

AREA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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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.

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Submit your recovery related stories, poems, jokes, etc. to:
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Monday Night Young People's Speaker Meeting: 3rd Monday each month.

Meeting Changes, Support, Service Opportunities

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Are outside issues threatening a clear message?

"Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues, hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy." - Tradition 10.

Although our traditions are not negotiable, they often call for a level of nuance. Unity and clarity of our message are essential in our meetings, but so too is our ability to share openly and honestly regarding the experiences affecting our lives. "While a particular problem may be an outside issue, its effect on our recovery is not."* How then do we take responsibility, as individual members, as groups, and as a fellowship, for carrying a clear message, while still allowing addicts to express themselves as individuals? Tradition 10 in Narcotics Anonymous calls on our members to ask themselves some simple questions with regards to expressing their opinions in meetings: "Am I sharing from my experience, or am I expounding an opinion? As an individual, am I dwelling in the problem or seeking the solution? Do I share to draw the group together or to force the group into separate camps? Do I make it clear that what I say, I say for myself, *not* for Narcotics Anonymous?"** By asking ourselves these questions, we begin to check our motives in what and how we share in our meetings. We develop relationships in recovery with people in whom we can confide, and with whom we can have discussions on topics that may not be appropriate in a meeting of Narcotics Anonymous. We have a right to our opinions, and a right to express them. However, we have a responsibility to the fellowship and its members to keep our primary purpose in mind when we share in meetings, and to remember that personal recovery depends on NA unity. A clear and honest message of recovery from the disease of addiction ensures the survival of our program as a whole. Without Narcotics Anonymous, we lose the freedom of choice that has afforded us the privilege of personal opinion. Asking ourselves these questions before we share allows us the opportunity to express ourselves honestly without detracting from the life-saving message that brought us into the rooms and taught us a new way to live.—KM

*It Works: How and Why – p.198

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This year has shown us all many outside issues which altered the landscape of our meetings, either temporarily or permanently. The best thing I have seen from the changes is that there are now more ways for us to reach the addict. The use of virtual spaces helps us communicate with each other across town or even around the world. I’m witnessing the Narcotics Anonymous message unlike any other time in my recovery. I have found it easier to locate and attend NA meetings which have a clear and motivational message of recovery. However, I have also encountered so many meetings where the message is diluted to a great extent by showcasing so much chatter about current events: the pandemic, the elections, social media, medications, and others. I’ve also seen groups fight for their ability to hold “live” meetings. So, the question strikes me, is a clear message of Narcotics Anonymous being threatened by outside issues? Of course, it is, if a suffering addict has to sit patiently through hearing about those outside issues without hearing a message of recovery; a message of hope. But this isn’t really any different than it ever has been. We have always had the background noise of outside issues in our meetings. We are learning a new way to live with our disease while outside issues are ongoing all the time. This year just had some which appear louder, and they have that “ringing-in-the-ears” effect. Some have said, “If you don’t hear a message, then bring a message.” We are in a great time to see value in so many of our Traditions. It always comes down to the same process, no matter what is going on in the world: meetings, steps, sponsorship, and service. I look for that balance in our symbol. As far as balance goes, I remind myself that the things which are happening to all of us this year can throw anyone off balance. I see the power in our literature where it says, “We pick up information as we talk to members and visit various groups,” and, “It is only through understanding and application that they work.” I understand so much more when I visit various groups.—DB

Upcoming Events in and around AZ

Yuma—Fortuna Pond Camp Out
Nov 13-15, 2020

Happy Birthday!
Proof that the program works!

Danny S 10/1/2010
Love M 10/7/2019
Dana S 10/20/2019
Denise S 10/22/2010
Julie 10/30/2002
Teri B 10/30/2012
Davi A 11/1/2014
Randy E 11/3/2011
Kristy I 11/4/2016

We understand this is not a complete list of all celebrations in our Area. Congratulations to all who have today!!

If you have a clean date birthday of one or more years, please email it to Newsletter@natucson.org

NEXT MONTH’S TOPIC!
Our gratitude speaks...

Subcommittee Service

SEAZNA Area Service Committee
2 p.m. on 2nd Sunday of each Month
Live meeting scheduling to be announced
Zoom—

Activities Subcommittee
Needs Chair

Hospitals & Institutions Subcommittee
12:00 p.m., Second Sunday of the month
Zoom—843-8814-3812

Mt. Lemmon Bash Subcommittee
Contactbash@natucson.org

Newsletter Subcommittee
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Outreach Subcommittee
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Public Relations Subcommittee
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