCH

2:00PM - 5:00PM: GENERAL SESSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIONS

6:00PM - 8:00PM: FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY

8:00PM - 9:00PM: MA DISCUSSION MEETING

MONDAY MAY 31, 1993

8:00AM - 8:30AM: BREAKFAST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:00AM - 9:30AM: MA MEETING (optional for attending members)

8:30AM - 12:00PM: GENERAL SESSION AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

12:00PM - 1:00PM: LUNCH

1:00PM - 3:00PM: CLOSING SESSION AND TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

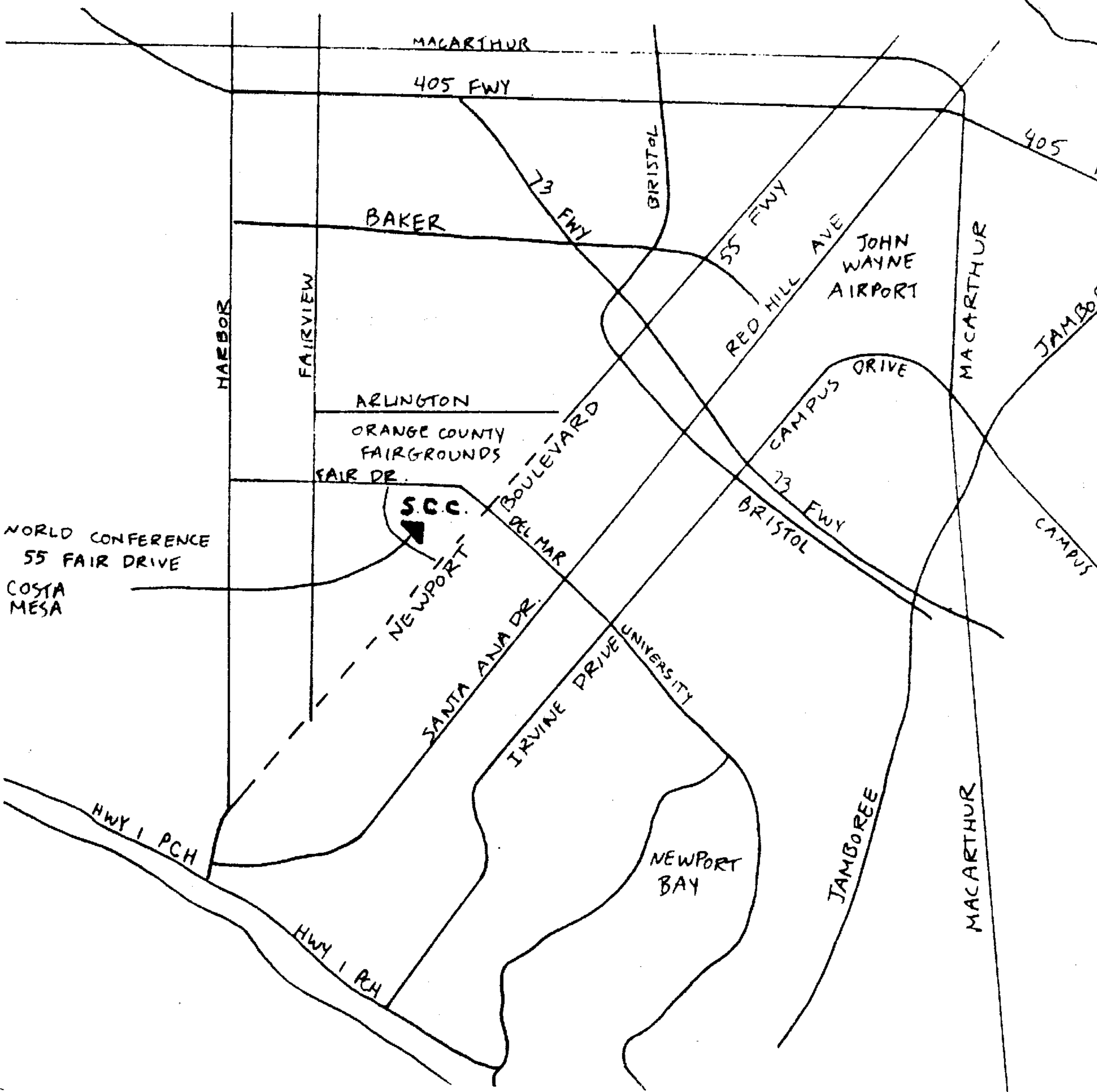
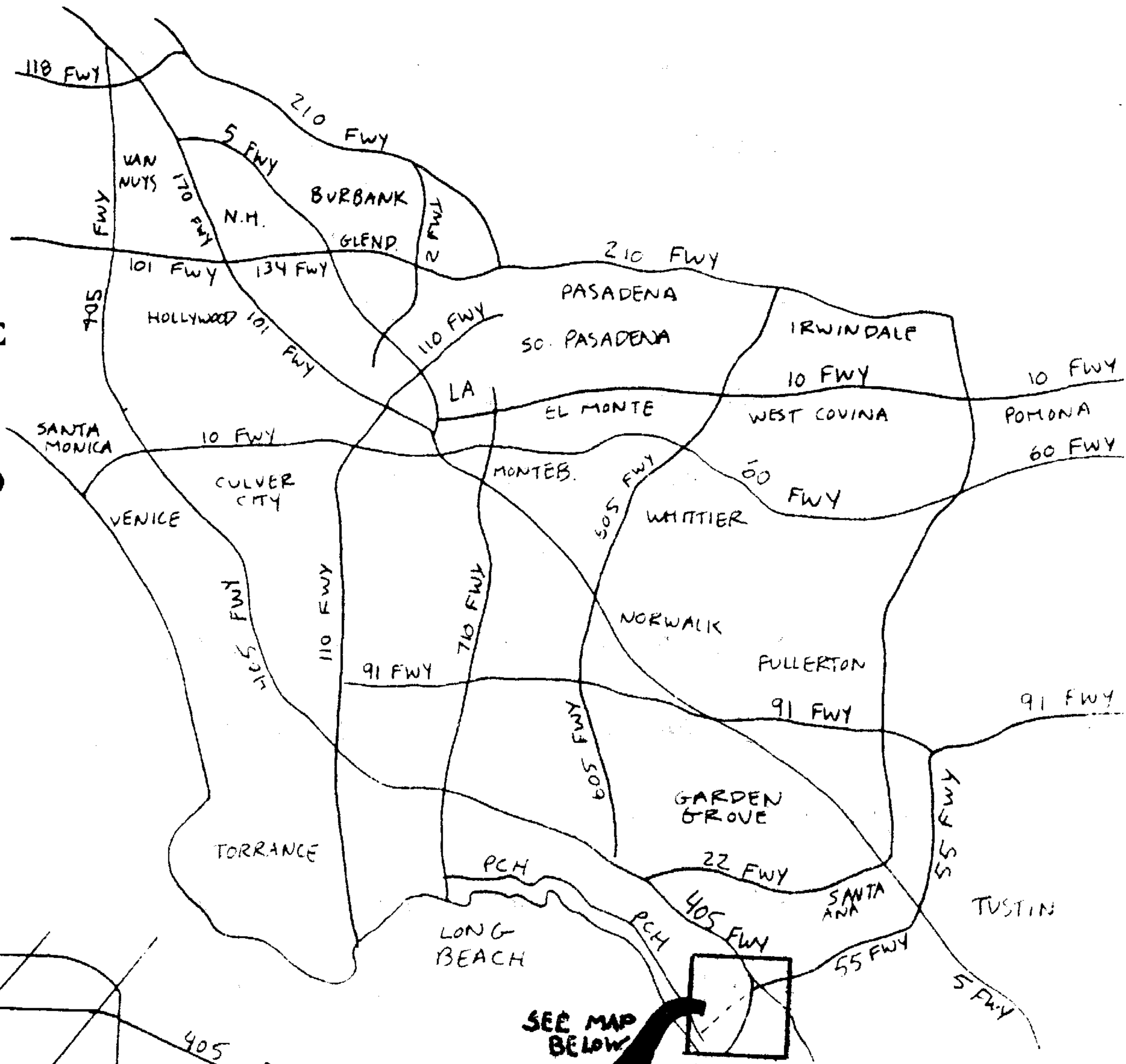


