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# F.W.S. Newsletter

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## PLANNING THE 2001 CONVENTION

Being part of the 2001 Convention Planning Committee (CPC) has been a joy. Granted, I myself have not yet moved into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, so I've missed out on the online meetings, conference calls and the last minute emailed adjustments. Nevertheless, the view from the Pleistocene era has been an enjoyable one. I chose my commitment carefully. I'm the guy who gets to schedule the literature volunteers and who'll be sent for the last minute, forgotten items from Costco; so far, so good. The real work is being done by a segment of our membership, which is nothing if not dauntless. I've really been impressed with the level of creativity and generosity of our fellowship.

The feel of the committee's process is that of a meeting in which

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## Getting to the Annual Business Conference/Meeting

As a young fellowship, many of our groups are small and limited in resources. Just paying rent, buying literature and a small contribution to an Intergroup and Fellowship Wide Services (FWS) is a struggle. So how can a small group or Intergroup generate the monies to get a Delegate to the ABC/M?

This is going to sound simple, and it is simple. LET GO! By Letting Go and having fun, we stop struggling. We struggle because we are dealing with something that is bigger than us - We are Powerless. Back at the First Step again! The key is in moving forward and having fun.

Something that my Intergroup noticed, is that one of its best contributors was actually one of its smallest groups. They only had two - four people, if that. But they would send a small contribution *every* month. Yes, we had a few groups make larger contributions in total, but when they made a contribution, it would also be of larger amounts. However, that little group was actually more dependable regarding income to our Intergroup. They used the same principle suggested in saving money and/or paying off debts—more manageable regular installments helps achieve a goal.

Now relate that to getting a Delegate to the ABC/M. The first key is to determine what it will cost to send a Delegate. For most groups on the North American Continent, this is about \$700-\$800. For groups elsewhere in the world, that increases to perhaps \$800-\$1000.

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## From the Editor...



With this issue for the Spring Season, we find new growth emerging and blooming. The Newsletter Committee and I hope that all of you welcome the two newest employees to the office, Steve and Daniela. Daniela has roots growing through this committee as she is the one who does all the actual work and layout for this and future Newsletters. We are excited to have her and she is excited with the opportunity. You may get to know a little more about her in an article she has written in this issue. I am sure that everyone will welcome her and Steve both in your communication with the office.

Looking forward, we are planning to have four issues per year of the Newsletter as opposed to three as in past years. That presents a huge challenge. What to put in the Newsletter and still keep your attention and its focus and content. Your help (YES, YOU) is critical in that. Please send in articles about recovery for future issues. The June issue will naturally include articles about the 3rd Step and 3rd Tradition of SLAA. The following issue will be about the 4th Step and 4th Tradition. Additional articles will also be needed. So share with us (and of course *the Journal*), your experience, strength, and hope around recovery. Topics could include, but are not limited to, sobriety, withdrawal, sharing, service, hope, connection with a Higher Power, tools of the program, sponsorship, and on and on. The key is, we need your submissions.

We look forward to receiving and sharing your recovery focused articles with the rest of the fellowship.

Thanks again, and we hope you enjoy this issue.

Rob K., Editor

**Pocket tool kit  
available soon!**

### Board of Trustees (BOT)

#### Meeting Minutes Summary:

*The following is a summary of the 11/11/00 BOT meeting. There was a lot of discussion regarding audio streams on the Internet, creating an anonymous version of the SLAA basic text, and planning for the Annual Business Conference and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recovery Convention.*

#### *November 11, 2000*

- An individual asked to allow him to audio stream our audiotape material on his website. A motion was made to request that the individual not put any FWS audio material on the Internet. This item was tabled in order to have further discussion as the Board committee level.
- A motion was made that the BOT honor and support the 2000 Conference motion to offer a version of the SLAA basic text whose cover is more anonymous or text free. The motion passed unanimously. The General Manager was charged with implementing this item.
- A motion to send a letter to the entire Conference Sponsorship Committee regarding the change of moving the Long Distance Sponsorship Program in house and signed by the Chair of the BOT was passed.
- The BOT voted to start the Annual Business Conference on 7/10/01 at 10:00 am because the General Manager needed to confirm the dates with the site in order to ensure its availability.
- The BOT also discussed whether the Recovery Convention is a profit-making venue. It was generally agreed that the primary purpose of the event is to carry the message, however, it was recognized that it is a good opportunity for FWS to raise funds for the organization. The information was passed along to the Convention Planning Committee.

### **SLAA NEEDS YOU!**

#### **TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

##### **IF YOU:**

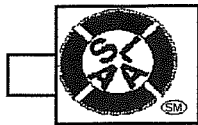
**Have three or more continuous years of sobriety from bottom-line behaviors**

**Are dedicated to service of the fellowship**

**Can be an integral part of following through on decisions made for SLAA by the Conference members at the Annual Business Meeting**

##### **THEN:**

**READ THE BOT LETTER IN THE CONFERENCE PACKET AND/OR CONTACT FWS FOR INFORMATION AND RUN FOR A SEAT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES!**



Divide that total by the number of months remaining before making a payment would need to occur, or by twelve for the entire year. Then figure how close your group can come to that regular monthly amount and have your Treasurer set that aside every month. You can also pass the basket around the room a second time, stating the reason for the second round.

