

Fellowship-Wide Services *News*

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F.W.S. IS MOVING TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS!

As mentioned in a previous mailing to the membership, exciting changes are happening within our Fellowship - we are planning to move the F.W.S. office to San Antonio, Texas!

During the course of this move, we have four major considerations:

- 1) the impact on the current office staff;
- 2) the impact this move may have on the New England Intergroup and its members;
- 3) the impact on our Fellowship; and
- 4) gathering donations to fund moving costs upfront.

In addressing these considerations, we commit to keeping you up-to-date regarding the actions of the Board of Trustees (BOT) and the F.W.S. office, as we move into the future of S.L.A.A.

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My First Experience at the 2005 S.L.A.A. ABM/C

When asked to write this article I had to think about how I was going to do it. Did I want to write an outline and make certain points? Did I want to have a theme? Then I decided I just wanted to write from my heart...

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WELCOME TO THE BOARD!

"Hi, my name is Richard, and I'm a sex and love addict." With those words, I came to acknowledge my addiction in June 2002 and joined my local S.L.A.A. group in Newton, Massachusetts. I entered the fellowship with the gift of desperation. For the first and only time in my marriage, my wife had asked me to leave the house. She declared her intention to seek a divorce, to take custody of our two young children, and to take possession of all our financial assets. I was experiencing the consequences of my cumulative acting out before and after my marriage.

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A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO/EAST BAY INTERGROUP

More than a year ago, F.W.S. was contacted by a member of the San Francisco/East Bay community inquiring about hosting the Annual Business Meeting and International Recovery Convention. The results of this call were two incredibly successful events!

Almost 50 people attended the ABM to work for four days on the issues that affect S.L.A.A. as a whole. Over 360 people attended the International Recovery Convention full of speakers, workshops/topic meetings, fellowship and fun!

The leaders of the Local Planning Committee were Jim D., Elaine M., Candace C., and Paul A. These four people rallied the regional membership to provide volunteers, scholarships, preliminary planning, on-site participation/assistance, and a generous spirit to welcome people from all over the world to their city.

These people put their hearts and souls into making the ABM & Convention something no one would forget and to help the addict who still suffers. Their commitment and work was amazing and need a world of applause for what they did.

F.W.S. and the Board of Trustees are ever grateful for their hard work. We could not have put on such an amazing event. Thank you to all of the members who participated in making this one of our more memorable event years!

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please contact the Board Governance & Nominating Committee (BG&NC) through F.W.S., and a member of the committee will be happy to answer your questions or get you started in the nominating process.

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S.L.A.A.'s Board of Trustees (BOT)

As per the S.L.A.A. Bylaws Article VI: Board of Trustees, Section 3, Duties & Responsibilities:

The Board of Trustees shall act as the guardian of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, ensuring that there are no alterations except by action of the Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference, as set forth in these Articles.... The Board of Trustees shall act as spokesperson for the Fellowship in all matters affecting S.L.A.A. as a whole; provide for and supervise publications of the Fellowship; supervise and guide public information and attraction efforts of the Fellowship; provide counsel and guidance to member groups and to new groups; furnish a medium for the interchange of ideas between groups and arrange for the Fellowship-Wide Services S.L.A.A. Conference Annual Meeting.

Board of Trustees 2005-2006

Deborah W., *term expires 2006*

John C., *term expires 2006*

Roger R., *term expires 2006*

Danielle P., *term expires 2007*

Chris D., *term expires 2007*

Richard C., *term expires 2008*

3 positions are unfilled at this time.

Officers

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| President: | Deborah W. |
| Treasurer: | Roger R. |
| Clerk: | Danielle P. |
| Resident Agent: | Valerie Jacoby, Esq. |

The following are subcommittees of the BOT performing its duties and responsibilities:

Finance & Operating Committee (BF&OC)

Focuses on the matters of a financial nature of which have potential financial implications and the operations of the Fellowship-Wide Services (F.W.S.) office.

Governance & Nominating Committee (BG&NC)

Focuses on the internal activities and procedures of the BOT to insure its long-term effectiveness.

Public Relations Committee (BPRC)

Focuses on matters relating to oral or written communications emanating from F.W.S.

Board of Trustees Committee Reports

Board Finance & Operating Committee (BF&OC)

Following the elections and reformulation of board committee memberships at the recent Annual Business Meeting, the BF&OC is now comprised of Jenny R.W., our Executive Director, Richard C., and Roger R., who will be serving as Chair. It is probable that additional members will be added to the committee during the year. The committee generally meets biweekly.