1993 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE



MAY 29TH - 31ST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLEGE
55 FAIR DRIVE, COSTA MESA
(ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE
ORANGE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS)



REGULAR MEETINGS DAILY
NO TALENT, TALENT SHOW
SATURDAY MAY 29TH, 8:00PM
SPEAKER MEETING AT 7:00PM

M.A. WORLD CONFERENCE: NOT JUST FOR DELEGATES

Welcome from District 5, host of the 1993 M.A. World Conference. This year's conference is again being held over Memorial Weekend - May 29, 30, and 31. The location is in Costa Mesa at Southern California College, 55 Fair Drive, just across the street from the Orange County Fairgrounds. Here are a few thoughts about this year's Conference.

Every member of M.A. is welcome to attend. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday breakfast and lunch will be served, with each meal hosted by various meetings in Orange and Los Angeles Counties. The General and Committee Meetings held throughout the day are open to all, but only delegates and trustees vote on issues.

Your input and participation are essential to the Conference. Your involvement will strengthen M.A. in the future to better serve in the recovery of still suffering addicts. Your thoughts and ideas and experiences play an important role in your and others continued sobriety. The days of "I should have, I might, I'll think about it, I will if you will" should not be part of our new sober lifestyle. Those wishes and wants are part of our past. Our past allowed us to be alone, confused, angry and stuck in life with no hope for the future. Those who are active in recovery have no time for wishing and wanting. They are enjoying life with a new vigor and honesty that is only possible by staying sober and helping others achieve the same freedom.

If you have less than a year of sobriety and feel you have nothing to offer to this Conference; that you don't understand all there is to know about the 12 Traditions; that steering committee meetings baffle and frighten you, not to mention Intergroup or World Service, then guess what? The people who have commitments in Intergroup and World Services were once like you. They had no experience in 12-Step organizations, they didn't know what they could do or what was expected of them. So they gave what they could - their time. Sure they made mistakes, talked too long, put personalities before principles, but they kept coming back. They learned from their mistakes and remained sober and involved in the fellowship.

You can give more than you realize. Those who have been of service for a few years need you. They need to see your hopeful smiles and be encouraged by your enthusiasm to do what you can to help. Help renew their faith that M.A. has not stopped growing and that they are not the only ones involved, or will be until the end of time, in spreading the message.

Those who have been part of M.A. for a long period of time are also encouraged to attend and share with members of other Districts what sobriety and fellowship of M.A. means to them.

Participation meetings will be held after breakfast and lunch during the Conference. Share recovery by showing up at this year's Conference and being part of the miracle of M.A.

We hope this article will fuel your desire to attend the conference. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in recovery,
District 5 Conference Committee

WHERE DOES THE 7TH TRADITION MONEY GO

The monies collected at each meeting goes to pay for the expenses of each meeting. Usual expenses include rent, coffee, birthday cakes, and refreshments (if provided) as well as the purchase of chips and literature from the GSR meetings. Any money left over, after leaving a prudent reserve, is usually donated to the GSR meetings.

The GSR uses the money to pay for the local Marijuana Anonymous hotline number, and for the creation and distribution of local literature (such as The New Leaf). Other expenses include: paying for a post office box, correspondence, and local social events. The GSR's also purchase literature and chips from the World Services of Marijuana Anonymous. Any money left over, after leaving a prudent reserve is donated to World Services.

World Services uses the money for the purchase of chips and for the creation and distribution of literature for all districts. World Services also provides "starter packages" for new meetings in new areas. World Services also has a conference every year for all districts to get together and decide on new policies and new literature. The conference is also a forum for new ideas. The conference is the biggest expense for World Services.

Anonymous

SHARING

When first we tried to learn to Share
we talked about our drugs
while cautiously we learned some trust
and gave each other hugs.

As time went by, we learned to speak
of Steps and being Clean,
the joys of our Sobriety
and how to be Serene.

Sometimes it's hard to talk Program
and not just cry and moan.
Those days we feel all sad and blue,
we try to use the phone.

And when we get a little time
in our Recovery,
we try to pass it on and speak
of: Happy! Joyous! Free!

Oh sure, there's days the sun won't shine
and work that we abhor,
but on the worst day that we're Clean
it's better than before!

Carol M.

The articles contained in the New Leaf are the opinions of the writers of the articles and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of MA as a whole.



Southern California Marijuana Anonymous Schedule of Meetings

Updated 5-1-93



SUNDAY

- 10:00 AM Redondo Beach *(62/E5)
Participation
2000 Artesia Blvd., at Green St.
(David Hayward Comm. Center)
- 11:00 Chatsworth *(6/A4)
Men's Stag
(meets 2nd & 4th Sunday only)
9861 Andora (The Eagle's Nest)
Fireside Chat & Brunch
- 5:30 PM Glendale *(25/C4)
Discussion
225-D N. Maryland Ave., Upstairs
(PositiveDirections Activity Ctr)

MONDAY

- 7:30 PM Orange *(17/B3,O.C.) H/A
Participation
1200 W.Palmyra
(Sister Elizabeth Building)
- 7:30 PM Sun Valley *(9/F5)
Tradition Study
(ONLY Meets 2nd Monday of Month)
9919 La Tuna Canyon Boulevard
- 8:00 PM North Hollywood *(16/A5)
Participation - Newcomers
6455 Coldwater Cyn Bl., Upstairs
(Life Plus Institute)
- 8:30 PM West Hollywood *(33/D5)
"Rastaman Vibrations"
8939½ Santa Monica Bl., Upstairs
(W.Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Ctr)

