



## **Protecting C.A.'s Future by Preserving C.A.'s Legacy**

*"If we fail to understand our history, we are doomed to repeat it."*



# Presentation by the C.A. World Archives Committee

## Special Acknowledgments to following C.A. Members

**Frank P. (California)**

**Bob L. (Oregon)**

**Ray G. (California)**

**Bob C. (California)**

**Greg D. (Illinois)**

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**Yves W. (Montreal)**





# **Cocaine Anonymous Firsts: 1982-2016**

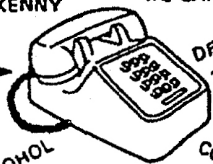
## **Inception 1982**



# The Beginning: November 16, 1982

Tom K., the owner of an "entertainment industry sober living facility called " Studio 12" identifies the need for a group for cocaine-addicted people to talk about their struggles and sobriety.

In November 1982, Johnny S. who has been sober through the Motion Picture Recovery House in the Valley gets a call from Tom Kenny, the Director of the Motion Picture and Television Fund's alcoholism and drug program.



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- Al-Anon

(213) 937-7250

**DRUGS**

**COCAINE**



*Above, Tom Kenny, who started the "Cocaine Anonymous" program, which will be publicized with awareness cards, left, in pay envelopes of employees at the major studios.*

Tom K. plans to host an AA Meeting for addicts, specifically cocaine addicts, at the Motion Picture Fund in Hollywood, California" because if you go to AA meetings and talked about drugs, they asked you to leave."



## Inception: November 1982

Nineteen "sober men and women" attend the Tuesday evening [November 16, 1982] AA meeting (the "Whatever" meeting) to talk about cocaine.

After the November 16, 1982 meeting, Johnny S. and several other attendees meet and decide to start a Thursday night meeting and call it Cocaine Anonymous.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Cocaine Anonymous Meeting

The first meeting of C.A. is held on **Thursday, November 18, 1982** in Los Angeles [Hollywood], California.

Veronica is the secretary and calls the meeting to order with a gavel and announces:

*"Welcome to the first meeting of Cocaine Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other and help others recover from their addiction."*

Tom K., an A.A. member, is a "strong help" to the budding C.A. group. He helps find rooms for meetings, set up work committees and shows them how to do a directory and get things organized.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> C.A. Meeting—Our 1<sup>st</sup> H&I Meeting

To advertise its new program to combat cocaine addiction, the Beverly Glen Hospital in West Los Angeles took out ads in the entertainment trade publications, such as Billboard, The Hollywood Reporter and Daily Variety, as well as the Westside edition of The Times.

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WITH DEPENDENCIES UPON

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For additional information please contact:

#### **BEVERLY GLEN HOSPITAL**

10361 **West Pico Boulevard** • **Los Angeles, California 90064**

[213] 277-5111





## 2<sup>nd</sup> C.A. Meeting Our 1<sup>st</sup> H&I Meeting

The Beverly Glen Hospital had closed meetings on Wednesday nights only for patients, using the name, Cocaine Anonymous.

After the first November 1982 C.A. meeting took place, Beverly Glen opened their meeting on Wednesdays to everyone. So, **within a week of starting, there were two Cocaine Anonymous Meetings by the end of Nov. 1982.**

# COCAINE

## What is the real cost?

**If you use Cocaine,  
ask yourself these questions:**

1. Are you using more now than you were *6 months ago*?
2. Have you ever tried to quit, only to begin using again?
3. Do you think you use too much?
4. Has anyone ever told you that they are concerned about your use?
5. Do you prefer to use alone?
6. Have you gotten into financial or legal difficulties because of your use?
7. Do you limit your use to prove to yourself and others you don't have a problem?
8. Has Cocaine become your best "friend"?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, Cocaine may be costing you more than you can afford.

Cocaine abuse can cost the loss of family, friends, career, financial security, reputation, health, even life.

**HELP IS AVAILABLE.**

At Beverly Glen Hospital we understand your



Early  
Tom  
Kenny  
Meeting  
List 1982

MEETINGS ADDRESSING COCAINE AND OTHER DRUGS

- MONDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 6721 Melrose - Los Angeles  
(between La Brea & Highland)  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS
- TUESDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 7429 Sunset - Los Angeles  
(cross street Gardner - Oriental Theater)  
MEETING ADDRESSING COCAINE AND OTHER DRUGS
- WEDNESDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 10361 W. Pico - West Los Angeles  
Lobby - Beverly Glen Hospital  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS
- THURSDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 335 North La Brea - Los Angeles  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS
- FRIDAY - 7:30 P.M. - CDC - 22nd & Arizona - Santa Monica  
First Floor  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS
- SATURDAY - 7:30 P.M. - 16037 Sherman Way - Van Nuys  
COCAINE ANONYMOUS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TOM KENNY - 763-9741/home - 937-7250/work





## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting List 1982

The original six C.A. Meeting Secretaries met to have an organizational and business meeting. They decided they needed an office of some kind.

Ray G. is in charge of the Cocaine Anonymous phone number. It rings on an answering machine in a small Beverly Glen Hospital room and Ray G. returns all calls. The room and phone machine are provided by Beverly Glen Hospital.

Ray G. manages the hotline for the first year. "If any of you called in the first year of existence of Cocaine Anonymous and talked to the man on the telephone, that was Ray. Ray took all the calls for the first year of Cocaine Anonymous."