Let people know of the need. We are living in pretty generous (financial) times. Some members may choose to make larger contributions to the group, perhaps \$2-\$3 per meeting. Other members may make substantial single or regular contributions, but keep in mind that our recommended maximum donation by any member in a single year is \$5000.

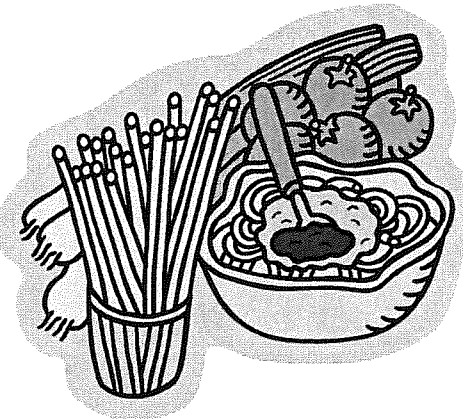
Members could choose to make a contribution by paying a bill (i.e. rent, literature, etc.) for their group for a month, two, or even more. I'm sure that you and your fellow members can think up many different ideas. We just need to protect the integrity of the group by studying and respecting the Twelve Traditions.

Yes, most small groups will still fall short of that amount, but other things can make a difference. This is where the fun truly comes into the picture. The key is actually in having fun and supplementing recovery. Plan recovery events such as special speaker meetings, Step workshops, retreats, local recovery conventions, or any other "special" event that promotes recovery. Plan the finances so that some additional income is generated. Everyone has fun, recovery blooms, and income is generated for the perpetuation of

recovery.

Additional special events may be planned, either in conjunction with or separate from, special recovery events. Some examples are:

- A pot luck or spaghetti dinner where everyone brings something for the meal and a suggested donation is made by all that attend (e.g. \$10-\$15 per person).



- Have an auction, regular or silent, where everyone brings an item to be auctioned off. The key here is to not limit the amount of the bid by the retail price of the item. This is, after all, for SLAA which saved our lives. (Some of the most fun I have had at these auctions is when we bid against each other for absolutely nothing!)

- Have a Talent Show, Coffee House, or small recovery skit or play where the participants donate their talents and the audience either pays to enter or tips the performances, or both.

- Have a picnic under the same guidelines as the "Pot Luck" dinner listed above.

- For groups with larger numbers, have a "contribution challenge" as FWS did in January.

- Plan group day trips, movie outings, or other events that cover their own costs and also generates additional income.

The list and ideas are endless. Get your group together and brainstorm even more ideas. We need to just stay focused on the Traditions, specifically (but not limited to) anonymity and declining outside contributions.

I feel that it is important that the group reimburses expenses of the Delegate to insure that the choice of the Delegate is not governed or skewed by the financial ability of the Delegate. I myself have in the past paid the expenses, once the group/Intergroup decided to send me and agreed, and the group repaid/reimbursed those expenses later. The key is to "believe" that your group can generate enough money to send a Delegate (or any other goal of the group) and get together as a group and let it happen. Start with the regular budgeting and add supplemental events/activities as listed above, and pretty soon your group will be sending a Delegate to the ABC/M to represent your group as a member of "the Conference!"

*Anonymously Submitted*

## **Super Starter Kits now available!**

### **Kit includes\_\_**

**All items from the basic kit, plus 1 SLAA Basic Text, 10 pamphlets, 1 World Directory, 7 chips, 1 medallion, 1 audio tape and more...!**

**\*Please see enclosed flyer\***

**Get 'em while they're HOT!**



everyone has a service obligation and no one's entitled to "new-comer" treatment. Marcella and Mike D. are about one million times more organized than I'll ever be (and thank God for that!) David C. is always good for volunteering to make one more call or research one more thing (and you got to love that)! Our other Mike D. (site coordinator) is the person who "knows a guy...who knows a guy" (and I believe we would've stalled out long ago if he didn't). Cheryl H., John W. and Kendra G. have brought the same "no worries" attitude, which has created dozens of the L.A. area retreats and workshops. All of the aforementioned keeps me believing this thing really will happen, even when my head insists it's impossible.

The rest of the volunteers are the people who inspire me to keep showing up. I feel tremendous affinity for the people like Charo T., Megan M., Rosser and Dee A., who have so generously given of their talents. They like myself, I believe, know little of the in's and out's of conventions but know there's an opportunity to give back and they've taken this one. Unlike myself, each of these individuals is incredibly creative, patient and insightful. I doubt they realize how much their willingness to be a part has meant to me and helped me to keep showing up (even for the meeting scheduled opposite the UCLA vs. USC basketball game)!

My experience of 12 step service obligations is that they tend to happen at just the right time. This one finds me at one of the busiest times of my life. My experience is that it is always dangerous for an addict to think he's busy. It's been very easy to excuse myself from meetings and fellowship lately. Being connected to the convention planning is a constant reminder that someone has to put others ahead of themselves or program doesn't work. Someone has to be the one to do the footwork. Thank goodness SLAA is blessed with the kind of selfless members who, one day at a time, are pulling the convention together. And for myself, it's a good thing I can't pass on being [a] part of something which happens so seldom and is bound to bless so many.

