


A VISION OF HOPE



NEFACNA 2

February 27, 28, Mar 1, 2009

Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous

1. We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

The Northeast Freedom Area
invites you to join us in the

Second Annual

NEFA Convention

of Narcotics Anonymous



God helps us as we help each other. Life takes on a new meaning, a new joy and a quality of being and feeling worthwhile. We become spiritually refreshed and are glad to be alive. One aspect of our spiritual awakening comes through the new understanding of our Higher Power that we developed by sharing another addict's recovery. Yes, we are "A Vision Of Hope." We are examples of the program working. The joy that we have in living clear is an attraction to the addict who still suffers."

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Press Statement

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. This is to protect the membership and the reputation of Narcotics Anonymous. We do not disclose last names, nor appear in the media as members of Narcotics Anonymous. No individual inside or outside the fellowship represents Narcotics Anonymous. If you are approached by members of the press, please contact Convention information. They will be more than willing to assist you.

Clarity Statement

We are presented with a dilemma when NA members identify themselves as addicts and alcoholics or talk about "living clean and sober", the clarity of the NA message is blurred. To speak in this manner suggests that there are two classes; that one drug is somehow separate from the rest, requiring special recognition. Narcotics Anonymous makes no distinction between drugs. Our identification as ADDICTS is all inclusive allowing us to concentrate on our similarities, not our differences.

Responsibility Statement

Our personal conduct is a direct reflection of Narcotics Anonymous. By demonstrating personal responsibility we create positive images of our Fellowship. Our conduct is the first and last impression that the public will have of Narcotics Anonymous. If unable to conduct yourselves responsibly, you will be asked to leave. Shirts and shoes must be worn in all public areas at all times. Not everyone stays up all night, please keep the music level in the rooms and in the hallways to a minimum during the hours of 11:00 pm and 4:00 am.

The committee has provided a hospitality room (Regency II)

Volunteer Information

If you have already volunteered to help out at this convention, please check in at Convention information as soon as you have arrived. If you have yet to volunteer, please consider how much your help is needed to keep this celebration of recovery running smoothly. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet people and enhance what already promises to be an "incredible" weekend.

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Registration

Registration is located in the hotel lobby.

Hours: Friday 12:00 noon - 12:00 midnight
Saturday 9:00 am - 11:00 pm

2010 On-Site Pre-Registration - all weekend.

Early Bird Registration for NEACNA-3 available this weekend onsite for \$2000. All entertainment included. See Registration in hotel lobby.

Registration badges will be required to be worn at all times.

We are not responsible for the replacement of lost registration badges. There will be no refunds.

We give away a limited number of Newcomer Packages for people with 50 days clean or less. These packages will be given out at designated times. Please check with Registration or Convention Information for the designated times and locations.

Convention Information

Convention Information is located at the Aquarium, Hotel Lobby.

Hours: Friday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm - 12:00 midnight

Hospitality

Hours: Friday, 4:00 pm - Sunday 11:00 am in Timonium Room.

There will be fun activities throughout the weekend. See anyone on the Hospitality Committee for details.

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Merchandise

Merchandise is located in the Chesapeake Room.

Hours:

Friday 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm & 10:00 pm - 12:00 midnight
Saturday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm - 5:00 am
& 10:00 pm - 12:00 midnight
Sunday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Jewelry will be sold in the Merchandise Room.

The alternate store (consisting of merchandise from other NA events) is tentatively scheduled to open on Sunday at 9:00 am in the Merchandise Room.

Taping Information

All workshops and main speaker meetings will be taped. Tapes will be available one hour after the conclusion of a workshop or main meeting. Tape sales are located in the lobby and will be available Friday 1:00 pm - 2:00 am; Saturday 9:00 am - 2:00 am and Sunday 9:00 am - until ...

Program/Speaker Check-In

All main speakers, workshop speakers and secretaries, please check-in with the Program Committee in the lobby (next to Registration) immediately upon arrival. In addition, speakers as well as secretaries should also report to the Program Committee thirty (30) minutes prior to meeting start time.