### LOCAL C.A. MEETINGS

TUESDAY - 7:30 PM.

Union Hall  
Motion Picture, TV, Health & Welfare Fund  
7429 Sunst Blvd.  
Hollywood

Sunset & Gardner

WEDNESDAY - 7:30 PM.

Conference Room - Upstairs  
Beverly Glen Hospital  
10361 W. Pico Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Pico & Beverly Glen Blvd.

THURSDAY - 7:30 PM.

Motion Picture, TV, Health & Welfare Fund  
335 N. La Brea  
Hollywood

Hollywood & Beverly Blvd.

FRIDAY - 7:30 PM.

Chemical Dependency Unit, 1st Floor, North Corridor  
St. John's Hospital  
1328 22nd Street  
Santa Monica

SATURDAY - 12:00 PM.

Step Study  
6721 Melrose Ave.  
Hollywood

La Brea & Highland

SATURDAY - 7:30 PM.

Pathfinders Building  
16037 Sherman Way  
Van Nuys





# C.A. Inception – November 1982 Original Members

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In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State  
Sharon K. Hawkins  
Deputy

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

COCAINE ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES

In the beginning, Cocaine Anonymous was “Cocaine Anonymous of Los Angeles.” Due to the number of C.A. fellowships emerging across the country in the first two years, it was decided that a governing body for the country was needed.

ONE: The name of this corporation is COCAINE ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES.

In 1984 they created “Cocaine Anonymous World Services.” They retained a lawyer to expedite forming a non-profit corporation. The elected 3 trustees (Ray Grossa, Gil Mosko, and Johnny Segal) and created an office board of a number of people.

We, the above-mentioned initial Directors of this corporation, hereby declare that we are the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which execution is our act and deed.

*Gilbert A. Mosko*  
GILBERT A. MOSKO Director

*Jonathan Segal*  
JONATHAN SEGAL Director

*Raymond Grossa*  
RAYMOND GROSSA Director



## C.A. Chips - 1983

Business meetings occurred every Tuesday night at the home of Johnny S. (May/June 1983) to work on public information, phone lines, chips, formats, steps, traditions, chips, and logo. Meetings go on for hours.



C.A. Chips were created with the hope that they would be a unifying factor in the young fellowship.

Unfortunately, the hard, white square chip with letters and numbers would easily wear off and relapsing addicts would use them to chop cocaine.





# Early Metal Sobriety Coins



1 Year  
"Calligraphy" Font  
(Left)

1 Year  
Roman Numeral  
(right)



Johnny S. was asked to come up with three words to epitomize the spirit of Cocaine Anonymous. Originally it was "Hope, Faith and Willingness." But "Willingness" was too long. At the time, Johnny was listening to a speech by John F. Kennedy about having courage to do difficult things in your life. Johnny decided that the word "*Courage*" was appropriate because it fit nicely in the circle, and he felt "it took courage to walk into the doors of C.A."





# First Generation – Sobriety Chips

## Early Northern California



Since Northern California had the first metal chip, the chip company would not make chips for C.A. World Service. In 1987 Northern California deeded to C.A. World Services the right to make metal chips with the C.A. logo that was voted on in 1986 first World Service Conference.



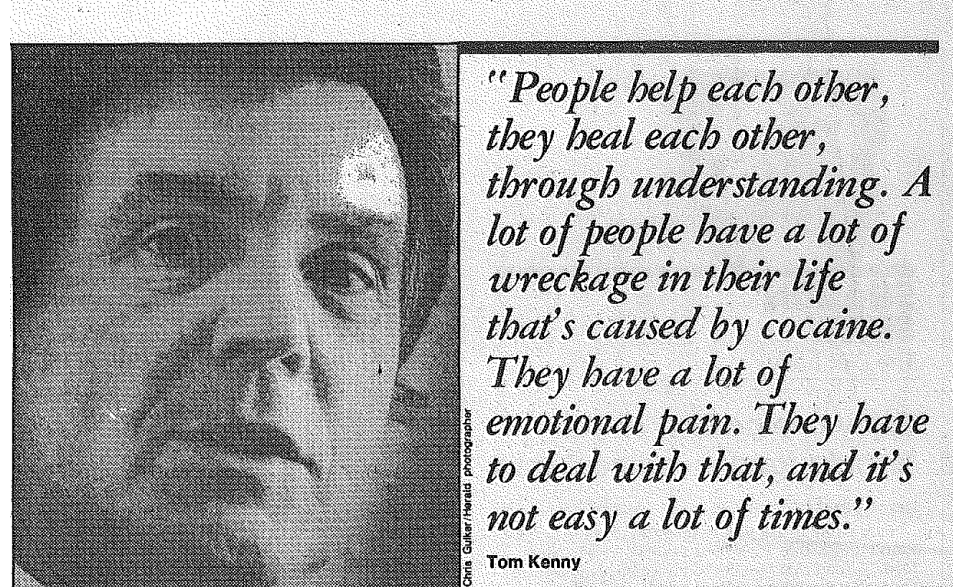




Media awareness and public information was vital to the early growth of C.A.



April 1983



Tom Kenny, director of an alcohol and drug abuse program for the Motion Picture and Television Fund, started Cocaine Anonymous.