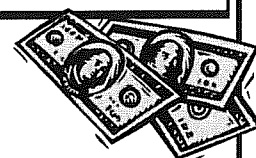
~Robert,  
Convention Planning Committee

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE  
MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE  
OCTOBER 2000-JANUARY 2001**



NAME	ST	AMOUNT
Erica F.	FL	\$ 10.00
Jack S.	FL	\$ 10.00
Cincinnati Mon	OH	\$ 24.80
Barbara N.	VA	\$ 30.00
Charlottesville Mon Anorexia	VA	\$ 25.00
Brookline Sat Morning	MA	\$ 75.00
Provincetown Fri Hope by the Sea	MA	\$ 40.00
Jenny R.W.	MA	\$ 75.00
Carol I.	MA	\$ 150.00
M.C. R.	CT	\$ 25.00
Brookline Fri Tools	MA	\$ 80.00
Tampa Bay Intergroup	FL	\$ 1237.95
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEET CHALLENGE</b>		<b>\$ 1782.73</b>
<b>CHALLENGE MATCH</b>		<b>\$ 1782.73</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED FOR THIS CHALLENGE</b>		<b>\$ 3565.46</b>

In October, we announced a membership challenge. We had several members of our program pledge that they would match up to a total of \$5,810.00.



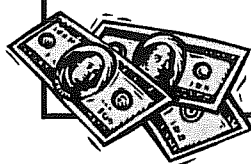
**We are excited to announce that we received \$1782.73 in contributions from the membership to help meet this pledge...Whoooooooooooooo!**

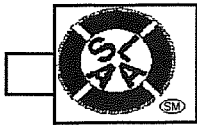
This was the first time we ever tried this and we are very happy and touched by the fact that many of you made an effort to help us.

FWS and the Board of Trustees are making efforts to find new ways to meet our ever growing financial needs. We have so many ideas about what we want to do to assist the program and its members to grow and recover—  
this money will help us to meet some of those goals!

We may try this again in the future...if you have any ideas on how we can make this type of fundraising a success, please give us a call, drop us a line. Your input is valuable to us in our projections and how we can best serve the program.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**





## STEP TWO



**"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."**

Once I admitted powerlessness over sex and love addiction, a friend in program told me I had just jumped off a cliff and was currently falling. Great, I thought. She continued to say that I had options. I could hit the ground and die or I could have something catch me. That thing that was going to catch me was my belief "that a Power greater than myself could restore me to sanity." This belief did not come as easily as I thought it would.

Growing up, I was told that I could not trust anyone but myself. I had to make things happen on my own since nobody, not even God, would help me. It was me against the world and the rest of the universe. I lived in accordance to these ideas throughout my life. The idea of this step was idiotic to me. I literally could not register the idea that something could be more powerful than I was.

As I was falling from the cliff I had willingly jumped off of, I grasped onto old roots that hung from the side. I was in full withdrawal so these roots took various forms that were all characteristics of my disease of sex & love addiction.

I grasped onto heavily flirting with married men. Once that slipped through my fingers I hung out with people that were not safe for my program. When that root snapped, I clung to the comfort of fantasy. In an effort to completely skip Step 2, I, unknowingly at the time, attempted to work the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step. I attempted to create a Higher Power with-

out truly believing something like that could actually exist and "restore me to sanity."

A Power that was greater than I, meant God. Throughout my whole life, the Higher Power, or God I was familiar with was moody, judgmental, and thunderous. He was the type of being that could be kind and gentle, but only on certain occasions. With that mindset, I was very afraid to let the idea of a God into my life. To me, it meant I would have to trust something to help me. The concept of trust was completely foreign. Eventually the branch broke and with



each attempt that slipped from my hands, I grew weaker and my options were numbered. None of my tactics of stopping this fall had worked, and the ground was coming up fast. There was no way I could climb back to the top and "take back" the 1<sup>st</sup> Step. That meant instant death to me. I was so scared for my sanity when I came into program that there was no way I could go back to that place.

It became clear to me that this was a do or die situation. I felt very humbled. Maybe I hadn't been doing such a good job at running my life.

I gave up clawing at the side of the cliff for a scraggly root to keep me motionless for a bit. I felt relieved and afraid at the same time. Immediately I was caught by the belief in a Power greater than I was. It has restored me to sanity and is still with me today.

*Respectfully Submitted by:*  
*Megan M.*  
*Los Angeles, CA*

## FWS NEWS CORNER

### WELCOME...

Good News! Nancy August will be returning to FWS as of 3/27/01. As some of you may recall, Nancy worked in the office until last March. She will be job sharing with Steve in the Outreach Coordinator position. We are excited to have her join our staff once again!

### COMING SOON!...

This June we will have the updated World Directory and a hardbound 25th Anniversary SLAA Basic Text available for sale. Watch for our new Literature and Merchandise catalog!

### SPECIAL OFFERS...

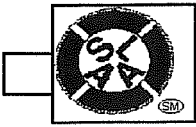
We currently have a limited number of audio tapes on sale for \$1 each. Offer available while supplies last. See the sale sheet enclosed in the March bulk mailing.