~Events~

(All Included)

Friday, February 27th

10:00 pm - 11:00 pm **Comedy Show** Greenspring 1-5
Mickey Cutchiella (98 Rock)

11:15 pm - 2:00 am **Dance** Greenspring 1-5

11:15 pm - 2:00 am **Karaoke** Chesapeake 3-6

Saturday, February 28th

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Illusionist/Magic Show** Atrium

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm **Solo Musician** Atrium
Dave Reed

9-45 pm - 10:45 pm **Comedy Show** Atrium
Tommy Blaze

11:00 pm - 2:00 am **Dance** Greenspring 1-5

11:00 pm - 2:00 am **Karaoke** Chesapeake 3-6

FRIDAY, FEB. 27TH

TIME	MEETING	ROOM
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Steps & Traditions 1-3	Chesapeake 4-6
4:30 pm - 5:45 pm	Grief In Recovery	Dulaney 1-2
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm	Showing Up For Others	Chesapeake 4-6
6:00 pm - 7:15 pm	Loving You, Loving Me	Dulaney 1-2
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	MAIN SPEAKER MEETING	Atrium
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	COMEDY SHOW	Greenspring 4-5
11:15 pm - 12:30 am	Healing Through Laughter	Dulaney 2
11:15 pm - 2:00 am	KARAOKE	Chesapeake 3-6
11:15 pm - 2:00 am	DANCE	Greenspring 1-5
12:00 am - 1:15 am	Staying Clean, Living Clean	Dulaney 1

SATURDAY, FEB. 28TH

TIME	MEETING	ROOM
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Surviving Our Emotions	Chesapeake 4-6
10:00 am - 11:15 am	Steps 4-6, Traditions 4-6	Dulaney 1-2
10:30 am - 11:45 am	Youth In Recovery	Chesapeake 4-6
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Guest Speaker	Dulaney 1-2
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Parenting In Recovery	Chesapeake 4-5
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Relationships	Greenspring 4-5
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	ILLUSIONIST/MAGIC SHOW	Atrium
1:30 pm - 2:45 am	Steps 7-9, Traditions 7-9	Chesapeake 4-5
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	DAVE REED/SOLO MUSICIAN	Atrium
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Self Acceptance	Greenspring 4-5
3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	Triangle of Self Obsession	Chesapeake 4-6
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Hang Bottom In Recovery	Greenspring 4-5

SATURDAY, FEB. 28TH

TIME	MEETING	ROOM
4:30 pm - 5:45 pm	Recovery & Relapse	Cresapeake 4-6
6:00 pm	Sponsorship (Male Speaker)	Greenspring 1-5
6:00 pm - 7:15 am	Sponsorship (Female Speaker)	Dulaney 1-2
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	MAIN SPEAKER MEETING	Atrium
9:45 pm - 10:45 pm	COMEDY SHOW	Atrium
11:00 pm - 12:15 am	Cult & Shame	Dulaney 2
1:00 pm - 2:00 am	KARAOKE	Chesapeake 3-6
11:00 pm - 2:00 am	DANCE	Greenspring 1-5
11:30 pm - 12:45 am	The Gift of Recovery	Dulaney 1
12:30 am - 1:45 am	Gratitude	O'Leary 2

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

TIME	MEETING	ROOM
8:00 am - 9:15 am	Steps 10-12 Traditions 10-12	Greenspring 1-5
8:00 am	SPIRITUAL SPEAKER MEETING	Greenspring 5

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR NEFACNA 3
 ONLY AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND ON-SITE FOR \$20.00.
 ALL ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDED.
 SEE REGISTRATION IN HOTEL LOBBY.

The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity,
 To accept the things I cannot change,
 The courage to change the things I can,
 And the wisdom to know the difference.

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Thank You ...

To the NEFACNA for the opportunity to throw it's second convention and the trust of the Area that the Convention Committee could make this new day of an entertainment related convention be a success.

This would not have been possible without the countless number of volunteers and the hours of work it required to pull this off. You will dare to it our volunteers who have proven together we can do things that alone are not possible.

To each and every member of NA that showed up to help make NEFACNA 2 "A Vision of Hope" a success. Without you this would not have been worth the work or possible to pull off. Thank You!

Moving Forward

We would hope you had a great experience and are already looking forward to NEFACNA 3. Please help us get started early by getting registered for next year's convention before you leave. We will be returning to Crowne Plaza next year on March 5, 6 and 7, 2013. See ya next year!

NAMES & NUMBERS

Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on NA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or NA as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
6. An NA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the NA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every NA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. NA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Just For Today

Tell yourself

JUST FOR TODAY my thoughts will be on my recovery, living and enjoying life without the use of drugs.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have faith in someone in N.A. who believes in me and wants to help me in my recovery.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I will try to follow it to the best of my ability.

JUST FOR TODAY through N.A. I will try to get a better perspective on my life.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid, my thoughts will be on my new associations, people who are not using and who have found a new way of life. So long as I follow that way, I have nothing to fear.