## Cocaine

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strength in recent years, it has traversed demographic boundaries, changing from an upper-middle-class high to a drug that has solidly infiltrated the middle class

their accountants may hit them over the head and say, 'You don't have any more cash to pay for cocaine.' "

Not only is cocaine the most addicting of drugs, it is also the most expensive. In Los Angeles, most cocaine comes directly from Colombia, (bypassing the Miami connection which supplies the East Coast) where the Peruvian coca leaves are refined into crystalline white cocaine. The current street price is \$125 a gram —

L.A. Herald Examiner May 8, 1983





# Chicago C.A. Inception – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

## Thursday, May 5, 1983



MARTHA WASHINGTON HOSPITAL

IRVING PARK ROAD, AT WESTERN AVE.

CHICAGO, ILL.



## **Chicago C.A. Inception – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Thursday, May 5, 1983**

Tony S., an original C.A. Member of Chicago, gets the first meeting going at the Martha Washington Hospital.

There was a recovery center in the hospital and Tony was given a room for an answering machine and phone number for the beginnings of Chicago C.A.

A second meeting soon afterwards started on Tuesday night.



## First Generation – Chicago 1983-1986 Prototype Octagonal Chips



The Octagonal Shape of Chicago's Sobriety Chip was chosen because it replicates a "traffic stop sign" signifying the amount of time a C.A. Member had "stopped" using cocaine. The early "C.A." logo (pictured right) was designed by Randy R. of Chicago.



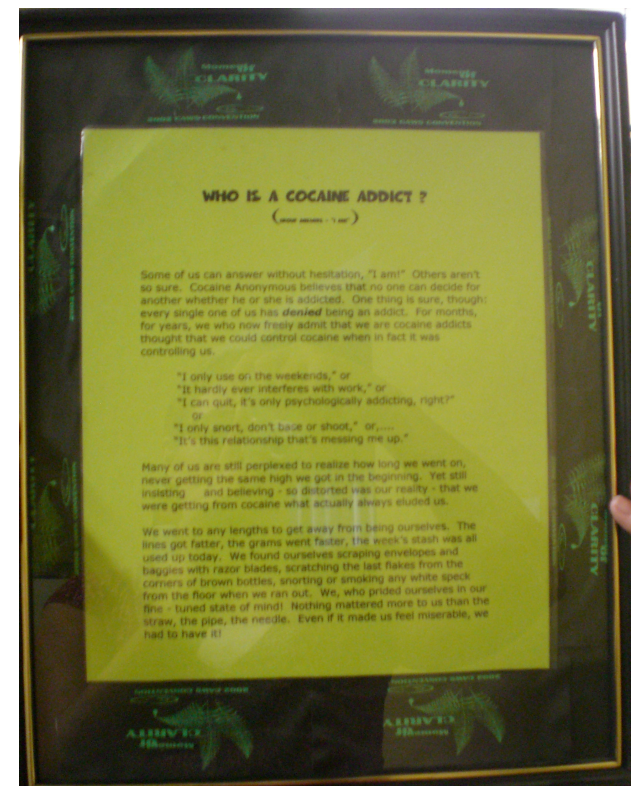
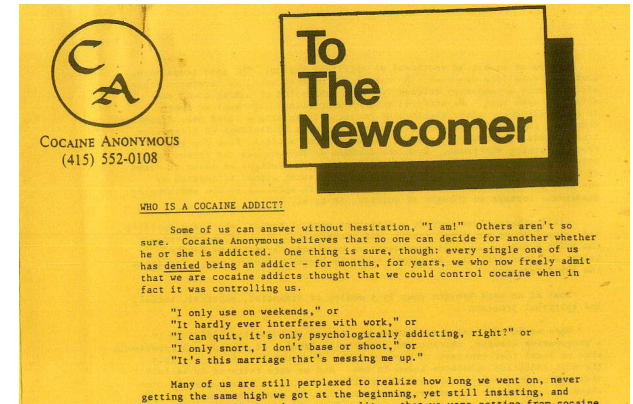


# Early Chicago C.A. Facts

Tony S. (Chicago C.A.), was responsible for writing the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of, “To The Newcomer” (1<sup>st</sup> C.A. Pamphlet) and “Who is a Cocaine Addict?”

The fellowship in Los Angeles loved the piece, “To The Newcomer,” and it was immediately incorporated it into C.A. Meetings and Starter Kits.

This piece of literature is still with us today. And it has never been changed.





# Coc-Anon | Co-Anon 1983

Co-Anon is started by Johnny S.'s wife at the time. It is initially named Coc-Anon.

Johnny S. reports his wife would get upset with him about having the meetings at their home all the time and Johnny S. suggests that C.A. needs a group like Al-Anon and that she should start it.

Sometime during the second year of C.A., she did.