### .....WISH LIST.....

*Below is a list of items needed by the FWS office in order to run more efficiently and professionally. If you (or your group) are interested in contributing any of these things, please contact us! Thank You.*

- ◆ Filing Cabinets
- ◆ HP Compatible scanner
- ◆ Book case to store literature and computer manuals
- ◆ Toaster oven

*\*\*A warm and sincere thank you to the anonymous donor who has contributed a vacuum cleaner to the office!\*\**



## TRADITION TWO



**“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as this Power may be expressed through our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”**

*On a conference call with other recovering sex and love addicts carrying out Tradition 5 and faced with making a decision on an issue brought before us, I got my first real understanding of Tradition Two. I struggled through the discussion among us. There were strong feelings and opinions expressed, although not on the same side of the issue. It appeared that we, as a group, would never come to a decision. As a relative newcomer to the group, I was frustrated. This was an issue about which I had some experience. I also had an opinion and strong feelings about the subject and a voice with which to express it. During the discussion, I started to question. Doesn't my opinion matter? Don't others think I am right? Don't those that trust me enough to appoint me to this position expect me to "fight" (in their best interest) for this issue? Don't I as a newcomer have any power? Can't I sway others to seeing my side of the issue? I was befuddled. (to be continued....)*

As addicts, we are strong-willed, self-serving people with a track record of making unhealthy, unwise choices that hurt ourselves and others. We made decisions based on E-G-O (which I learned in an AA meeting meant “Ease God Out”). The decisions we made out

of self-will and ego destroyed our relationships with others. As self-seekers, we caused dissention, chaos, and disaster in our lives, our families, and work place. Soon, we were on the “outside looking in” and building a reputation of “not playing well with others.”

Who, then, would run our organization? Us addicts? Blessed with divine inspiration, the founders of the 12-Step, 12-Tradition program of recovery created a path for “leadership” that has worked. We did not need Presidents, Masters, or Superintendents. These titles implied control. Instead, positions were titled secretary, treasurer, and representative. These titles implied humble service. In these elected/appointed positions (and in volunteer positions held as members of a committee, meeting, or Intergroup), our fel-

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low members gave us their trust and an obligation to guard the principles of our program.

How, then, would us addicts make decisions? We found if decisions were made by members with self-will, ego, and manipulation, the “group” decision simply became an extension of that “leader” or member and the group eventually lost its potency. In some cases, this destroyed the group. So, in order to maintain group integrity, our founders suggested making decisions as a group --group conscience, decisions made in God's love. By working the 12 Steps, hadn't we learned to trust a Higher Power and understood that, when working a spiritual program, our decisions were an expression of God's will for us? Couldn't that same principle apply as a group? As we practiced

Tradition Two, we began to understand that decisions based on group conscience are truly spiritual decisions that are never in conflict with our recovery nor put our program in peril.

I, as a trusted servant to this fellowship, had an obligation to the other members to share my knowledge, experience, and facts about the issue and then to leave the outcome to the decision of the group—group conscience. Group conscience, then, are decisions made, not on an individual's pride, self-will, manipulation, or ego, but by true leadership, selfless service with God's love and support.

We need to constantly guard protect this most valuable asset (2<sup>nd</sup> only to anonymity, in my opinion), group conscience. When we follow Tradition Two, we become a group not based on strong personalities, strong opinions, popularity, or politics. Instead, our group conscience becomes an extension of our collective spirituality that allows us to grow through the decisions made, whether they go “our” individual way or not.

*(Continued) As the vote came near, I could see that I had only partially done what I needed to do as a trusted servant. I spoke of the information and facts with the others. What I had failed to do was pray to HP to take my ego, pride, manipulation, and “win-lose” mentality out of my decision and to vote my (and my group's) conscience. I prayed to let go of the outcome with the recognition that the vote would be conscience of the group. Even when the vote “did not go my way,” it was a decision that was meant to be. I felt assured that group conscience was served as an extension of the one true voice, God's voice.*

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Deborah W., Cleveland, OH*





## Working at FWS...

Hi, my name is Daniela and I am the new Office Administrator at the FWS office. I am a freshman at Umass Boston, the mother of a beautiful one-year old boy and I am engaged to be married. I accepted this position in the quest of a full-time job, to gain experience in an office environment, and to get a feel of the non-profit organization. Although I have to admit the nature of the organization sounded very "weird" to me at first, I realized that this is the type of experience I would benefit from in my career preference of Human Services. I thought I would have a hard time getting accustomed to the organization due to the fact that I am not a member. I had no idea what a 12-Step program was and had never even heard of S.L.A.A., but I was determined to learn as much as I could about it. Once I got settled in, and began to answer the phones, and E-mails I became more comfortable and started to understand more about this addiction. And now, only two months into the position I feel very well informed about the program and its members. I've realized that this is a real issue that's out there that some people just aren't aware of and I applaud those who do acknowledge it and have set out to do something about it.

Working in the FWS office is an incredible experience. I love my job and the people I work with make the workday go by so much faster. We are always laughing and the office never gets boring. Not only is there always something to do but there's also always someone to talk to. When things start to get frantic, we know it's time to go out to eat at Friendly's, Bertucci's or wherever. There is not one impersonal moment at FWS. Best of all, I have my own office, which I thought was the biggest deal when I got this job.

I feel very lucky to have been blessed with the opportunity of working here and acquiring wisdom of the fellowship and its courageous members. I look forward to acquiring the skills I will need to pursue a successful career in Human Services and maybe one day manage my own non-profit in support of others. With anticipation everything I am gaining from this wonderful experience will reflect in my own life professionally as well as personally as I grow older.