TUESDAY

- 7:30 PM Orange *(17/E4, O.C.) H/A
"Roach Motel" (Topic/Discussion)
As Bill See's It
401 S. Tustin Ave., Conf. Rm.
(Orange County Comm. Hospital)
- 8:00 PM Mar Vista *(49/F2)
Participation
3590 Grandview Boulevard
(2blk N.Venice-1blk E.Centinela)
(St. Bede's Episcopal Church)
- 8:00 PM Tarzana *(13/F1)
Participation (NEW LOCATION)
19616 Ventura Blvd.
(Above Corbin Bowl)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 PM Lancaster *(160/B5) H/A
Step Study/Participation
44743 Yucca Avenue
(Old Skating Rink)
- 7:00 PM Pasadena *(27/F4)
2900 East Del Mar Boulevard
(Las Encinas Hospital)
- 7:30 PM Culver City *(42/C6)
Beginner's Meeting
3853 Dunn Drive
(1blk E.Clarington-N.Washington)
(Cornerstone House)
- 8:00 PM Costa Mesa *(31/C1,O.C.) H/A
A.A. Big Book Study
661 Hamilton, Room 640
(REA Community Center)
- 8:00PM Canoga Park *(12/C3) C
Participation (1 yr. to share)
22021 Sherman Way
(Serenity West - Back Door)
- 8:15 PM Van Nuys *(15/C4) H/A
Big Book & Step Study
15220 Vanowen Boulevard
(Van Nuys Hospital, Room C)
- 8:15 PM Hollywood *(34/C3)
Participation (ALL WELCOME!)
1625 N. Hudson - Parking in Rear
Gay & Lesbian Comm. Serv. Center

THURSDAY

- 7:30 PM Van Nuys *(15/C4) H/A
Men's Stag
15220 Vanowen Boulevard
(Van Nuys Hospital, Room C)
- 8:00 PM Mar Vista *(49/F2)
3590 Grandview Boulevard
(2blk N.Venice-1blk E.Centinela)
(St. Bede's Episcopal Church)
- 8:00 PM Mission Viejo *(29B/A4,O.C) H/A
"Last Connection" - Step Study
23228 Madero, Conference Room
Mission Viejo Charter Hospital
- 8:00 PM San Fernando Valley
Women's Stag (Rotating Format)
For Directions Call: (818)
Stacy 990-5087/Cindy 501-7860

FRIDAY

- 6:30 PM Pasadena *(27/B3) H/A
131 N. El Molino, Suite 320
(Council on Alcohol/Drug Dep.)
- 7:30 PM Orange *(17/C4,O.C.) H/A
"TGIF" Participation
812 Town and Country
(Ground Floor, Room 13)
- 8:00 PM Northridge *(14/C1) H/A
Participation
18420 Roscoe (at Reseda Blvd)
(Pavilion Plaza)
- 8:30 PM West Hollywood *(33/D5)
"Resin Resisters"-Step Study
8939½ Santa Monica Bl., Upstairs
(W.Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Ctr)
- 8:30 PM Alhambra/Rosemead *(46/D1)
Participation
Ingleside Hosp (Adolescent Unit)
7500 Hellman Avenue

SATURDAY

- 10:30 AM Hollywood *(34/C3)
Speaker Meeting (ALL WELCOME!)
1625 N. Hudson - Parking in Rear
Gay & Lesbian Comm. Serv. Center
- 10:30 AM Woodland Hills *(12/E5)
"Saturday Morning Live" Spkr Mtg
21338 Dumetz Avenue, Room 202
(Woodlnd Hills Community Church)
- 12 Noon Whittier *(55/D6)
Participation
12200 Washington Blvd. Room #N
- 6:00 PM San Diego *(53/F3,S.D.) H/A
"Weed Whackers"
9184 Gramercy Drive
(Von's Shopping Center:
Serenity Shop - Back Door)
- 6:00 PM Fountain Valley *(21/F5 O.C.)
N.A. Book Study H/A
16533 Brookhurst
(Elaine's Gifts - Back Door)

LEGEND: * - Thomas Guide Coordinates
H/A - Handicapped Accessible
C - Closed, Addicts Only

For Information on Meetings
in Other Areas, Call
1-800-766-6779

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