<b>COCANON</b>	
<b>Twelve Step discussion group for friends and families of addicts.</b>	
<b>Wednesday 8:00-9:30 p.m.</b>	
<b>Beverly Glen Hospital 10361 West Pico Blvd. Conference Room 2 (upstairs - west side of entrance)</b>	



# 1<sup>st</sup> Year C.A. Anniversary November 1983

JULY 12, 1983

## C.A. MEETING DIRECTORY

FOR INFORMATION 213- 553-8306

**WE'RE 1 YEAR OLD!**

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF **COCAINE ANONYMOUS**

**SAT. NOV. 19**

AT **RELICIA MAHOOD**  
SR. CITIZEN CENTER  
**11338 SANTA MONICA BLVD.**

6:30-8:00 P.M. GRATITUDE MEETING  
8:30-12:00 P.M. DANCE

**TICKETS \$5.00 EA.**

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### MONDAY

POMANA VALLEY HOSPITAL- 8:30 p.m.  
1798 Garvey ( San Bernd. Frwy and Garvey)  
2nd floor (Alcohol Treatment Unit)

### TUESDAY

UNION HALL - 7:30 p.m.  
7429 Sunset (Sunset and Gardner)  
Hollywood (34A3)

Kaiser Alcohol and Rehab. -7:30 p.m.  
25975 S. Normandy (P. Q.H. and Vermont)  
Harbor City (73F3)

NEWPORT CLUB- 7:00p.m.  
414 32 nd St.  
Newport

### WEDNESDAY

Clark Stadium -8:00 p.m.  
710 Pier Avenue- Room #4  
Hermosa Beach ( 6206)

Riverside Medical Center- 7:30 p.m.  
12629 Riverside Dr. (Alcohol Unit)  
North Hollywood (Coldwater and Laurel Canyon)

Capistrano - By the Sea Hospital-6:30p.m.  
33915 Del Obisto, Dana Point  
( Classroom by Administrations Office)

### THURSDAY

College Hospital- 7:30 p.m.  
10802 College Plave, Cerritos  
( Conference Room Werst of Lobby)

Sunset- 7:30 p.m. moved to  
Dedars-Sinal Thallians Hall  
Beverly and San Vincinte

PARKWOOD HOSTATAL  
7011 Shoup Ave-( Care Unit)  
Canoga Park

### THURSDAY

Care Unit Hospital of L.A.  
5035 Coliseum St.  
(La Brea and Santa Barbara)  
basement L.A.

### FRIDAY

St. Johns Hospital-8:00p.m.  
1328 22nd St.  
(Santa Monica and 22ndst.  
Santa Monisa (4IB5) Cafeteria

### SATURDAY

Pathfinders- 7:30 p.m.  
16037 Sherman Way  
Van Nuys (15B3)

Beverly Glen Hospital 7:30p.m.  
10361 Beverly Way  
West Pico  
(Pico and Beverly Glen  
West L.A. (Upstairs-Confer. rm.

### SUNDAY

UNION HALL -8:00 p.m.  
7429 Sunset (Sunset and  
Gardner) Hollywood (34B5)

Hawthorn Community Hospital  
7:00 p.m.  
11711 So. Grevilla  
Imperial & Hawthorne Blve  
Hawthorne (57A5)

In the first year of C.A., the fellowship exceeds 2,000 members



# **Cocaine Anonymous**

## **1<sup>st</sup> World Service Convention**





# 1<sup>st</sup> C.A. World Convention

## Seaside Unity & Acceptance – Santa Barbara, CA - 1985

1st Annual World Services Convention

Seaside Unity  
& Acceptance

May 3, 4, 5



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### CONVENTION SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1985

5:00pm	SEX AND SOBRIETY WORKSHOP	MIRAMAR ROOM
8:00pm	JOINT C.A./COCANON SPEAKER MEETING	MIRAMAR ROOM
10:00pm	DANCE TILL 1:00am	MIRAMAR ROOM

#### SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1985

9:00am	WOMEN'S STAG	GARDEN ROOM
9:00am	MEN'S STAG	COTTAGE ROOM
9:00am	FOURTH STEP WORKSHOP-3 HOURS	MIRAMAR ROOM
10:45am	COCANON MEETING	COTTAGE ROOM
12:45am	C.A. BUSINESS MEETING	COTTAGE ROOM
2:00pm	COCANON MEETING	MIRAMAR ROOM
3:45pm	COCANON BUSINESS MEETING	COTTAGE ROOM
4:00pm	GAY MEETING	GARDEN ROOM
6:30pm	DINNER-BANQUET	MIRAMAR ROOM
8:30pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	MIRAMAR ROOM

#### SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1985

8:00am	BREAKFAST	MIRAMAR ROOM
9:30am	FAREWELL SPEAKER	MIRAMAR ROOM
NOON	C.A. GOODBYE MEETING	MIRAMAR ROOM
1:30pm	BUSINESS MEETING	COTTAGE ROOM

**Convention Highlights:** Over 600 people in attendance. People from as far away as the Bahamas and Hawaii to attend.



# 1<sup>st</sup> C.A. World Convention

*Seaside Unity & Acceptance – Santa Barbara, CA - 1985*



A number of Areas from across the C.A. Fellowship attended. During the convention, a three hour business meeting was held to let the C.A. fellowships know what the fledgling World Service organization was doing. It was decided the next year to have the first World Service Conference.



# **Cocaine Anonymous**

## **1<sup>st</sup> World Service Conference**

### **1986**



# 1st C.A. World Service Conference

## February 8-9, 1986

### Holiday Inn Embarcadero, San Diego, CA

- Gil M., Chairman, Conference Committee Letter to World Services Delegates dated January 2, 1986:
  - Not a convention, but a business conference to deal with the needs of the Fellowship.
  - Be prepared to be confronted with a working environment.
  - Sole purpose—the continuation and growth of C.A.
  - Delegates to listen to the voices of their Area and bring issues to be heard and voted on.
  - Establish Standing Committees and develop an agenda for the year; to be carried back to the Fellowship for amendments and approval to be voted on at the next Conference.