*Respectfully submitted by:*  
**Daniela DePina**  
*Office Administrator, FWS*

### REMINDER

The Prison Outreach  
Committee toll free  
number is  
(866) 909-SLAA (7522)

## Do you have Experience in Human Resources? Are you interested in using those skills in SLAA service?

The Human Resources Committee (HRC) is an SLAA Board of Trustees (BOT) approved committee composed of up to five volunteer members. Currently one of the volunteer opportunities, local to the Fellowship Wide Services (FWS) office, is in need of being filled. This committee assists the FWS office on employee related issues, setting policies, and acting as a neutral resource to members of the FWS staff.

If you have interest in applying--or would like more information, please contact  
**Kenn C. at (781) 393-0663.**

Coming Soon.....

**SLAA Annual Business Conference/Meeting  
(ABC/M)**

**July 10-13, 2001**

**Oceanside, California USA**

Will your group be represented in the decision of items such as:

- ♦ Ways to focus on the 12 Steps - fellowship-wide
- ♦ A separate version of the 12 Steps for Anorectics
- ♦ Adding a "service statement" to our Pre-amble
- ♦ And more?

Sign up and register your group's/  
Intergroup's Delegate by completing the sign  
up and registration forms from the packet  
distributed with the January 2001  
Newsletter.

**"The Conference" needs your Delegate to  
make it complete.**

Please note: the facility has one men's, one women's and one co-ed shower facility with individual private stalls for those staying on site. Meals are by group buffet meals at the site.



## NEW & DISBANDED MEETINGS 01/01/01-02/28/01

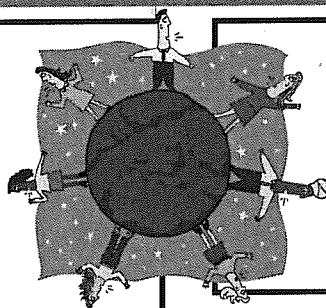
### New Meetings

San Francisco, CA Fri "Begin your Weekend in Recovery"  
Walnut Creek, CA Mon Night  
Wickenburg, AZ Wed Night  
Chico, CA Sat Afternoon Women's  
Gresham, OR Mon Night  
Atlanta, GA Sat Morning  
Royal Oak, MI Fri Afternoon Recovery  
S. Burlington, VT Sat Women's  
Elyria, OH Thu Night  
Svendborg, Denmark Fri Night  
Hanau Sun Night  
Graz, Austria Tue Night  
München, Germany Mon Night  
Wiesbaden, Germany Tue "You are not Alone"  
Berlin, Germany Thu Night  
Berlin, Germany Mon Night Women's  
Wesel, Germany Wed Night  
Krefeld, Germany Wed "High Spirit"  
Bonn, Germany Sun Night  
Passau, Germany Sun Night  
Rastede, Germany Sun Night  
Essen, Germany Fri Night  
Darmstadt, Germany Thu "Share and Recover"  
Kaiserslautern, Germany Fri Night  
Paris, France Mon Night  
Paris, France Wed Night  
Paris, France Fri St. Denis  
Paris, France Sun Night

### Disbanded Meetings

Oakland, CA Sun Step Study  
San Francisco, CA Mon Noon  
San Francisco, CA Tue "Dry Dock Progress in Recovery"  
San Francisco, CA Fri "Step/Study"  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL Tue/Sat "Bottom Line"  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL Thu "Serenity"  
Coram, NY Sun Night  
Blackwood, NJ Thu Night  
New Kensington, PA Tue "No Coincidence"  
Lakehurst, NJ Mon "Open Beginners"  
Lambertville, NJ Fri Night Closed  
Northampton, MA Sun  
Nyack, NY Thu Night  
Coram, NY Sat "Getting Current"

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### DISBANDED MEETINGS (Continued)

Waldoboro, ME Wed Night  
Tiverton, RI Tue Night  
Thousand Oaks, CA Tue Night  
Rocky Hill, NJ Fri Men's  
Bradenton, FL Tue Night  
Pittsburgh, PA Thu "Living in the Solution"

### PLEASE NOTE:

We apologize for an error in the previous newsletter. The Ireland Intergroup has NOT disbanded.



Are you looking for a way to continue your 12th step work? Are you interested in "giving something back"? Wondering what kind of Service Work you could do? Has SLAA helped you gain a better, addictive-free life?

Why not become a Long Distance Sponsor?

The Long Distance Sponsorship Program needs your help!

If you have an extra hour or so per week, and if you would be willing to be a Long Distance Sponsor or if you know someone that may be interested in being a Long Distance Sponsor, please, contact FWS!!

We can always use new E-mail sponsors, but we are in need of MORE phone, postal mail AND Spanish-speaking sponsors!

Please see the sponsor form in this mailing, if you are available OR...

sponsors!

E-mail us at: SLAALDSP@aol.com

Phone us at: (781) 255-8825

FAX us at: (781) 255-9190

Write us at:

LDSP

c/o Fellowship-Wide Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 338

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We will send you all relevant information.







**!!!!!!PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!**

**EFFECTIVE 06/01/01**

Due to the United States Postal Service postage increase, we must slightly raise our shipping/handling charges AND the Journal subscription prices. We will update our forms in the next month or so. **We will honor current prices until 6/1/01.** Thank you in advance for your understanding.

**AS YOU REQUESTED!....**

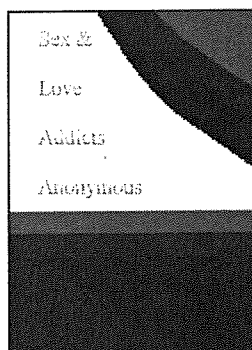
**FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES IS PUBLISHING THE SLAA BASIC TEXT WITH A MORE ANONYMOUS COVER!**

**YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ORDER EITHER:**

The usual Cover— 6"x9" as it is currently printed.

