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# RECOVERY

## *In Action*

Serving Southeastern Arizona

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### **The Power to Change**

I am often told Narcotics Anonymous is a program of action. For so long, our lives are led by default. It can be difficult to imagine things any other way. For this addict, it can be easy to forget that living in God's will does not mean the work will be done for me. When I pray for knowledge of God's will for me and the power to carry it out, I must be willing to act. I may be powerless over the results of my efforts, but my efforts matter. When I forget that my program requires effort and action, I fall prey to the same sort of inertia that plagued me in active addiction. My life will not improve unless I take steps, guided by my higher power and those addicts who came before me, towards a better life. Acceptance for me does not mean giving up on change. I had to accept that I was an addict before I could hope to be anything more. That old adage "Surrender to win" applies to so many areas of my life. When I accept that I have a problem, I can begin seeking a solution. Today, thanks to NA, I know where that solution lies. I can apply the steps in any area of my life. Today, because of NA, I have the power of choice. I am no longer powerless over my own actions. Because I have the power to choose, I have the power to choose to act. The results are still up to my higher power, but today I know that I am worthy of my own best efforts. Today, I know that change is up to me.

-- Kati M.

WORLD SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BULLETIN #19

### **Gender-specific language and use of the word "God" in NA literature**

*The following is a February 1992 response to a motion committed to the World Service Board of Trustees by the World Service Conference. It reflects the views of the board at the time of writing.*

During WSC '91, the following motion was committed to the World Service Board of Trustees for its consideration: That all subsequent literature that is to be revised and be produced to have non-gender-specific language and that all references to God be changed to "Higher Power" or "Power Greater than ourselves."

This motion was addressed at our June 1991, August 1991, and February 1992 meetings, with our discussions focusing on the following main issues.

First, and simplest, is the change to non-gender-specific language. Our perception is that the various committees involved in literature projects are already very sensitive to this issue. Changes of the type suggested by this motion are already being considered in the literature development and review process.

More complicated is the question of changing all references to "God." Our fellowship embraces the devoutly religious as well as the atheist. We experience a profound spiritual awakening as a result of actively applying the Twelve Steps in our lives. Most of us continue to experience change and growth in our spiritual orientation as we continue to live the program. We are faced with the dilemma of meaningfully addressing diverse and evolving personal spiritual orientations. This motion proposes replacing all references to God with the terms "Higher Power" or "Power Greater than ourselves." These substitutions would not resolve our dilemma since they still would not meet the needs of many members, particularly those who believe that the "Power greater than ourselves" in the Second Step is not equivalent to the "God, as we understood Him" in our Third Step. There have been numerous other alternatives suggested to the term "God." We feel that, prior to making a change which could profoundly impact our philosophy and interpretation of principles, significant discussion and agreement need to take place within the fellowship at large.

Both of these questions carry with them an additional consideration, since the word "God" and gender-specific language are used in our steps and traditions. We feel that any changes to our steps and traditions should not be considered in the same way we consider narrative portions of our literature. Once again, we feel that such changes and the possible ramifications of such changes need to have significant

discussion and agreement prior to any implementation.

As a result of our discussions, it is the opinion of the World Service Board of Trustees that no formal action should be taken on this motion at this time. We do, however, believe that these topics should be widely discussed throughout the fellowship. We thank the conference for allowing us to serve.

## ~ AREA EVENTS ~

- **Mount Lemmon Bash BBQ Picnic & Potluck Fundraiser**, Sunday, Feb. 26th, noon to 4 p.m., Fort Lowell Park
- **Mt. Lemmon Bash Committee mtg**, Feb 19th, noonish following Duck Pond mtg, Ft. Lowell Park,
- **SEAZNA H&I Learning Day**, March 26th, 11am-3pm, La Madera Park, 2700 E. La Madera Dr,
- **Mt Lemmon Bash**, Sep 29—Oct 1 2017
- **MACCNA Presents Mama Mia! Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show**, Christ Luthern Church 2555 S. Engler Ave., Yuma Az Jan. 14, 2017
- **SDICRCNA XXXII**: Save the date and speaker, registration form & call for speakers available at [sandiegonaconvention.org](http://sandiegonaconvention.org)
- **MACCNA VIII**: "Recovery Never Stops" Yuma, AZ, March 10, 11, &12, 2017 [www.maccna.org](http://www.maccna.org)
- **URMRCNA XVIII**, No Matte What..., Cheyenne, WY, May 26-28, 2017 contact: Haley G. (307) 275-5725 [cleananfree@gmail.com](mailto:cleananfree@gmail.com)

# Happy Birthday!

Proof that the program works!

Dear reader,

We have decided to postpone the posting of Clean time birthdays indefinitely. We have come to believe that this column has become more about personalities and less about principle. We look forward to your feedback on possibilities for new column ideas to fill the space!

In loving service,  
The Newsletter team

## NEXT MONTH'S TOPIC!

Last Month's topic was acceptance and positive action! Directly related to positive action is being of service! We want to hear about your experience strength and hope with **setting boundaries while being of service.**

We look forward to your submissions!

-Jesse A.

### *Upcoming Events in and around AZ*

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### *Subcommittee Service*

#### **SEAZNA Area Service Committee**

2 p.m. on 2nd Sunday of each Month  
Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church  
5360 E. Pima St. (west of Craycroft)

#### **Activities Subcommittee**

Contact activities@natucson.org

#### **Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee**

12:30 p.m., Second Sunday of the month  
Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church  
5360 E. Pima St. (west of Craycroft)

#### **Mt. Lemmon Bash Subcommittee**

Contactbash@natucson.org

#### **Newsletter Subcommittee**

Contact newsletter@natucson.org

#### **Outreach Subcommittee**

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#### **Phoneline Subcommittee**

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#### **Public Relations Subcommittee**

Meeting held on line, contact pr@natucson.org for details

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# AREA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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**Activities Goes Bowling:** 1st Sunday of the month, 4:30pm @ Golden Pins Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. \$1/game & \$1/shoes.



**Medallion Night and Potluck:** Last Monday of the month @ First United Methodist Church (915 E. 4th street). Show up at 7 if you are getting a medallion (1 year or more) meeting starts @ 7:30pm.



**Underground Speaker Meeting:** 3rd Monday each month.

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