**COCAINE ANONYMOUS**  
**WORLD SERVICES CONFERENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 7,8,9, 1986**

HOLIDAY INN EMBARCADERO  
1355 North Harbor Drive  
San Diego, California 92101

**KIT INCLUDES:**

- Introductory Letter
- Agenda
- Suggested Ground Rules
- Suggested Committees to be Formed
- Possible Topics to be Discussed





1st C.A. World Service Conference  
**February 7-9, 1986**  
Holiday Inn Embarcadero, San Diego, CA

**Suggested Ground Rules:**

- Conference Chair Person serves a two year-term.
- Conference Parliamentarian may be a non-addict.
- Robert's Rules of Order are to be followed
- Conference open to the Fellowship.
- Non-delegates cannot participate on the Conference floor, but welcome on the Committees.
- Conference Secretary supplied ahead of time, end of conference a Secretary will be elected for the upcoming year.
- Minutes transcribed, published and mailed to Conference delegates within 30 days of the Conference.



1st C.A. World Service Conference  
**February 8-9, 1986**  
Holiday Inn Embarcadero, San Diego, CA

**The original C.A. Areas represented were:**

- Los Angeles
- San Gabriel Valley
- Orange County
- New Mexico (1 attendee)
- Texas (1 attendee)
- Washington
- New York
- Illinois (1 attendee)
- Georgia (1 attendee)
- Michigan (1 attendee)
- Arizona
- Northern California (6 attendees)



Northern California attended, sending six representatives all wearing T-shirts with the logo that they had created. The Conference voted between the CALA logo and the logo that Northern California created (pictured right). The CALA logo won and is the same C.A. logo used today.



1st C.A. World Service Conference  
**February 8-9, 1986**  
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It was felt at the 1986 Conference that a Board of Trustees was needed to represent the Fellowship as a whole. Johnny and Ray (Gil had resigned by this time) interviewed candidates that were presented to them from a slate.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> WSBT, (1986):**

H. Lee S., Houston Texas

Bob L., Northern California

Jennifer R., New York, NY

Ray G., Riverside California

Fenn P., Northern California

Regie L., Southern California

Gregg D., Chicago, Illinois

Jonny Siegel, Los Angeles.