**OR**

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FWS would not have been able to complete the work needed to be done without the service and enthusiasm of these volunteers.  
**Thank You for your support!**

We have many different volunteer opportunities available! If **ANYONE** is interested in volunteering for future bulk mailings or if you have any spare time, please contact Daniela, Jenny or Steve at (781) 255-8825 or E-mail us at [slaafws@aol.com](mailto:slaafws@aol.com)

**DEADLINES FOR THE JUNE 2001  
FWS NEWSLETTER AND BULK MAILING**

- ♦ 04/06/01 Article submissions are due
- ♦ 05/04/01 Submissions to the bulk mailing due
- ♦ 05/19/01 Bulk Mailing



# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Recovery Convention

## Grasping the Golden Braid

July 13-15, 2001

Sheraton Gateway, Los Angeles, CA

*Come and join the Augustine Fellowship at SLAA's silver anniversary celebration. You will be treated to a weekend of topic meetings, speaker banquets, and sober entertainment. The concepts of sobriety, service, sponsorship, steps, and spirituality will be the focus of our convention.*

### Registration has begun!

Complete the form below and send it to the CPC to register. If you need more registration forms are available in the FWS mailings and from your local intergroups. Additionally they are available for down load on the Internet at:

<http://www.slaafws.org/community/IntergroupEvents/2001ABC.html>

You can call the Convention Planning Committee directly and request a registration form(s) be sent to you or your meeting:  
26500 W. Agoura Rd #555, Calabasas, CA 91302 Phone: 818-377-5068 or E-mail us at [Convention\\_2001@slaafws.org](mailto:Convention_2001@slaafws.org)

### REGISTRATION REQUEST

The Registration fee is required for ALL attendees and includes all convention-sponsored events except the Saturday lunch and dinner speaker banquets.

	Cost	QTY	Total	Please check all that apply:
<b>Registration:</b> (Amount Determined by Postmark Date)				
First Name	By 5/15/01 \$30	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> I am willing to be of service to help keep the convention running smoothly.
Last Name	After 5/15/01 \$40	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> I am willing to be a temporary sponsor for the duration of the convention and I have at least one year of continuous self-defined sobriety in S.L.A.A.
Preferred Badge Name	<b>Saturday Luncheon Speaker Banquet</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> I am willing to lead a marathon topic meeting; I have been continuously sober in S.L.A.A. for _____. (Leaders will read pre-written formats and will be assigned to various topics on the basis of sobriety time.)
Phone Number	\$25	_____	_____	
E-Mail Address	<b>Saturday Dinner Main Speaker Banquet</b>			
Street Address	\$35	_____	_____	
City State Zip Code	<b>TOTAL AMT. ENCLOSED</b>		_____	
Country	<i>Make checks payable to:</i> Los Angeles Intergroup.			
Please check all that apply:				
<input type="checkbox"/> S.L.A.A. <input type="checkbox"/> Co-S.L.A.A.				
<input type="checkbox"/> S.A.A. <input type="checkbox"/> Co-SA				
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<input type="checkbox"/> S.C.A. <input type="checkbox"/> S.R.A.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Program <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Other				

Mail to:

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## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2001