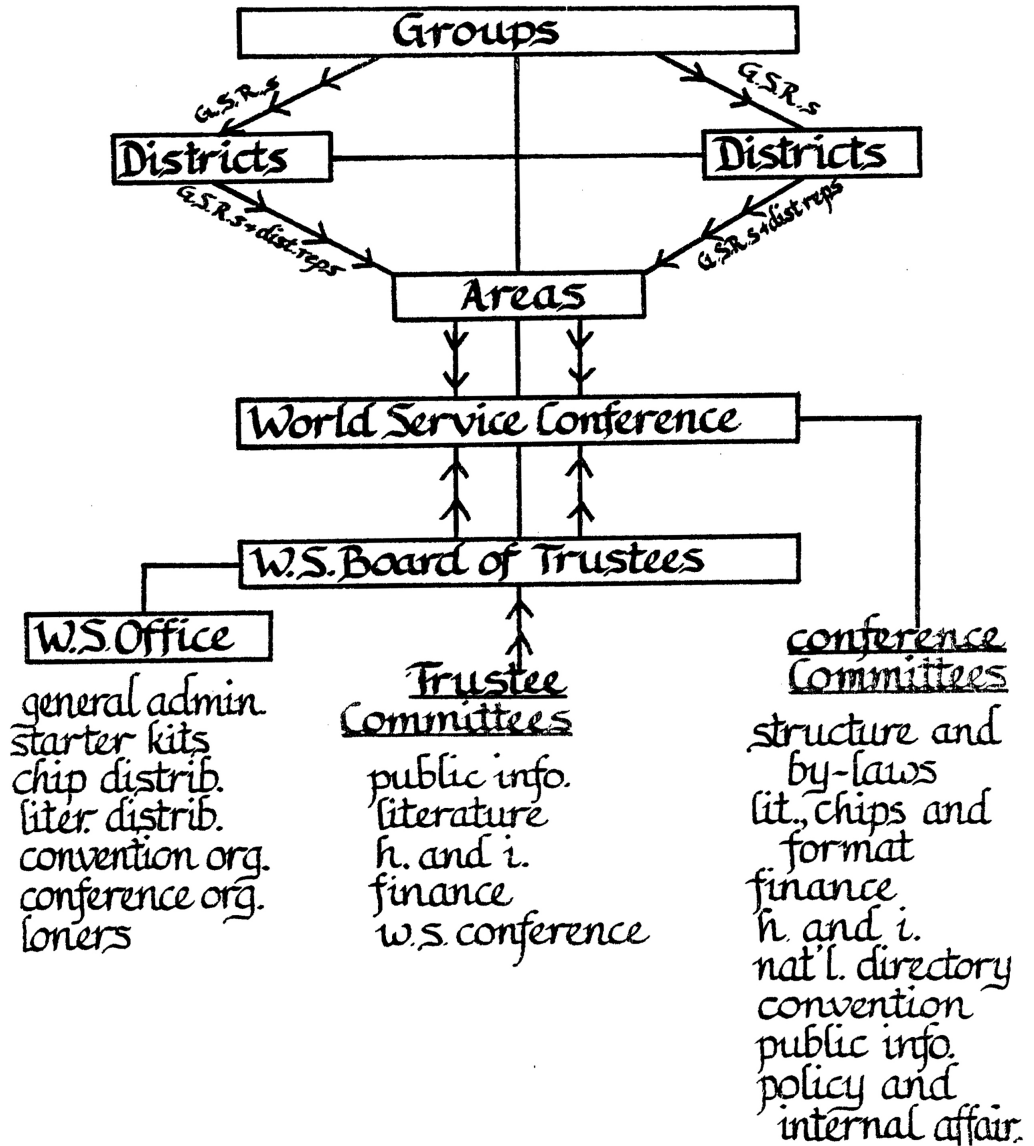


## Suggested Structure for Cocaine Anonymous

Temporary Working Guide to the Service Structure

Accepted by WSC  
July 1986

## Suggested Structure for Cocaine Anonymous





# Other C.A. WSC Firsts

- **2<sup>nd</sup> World Service Conference in San Diego, CA, October 1986**
  - It was voted that one vote per every 15 meetings was allowed at the Conference.
  - First Committee formed: H & I, Public Information, Structure and Bylaws, Literature, Chips and Formats, and Convention.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> World Service Conference in Woodland Hills, CA, in March 1987**
  - Voting Imbalance: Office Board (10 votes), WSBT (7 Votes) and delegates. It was decided that the Office Board only have 3 votes. The original board walks out of the Conference. Only 1 member stayed, Lionel, who became the Conference Chair. After the Conference, WSBT appoint new Office Board to replace those who walked out.
- **4<sup>th</sup> World Service Conference in Marina del Ray, CA, November 1987**
  - Bylaws and Charter were approved and 70/30 Plan was created and passed.
- Not reflected in the first 3 World Conference Minutes (1986-1987), the First Step of C.A. was changed to say, “Cocaine and all other Mind Altering Substances.
- **1988 World Conference:** Descriptions of Areas, Districts and Regions were created, along with who can use the C.A. name.
- **1989 World Service Conference:** The A.A. Big Book and A.A. 12 Steps and 12 Traditions were accepted as our tools of recovery. Passing this motion allowed the Big Book and the 12X12 to appear on the tables of C.A.





# C.A. Newsletters

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## THE CONNECTION

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SHARING WORLDWIDE RECOVERY

### A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO AA

*One of the original nineteen members  
recalls the beginning of Cocaine Anonymous,  
what happened, and what it's like today.*

I have been a member of Cocaine Anonymous from its beginning and I owe my life to the people who pushed to give CA its own identity and took commitments to keep CA going. I might not have made it these three-and-a-half years without a place to go and talk about my Cocaine problem.

I was nearly ninety days sober in November of 1982 when someone handed me a yellow notecard at an AA meeting. The card read: AA FOR COCAINE—TUESDAY NIGHT, and it gave an address. This was for me. Up until then I had whispered "Cocaine" under my breath at AA meetings when they said alcohol. Nineteen sober men and women showed up at this meeting.

The Alcoholism Director of the Motion Picture Industry Health Fund had called the meeting in the hopes of finding a program he could refer all the calls he was getting from people with Cocaine problems who didn't feel they had a drinking problem. Some, he said, didn't drink at all.

**At one time the Whatever Meeting was listed in both the CA meeting directory and the AA meeting directory at the same time.**

Most of the nineteen of us all had found our way into AA from Cocaine; yet we didn't feel comfortable starting up an entirely new program... at least not that Tuesday night. There was discussion about how simple a process it could be—just change alcohol to cocaine in the steps and Bingo! instant program. Still, that first Tuesday everyone's allegiance was to AA. The group consensus was that this Tuesday night meeting would be an AA meeting called the "Whatever" meeting and anyone could share and take chips. We would risk not being a true AA meeting and not getting listed in the AA meeting directory for letting non-alcoholics participate and take chips.

At one time the Whatever Meeting was listed in both the CA meeting directory and the AA meeting

directory at the same time. Over 150 people regularly attended.

One of the local hospitals had a meeting on a Wednesday night that they called Cocaine Anonymous. They just changed Alcohol to Cocaine in the Twelve Steps. There is the strong likelihood that there

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### "COCAINE ANONYMOUS. MAY I HELP YOU?"

Working the phones—being there to share our experience, strength and hope with the addict who is reaching out for the first time—remains the very essence of our daily activities at Central Office. After all, as it's clearly stated in our Fifth Tradition, we have but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

And, if we can't get the message to the addict, we do our best to get the addict to the message; to whatever meetings there are in his or her area. That's really all we can do. We are not professional drug counselors; nor are we qualified to advise the caller on the other end of the line to take any action, except to stop using and start attending meetings on a regular basis.

We cannot recommend hospitals, doctors or treatment centers of any kind. Nor can we send volunteers on "12-Step Calls" to anyone at their residence or place of business, due to the very illegality of the drug and the kind of situations that could so easily arise from a mission of this sort.

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### World Service conference Seeks unity nationwide

Delegates from as far away as New York, Florida, Alaska and Hawaii are expected to attend the 1st World Services Conference in San Diego, California, February 7-9. Their objective? To establish nationwide unity and open up meaningful communication between the close to 20 states across the U.S. actively participating in the growing Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous.