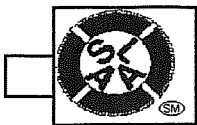
ALBANY SAT SHAMEBUSTERS	NY	\$ 32.27	MEMPHIS SAT WOMEN'S MTG.	TN	\$ 14.25
ALBANY TUE MEN'S GRP.	NY	\$ 44.18	MEMPHIS SUN	TN	\$ 100.00
ANONYMOUS PICK-UP	MA	\$ 0.50	MERION S.	AZ	\$ 0.20
AUSTIN THU STEP	TX	\$ 62.00	MICHAEL B.	NH	\$ 5.00
BEACHWOOD SUN SERENITY	OH	\$ 65.00	MICHAEL R. IN GRATITUDE/MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE	CT	\$ 25.00
BEACHWOOD SUN SERENITY	OH	\$ 95.00	MILLTOWN TUE	NJ	\$ 40.00
BEREA TUE	OH	\$ 20.25	MINNEAPOLIS SUN SLAA STEP STUDY	MN	\$ 50.00
BERNARD F./AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP DELAWARE	PA	\$ 2.11	MODESTO SUN NEW LIFE/NEW LOVE	CA	\$ 75.00
BIRMINGHAM MON SLAA SERENITY GRP.	MI	\$ 25.00	MONTEREY MON WOMEN'S MTG.	CA	\$ 106.75
BIRMINGHAM MON SLAA SERENITY GRP.	MI	\$ 25.00	NEW ENGLAND INTERGRP.	MA	\$ 150.00
BLOOMFIELD WED WOMEN'S GRP.	NJ	\$ 3.30	NEW ENGLAND INTERGRP.	MA	\$ 50.00
BOSTON WED SHARING OUR STRENGTH	MA	\$ 30.00	NEW YORK SUN FEELINGS QUALIFICATIONS	NY	\$ 15.40
BOSTON WED SHARING OUR STRENGTH	MA	\$ 30.00	NEW YORK SUN MEN'S MTG.	NY	\$ 20.00
BRIDGEPORT TUE STEP	CT	\$ 36.00	NEW YORK TUE WITHDRAWAL	NY	\$ 20.48
BROOKLINE FRI TOOLS	MA	\$ 14.45	NEW YORK WED MEN'S SLAA	NY	\$ 76.00
BROOKLINE FRI TOOLS/MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE	MA	\$ 80.00	NEWTON SUN TRUE GRIT	MA	\$ 100.00
BROOKLINE SAT BEYOND ONE YEAR	MA	\$ 95.40	NEWTON TUE 8PM FUNDAMENTALS	MA	\$ 120.00
BRUNSWICK SUN STEP	ME	\$ 13.32	NEWTONVILLE WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S WINNERS GRP.	NY	\$ 54.00
BULK MAILING RAFFLE	MA	\$ 40.00	NORTHAMPTON SAT CHARACTERISTICS MTG.	MA	\$ 26.00
CAMBRIDGE NOON	MA	\$ 19.00	NORTHAMPTON SUN ANOREXIA	MA	\$ 47.60
CAMBRIDGE NOON	MA	\$ 10.06	NORTHAMPTON THU MEN'S GRP.	MA	\$ 134.00
CAMBRIDGE NOON	MA	\$ 30.56	OAKLAND SUN	CA	\$ 71.32
CAMBRIDGE TUE ANOREXIA	MA	\$ 45.00	ORANGE COUNTY WED	CA	\$ 40.00
CAROL I./MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE	FL	\$ 150.00	PALM BEACH COUNTY A.G. HOLLEY A.W.O.L. GRP.	FL	\$ 70.00
CHAGRIN FALLS WED MIDWEEK OASIS	OH	\$ 40.00	PAUL O.	MI	\$ 1.50
CHATTANOOGA	TN	\$ 121.60	PHILADELPHIA FRI TWO HATTER MTG.	PA	\$ 3.78
CHERRY HILL TUES	NJ	\$ 40.00	PHILADELPHIA MON NEUMANN CTR.	PA	\$ 42.34
CLEVELAND FRI RETURN TO DIGNITY	OH	\$ 100.00	PITTSBURGH SLAA INTERGRP.	PA	\$ 250.00
CLEVELAND MON MIRACLES	OH	\$ 40.00	PLYMOUTH MON	PA	\$ 40.00
COCKEYSVILLE THU COURAGE GRP.	MD	\$ 16.00	QUEBEC CITY THU GRP. PLENITUDE	CANAD	\$ 63.00
CONCORD SUN CARING & SHARING	NH	\$ 15.50	RALEIGH FRI	NC	\$ 33.02
DAISY L. JAN 01 COLLECTION	CA	\$ 132.75	RAYMOND B.	MD	\$ 1.10
DALLAS LOVERS LANE/WALNUT HILL GRP.	TX	\$ 800.00	RICK	MA	\$ 11.50
DANIEL JOSEPH P.	MA	\$ 1.00	ROBERT P.	FL	\$ 105.00
DANVERS TUE RECOVERY HAPPENS	MA	\$ 44.80	ROBERT P. IN GRATITUDE	FL	\$ 600.00
DAVID B.	NY	\$ 0.30	RUTH A.	SC	\$ 6.45
DAVID N.	PA	\$ 53.88	SACRAMENTO TUE	CA	\$ 25.00
DECATUR SAT	GA	\$ 30.00	SALEM TUE	NH	\$ 50.00
DENVER SAT SISTERS	CO	\$ 16.00	SALT LAKE CITY SUN	UT	\$ 4.00
ELLIOTT K.	NY	\$ 100.00	SAN FRANCISCO THU	MA	\$ 14.00
FORT COLLINS AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP	CO	\$ 16.00	SAN RAFAEL SAT	CA	\$ 100.00
FT. WASHINGTON SAT PROGRESSIONS MTG.	PA	\$ 384.00	SAN RAFAEL THU SLAA ANOREXICS	CA	\$ 23.00
GARY M.	CA	\$ 0.35	SANDRA M.	MI	\$ 25.00
GIBBSBORO MON	NJ	\$ 20.00	SCRANTON WED & SAT	PA	\$ 40.00
GRASS VALLEY WED	CA	\$ 50.00	SCRANTON WED & SAT	PA	\$ 40.00
HARTFORD SAT "LOOKING INWARD" IN GRATITUDE	CT	\$ 40.00	SEATTLE FRI I LOVE MYSELF TODAY	WA	\$ 50.00
INDIANAPOLIS SUN WOMEN ONLY MTG.	IN	\$ 20.00	SONORA TUE & FRI GRP.S	CA	\$ 5.60
IRVINE SUN	CA	\$ 20.80	SPONSORSHIP MTG. PICK-UPS	MA	\$ 20.95
JAMES S.	PA	\$ 16.09	STEPHEN G.	CA	\$ 200.00
JEFF B.	MA	\$ 100.00	STEVE	MA	\$ 0.20
JENNY R.W. MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE	MA	\$ 75.00	STRATFORD FRI	NJ	\$ 70.00
JEREMY H.	MD	\$ 1.10	SUN NIGHT BOULDER	CO	\$ 6.47
JOHN S.	CA	\$ 500.00	SUNDAY SLAA STEP STUDY GRP./BILL RUSSELL	MN	\$ 2.50
JOSHUA G.	NY	\$ 5.25	SUZANNE T.	MI	\$ 6.36
JOY A.	AZ	\$ 10.00	TAMPA BAY INTERGRP.	FL	\$ 340.88
JULIE G.	NE	\$ 0.90	TAMPA BAY INTERGRP./MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE	FL	\$ 1,237.93
KATHLEEN C.	CA	\$ 0.50	TAOS FRI	NM	\$ 15.00
KEITH A.	OH	\$ 83.57	THOMAS L.	MA	\$ 15.00
KEN J.	WA	\$ 0.46	THOUSAND OAKS TUE	CA	\$ 8.00
KEN W.-11 YEARS AND VERY APPRECIATIVE	PA	\$ 535.00	TRENTON SUN	NJ	\$ 125.80
KIRKWOOD MON FIRST SLAA	MO	\$ 300.00	TUCSON AREA INTERGRP.	AZ	\$ 60.00
LANTANA MON NIGHT BY THE BOOK	FL	\$ 27.46	TUCSON AREA INTERGRP.	AZ	\$ 170.00
LANTANA SAT NO FORMAT MTG.	FL	\$ 7.00	TUCSON MON THANK GOD ITS MONDAY	AZ	\$ 34.00
LANTANA SAT NO FORMAT MTG.	FL	\$ 7.00	VALPARAISO SLAA	IN	\$ 20.00
LAWRENCE K.	MA	\$ 0.20	WALNUT CREEK MON	CA	\$ 69.90
LOS ANGELES FRI FOCUS ON RECOVERY	CA	\$ 66.80	WEST HOLLYWOOD TUE SPEAKER	CA	\$ 80.45
LOS ANGELES SUN VEDANTA	CA	\$ 146.10	WEST ROXBURY TUE TRUE AMBITION	MA	\$ 46.00
LOS ANGELES THU FOCUS ON SEX ADDICTION	CA	\$ 17.20	WESTERN NEW ENGLAND INTERGRP.	MA	\$ 75.00
LOS ANGELES TUE SPEAKER MTG.	CA	\$ 30.00	WESTVILLE WED	NJ	\$ 30.00
LUIS R.	NJ	\$ 10.16	WEYMOUTH SUN LITERATURE STUDY	MA	\$ 8.00
MANHATTAN SAT BEGINNERS	NY	\$ 45.00	WORCESTER MON	MA	\$ 15.00
MARLTON PRINCE OF PEACE GRP.	NJ	\$ 36.00			
SUBTOTAL:		\$ 5,092.17	SUBTOTAL:		\$ 5,602.73