"This is not a convention," stressed Conference Committee Chairman Gil M. "It is a business conference where we'll be dealing with the immediate needs of the Fellowship and forming committees in an effort to set up guidelines for the future."

**The 2nd Annual World Services CA Convention is tentatively scheduled to be held in San Diego, California, July 11-13. Watch for further information in our next edition.**

Committees to be formed include: a Conference Committee to prepare an agenda for the next conference, a By-Laws Committee to write amendments to By-Laws currently in effect, a Literature Committee to gather drafts of new literature for publication, a Public Information Committee to interface with the general public and a committee to compile and distribute a National Directory.

In addition, elections will be held to elect officers to attend the next World Services conference. Details of this first conference, what took place, what was resolved and who got elected to what will be reported in the next issue of **The Connection**.



## NewsGram

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### CHAIR'S CORNER:

#### Unity the goal of new board

I am honored to have been asked by the trustees of Cocaine Anonymous to fill temporarily the position of chairperson of the World Services Office. I am committed to making the World Services Office function smoothly and properly.

Temporary directors and committee heads have all been chosen with great care. We represent the fellowship as a whole. As a board, we look forward to working with all the areas we represent and invite you to get involved. We welcome your participation in making this new office work.

I am looking forward to being of service and hope to meet many of you at the World Services Convention in San Francisco.

Coco C.  
Venice, CA  
Temporary Chair

#### Welcome to the 'NewsGram'

Welcome to the first issue of the Cocaine Anonymous World Services Office "NewsGram."

When the new temporary board of directors took over recently, one of its first actions was to institute a newsletter to keep those in the fellowship informed.

The "NewsGram" will report on activities at the world level and on news of interest to members of the fellowship. It is our thought that in order to unify the fellowship, we first must keep it informed.

"NewsGram" will be published on alternate months with "The Connection," C.A.'s other publication.

#### 12 Steps, Traditions approved at World Services Conference

More than 50 delegates from across the country approved several important documents at March's World Services Conference in Woodland Hills, CA.

The 12 Steps of recovery and the 12 Traditions of Cocaine Anonymous were officially approved as were the 23 questions to help determine who has a problem. The steps and traditions were adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous with changes to indicate addiction to cocaine rather than alcoholism.

The new "To the Newcomer" brochure that had been making its rounds at individual meetings failed to be approved and is back on the drawing boards. The old "To the Newcomer" brochure will continue to be used.

Jennifer R., Ray G. and Greg D., trustees from New York, Riverside, CA, and

Chicago, respectively, attended the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Board of Trustees meeting in New York and reported that they were well received.

They were given permission for C.A. to adapt the 12 Concepts for World Service for use by C.A. Those concepts also were approved at the Woodland Hills conference.

Johnny S. of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, announced his resignation from the Board of Trustees at the conference.

It was announced that the 1988 World Services Convention will be on the July 4 weekend in Chicago and that the next World Services Conference will be in November in the Los Angeles area.

Also approved was the purchase of a computer for the World Services office.

#### WSO San Francisco Convention

Workshops, dances and banquets will be on tap July 4th weekend in San Francisco for the Third Annual Cocaine Anonymous World Services Convention.

Hundreds of members of the fellowship are expected at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel near Union Square in downtown San Francisco for the July 3-5 convention.

It all begins Friday, July 3, with a dance featuring (really!) the Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra.

Saturday is the big day of the convention with a full schedule of workshops on such topics as sponsorship, nutrition, relationships, sex and sobriety and the Fourth and Ninth steps; special meetings for women, men, gays and young people and round-the-clock marathon meetings. The day ends with a banquet, speaker meeting and disc jockey dance.

The convention ends Sunday with a farewell breakfast, spiritual speaker and

closing ceremonies.

Cost for the convention is \$20 for those who register before June 15 and \$25 for those who register after that date. The Saturday night banquet is \$25 and the Sunday morning breakfast \$10. For those who register for both the convention and the limited-seating Saturday banquet will receive a free convention T-shirt.

Rooms at the hotel are \$75 for either a single or double and reservations should be made directly with the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 55 Cyril Magnin, San Francisco, CA 94102-2865, telephone 415/382-8000.

Conference reservation forms are available at most meetings or reservations may be made by writing to C.A. World Services, San Francisco Convention Committee, P.O. Box 4802, Mt. View, CA 94040.

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## Ann Landers applauds C.A.

Chicago Tribune, September 13, 1988

- A letter and reply by Ann Landers in which the author of the letter Cocaine Anonymous as essential to her husband's continuing recovery.
- Signed it "A True Believer"
- Ann Landers replied by printing the address and phone number of the WSO.
- Response was phenomenal: over a 3-day period, Helene H. WSO Chairperson reports receiving over 600 letters of inquiry!

Dear Ann Landers:

"Teardrops in Shreveport" wrote that what had been a warm relationship with her husband has turned into a cold war and her marriage is falling apart. You suggested that he might have a fear of intimacy or that he may be having an affair with another woman.

Ann, I could have written that letter myself two years ago. I would bet anything that Teardrops' husband is having an affair, not with another woman, but with cocaine. His coldness and indifference are classic symptoms of an addict who is hiding his drug use.

Please make this woman aware of this. Take it from me, I've been there. Two years ago my husband went to a rehab clinic and he has been clean ever since. It's been a long, difficult road and our marriage is by no means perfect, but we're together now and the worst is behind us.

We couldn't have done it without the excellent support provided by Cocaine

**Anonymous.** Please plug the growing self-help organizations, Ann. They do a fabulous job.—A True Believer in Lake Ariel, Pa.

Dear Believer:

Cocaine Anonymous often succeeds when other attempts to get off the junk have failed. This organization has more than 1,000 groups and is based on the concept of Alcoholics Anonymous—people who share a common problem.

Anyone interested in learning about a chapter near you can write or call: Cocaine Anonymous, P.O. Box 1367, Culver City, Calif. 90239. The phone is (213) 559-5833.



# C.A. World Convention Firsts



8th World Service Convention  
Montreal, PQ – 1992.  
**First Convention outside the USA.**



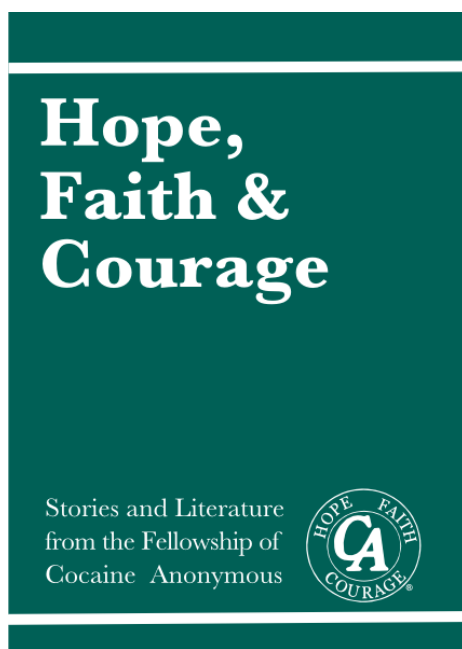
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28th World Service Convention  
Birmingham, UK – 2012.  
**First Convention outside North America**

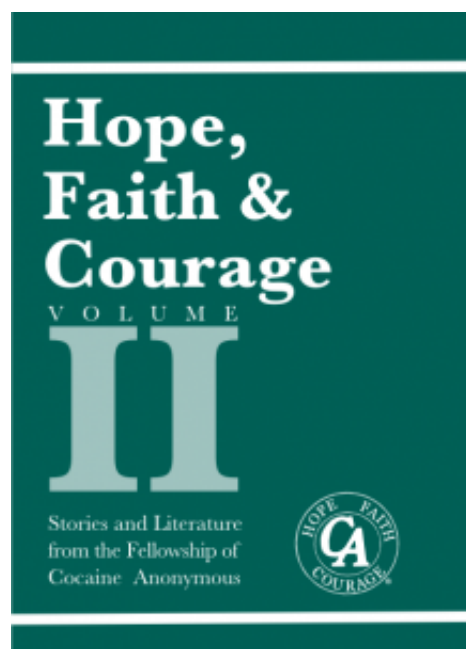




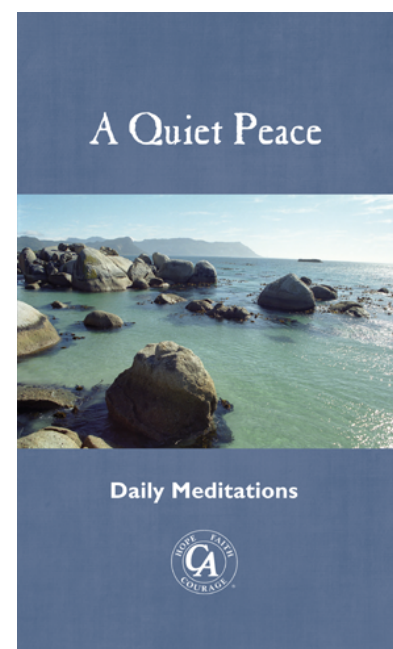
# C.A. Publications



1993



2007



2014

Sometime in 1989, Alan S., LCF Chair, brought an idea to the Conference that we should have our own book comprised of stories from our members. Stories from around the C.A. fellowship were collected, selected, edited and approved. The book, HFC came out in 1993. It was a HUGE event for C.A. garnering a “pre-sale” of hundreds of cases of books.



# 1<sup>st</sup> C.A. Website – ca.org

**Escape Cocaine**

For Free Confidential Help  
"We're Here and We're Free"  
1-800-347-8998

**Cocaine Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.**

We use the [Twelve Step Recovery Program](#), because it has already been proven that the Twelve Step Recovery Program works.

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C.A. created its first web site in December 1994. Home page includes a picture of the C.A. "Escape Cocaine" billboard. Almost immediately, the C.A. office began to receive dozens of emails each day. (Web accessed: Oct 31, 1996).

The first online email meeting "Hope, Faith and Courage" was opened in 1997.



# C.A. 2016 Facts

## Today:

- C.A. has 81 Areas in 24 countries around the world.
- Approximately 2,148 C.A. Meetings (March 2016) around the world.
- Has an estimated 60,000+ members worldwide.
- 33 World Service Conferences (2016).
- 32 World Service Conventions (2016).







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*"If we fail to understand our history,  
we are doomed to repeat it."*

*~ Bill W.*



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