Grand Total of All Deposits: \$10,694.90

When making contributions, please be sure to clearly mark how you would like them attributed.

If your contribution is not listed, or has been misattributed, please let us know so that it can be corrected!

Thanks, Fellowship-Wide Services



## SLAA ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR PERSONAL DONATIONS

*The Month of May is Individual Contribution Month!*

Why do we have an annual individual contribution month? The simple answer is to keep SLAA financially healthy and provide funds to meet the increasing need for our Twelfth Step Services. The Board of Trustees and Conference Committees services will benefit from your contributions, but our Fellowship's most immediate concern is Fellowship-Wide Services.

Do you realize that presently FWS is receiving **ONLY \$3716 a week**? It takes **\$5146 a week** just to cover basic operating expenses (rent, utilities, and payroll). This is one heck of a deficit!!!

"What can I do to help?" you ask! Well you've asked the right people.... If each of us individually contributed a small amount in the month of May, the drain on our reserves would be greatly reduced. If every group around the world sent just **\$3 a week/\$12 a month** the problem would be solved.

Every penny counts. Please, send in your donations—we are self-supporting through our own contributions! Include the tear-off below with your contribution or write May Contributions on your check. You can also now contribute via credit/debit card—either a one time contribution or a recurring donation. You let us know what and how!

*The Conference Finance Committee, The Augustine Fellowship, SLAA, FWS P.O. Box 338 Norwood, MA 02062*

### MAY INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION

Type of contribution: Please check one.

Please send acknowledgment: ☐ yes ☐ no

☐ **GROUP/INTERGROUP**    ☐ **INDIVIDUAL**    ☐ **RECOGNITION OF AN EVENT**

(Use sections A, B & C)

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**Section A:** Please print group/intergroup acknowledgment information.

Meeting Day & Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Location: (City/State) \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B:** Please print all acknowledgment information and/or credit/debit card holder information.

Name to which contribution should be attributed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note that it is SLAA's policy that \$5000 is the maximum amount an individual may contribute per fiscal year--please refer to the SLAA 60/40 pamphlet for more details.)*

☐ Enclosed is a check(s) or money order(s) made payable to: **AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP** in the amount of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please charge my credit/debit card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Complete credit/debit card information below.)

☐ Please charge my credit/debit card: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months.

*[You will be charged on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. We will send you a notice 1 week prior.]*

☐ MasterCard    ☐ Visa    Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on Credit card: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section C:** Please check appropriate box(es) & print specific information regarding reason for donation.

Reason for contribution: (check one)    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Sobriety    ☐ FWS Appeal    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday

☐ Regular Group/Intergroup Contribution    ☐ Regular Individual Contribution    ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary    ☐ Gratitude

☐ The passing of \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Recovery

☐ Marriage of \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Group/Intergroup Challenge Contribution

☐ Acknowledgment of Member Milestone: (be specific below)