Following are a few of the activities in which the BF&OC has recently been involved:

1. Ongoing review of operations, budget, and financial situation.
2. Overseeing the Human Resource Committee, conduct exit interviews and hire staff and temporary employees to accomplish mission.
3. Obtaining fundraising consultant for in-person presentation to the Board of Trustees at the Annual Business Meeting.
4. Investigating restricted giving requirements, which resulted in formulation of a motion for board approval that permits restricted giving under certain situations.
5. Preparing letter to membership explaining background of development of present Travel Equalization Fund procedures.
6. Approving transfer from endowment fund to operations in accordance with established procedures.
7. Initial preparation to formulate 2005-06 operating budget.

Roger R., Chair, Board Finance & Operating Committee

Board Governance & Nominating Committee (BG&NC)

The BG&NC is the branch of the Board of Trustees (BOT) that focuses on the internal activities and procedures of the BOT to ensure its long-term effectiveness. In other words, we handle items that regard the governing of the Board, as well as nominating-related work. Items that we have been working on since our last report include:

With three BOT members rotating off of the BOT at the 2005 ABM, the BG&NC has been working to fill vacant positions. Chris D. was confirmed and Richard C. was voted onto the BOT at the 2005 ABM. Following the ABM, Deb W. was appointed to finish one year of a vacant 3-year term.

The BG&NC's membership also changed during the ABM. After many years, Marcella M.'s term on the BOT ended. She is now serving on other Conference committees and as a non-BOT member on the Board Human Resources Committee. Many thanks to her for such long-term service. Jenny R.W., our Executive Director, continues to serve on the committee. Jeff M. has been confirmed as a non-Board BG&NC member. And, as a result of Danielle P. becoming Chair of the BOT, Chris D. became Chair of the BG&NC.

Other items include:

- Actively working to fill other BOT positions for the upcoming year.
- Preparing for the second and subsequent quarterly Fellowship Teleconference Calls with the BOT & F.W.S staff members. (If you are interested in knowing more about this, please contact either Danielle P. at danielle_p@slaafws.org or Ruthie at info@slaafws.org).
- Continuing to work on Regional Discussion Panels (hopefully coming soon to your area!)
- Continuing to work on expanding the amount of BOT information on the web site for access by the BOT.
- Participating in the rewriting of the Conference Service Manual.
- Resolving voting issues that arose at the 2005 ABM.
- Rewriting the BOT responsibilities and drafting BOT liaison responsibilities.
- Continuing to update and maintain the Volunteer Resource List.
- Continuing to work on the International Service Structure.
- Revisiting the translation & licensing process.

The 'big' projects that we are continuing to work on include the International Service Structure and the Regional Discussion Panels, to name a few. We are always open to hearing from you, and we welcome any members who are willing to volunteer their services or who may have questions regarding any of the projects listed here. Please help us to bridge the communication gap between the BOT, the F.W.S. office, and you—an S.L.A.A. member. And in turn, we continue to offer our services to the addict who still suffers.

Chris D., Chair, Board Governance & Nominating Committee

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SHARING MY STORY AT THE CONVENTION...FROM A GERMAN MEMBER

Hi. I am Katharina and I am a sex and love addict. I write this back home in Germany, after my first trip to the U.S.A., to an ABM and international recovery convention, where I was invited to share my story of recovery. I am still full of all those impressions.

The day before yesterday was the first time I dared listen to the CD of the Friday night keynote speaker: myself. Usually when I listen to my voice, I feel too self-conscious and don't like my voice; everything seems so strange that I just can't even listen to what I am saying. This time, everything was different. Actually, I didn't seem to know this person on the tape (so I didn't have to care about a trifle like the voice). Inside I had been so nervous, but outside I sounded so much like a real grown-up. That was me?!

I sometimes couldn't be fully present when I spoke, but I was carried by the intensity, concentration and loving attention of the audience. (You can even hear this full sound of silent attention on the CD). Each time, when I was sort of drifting away and a voice in myself kept saying 'Oh my, who is talking here? Someone help me.,' I would see a wonderfully friendly face in the audience and one time, when I was more reading than telling and desperate to leave the room, I saw a man who was apparently moved to tears. This brought me back so far that I thought: 'Even if I can't feel anything for the moment, they can. It works.'

Sharing works. As an incest survivor, seeing men touched by my story is like a sort of amend I get at that moment. It was a great moment to be there and talk about the abuse and feel no shame about it at all. This was the first time in my life and I am so grateful for it. (Maybe it was easier because I could share in a second language, but who cares).

I didn't know what to expect before this event. And sometimes, before this voyage I thought, "Are you crazy to do that?" I had so many fears before! I really am no big traveller, and I would have never embarked on this journey without the invitation. I had never spoken in front of so many people; I had not shared my story in such a long time. It was worth going over my fears. Sometimes I quarrelled with myself; this was so much work! I had to write it down, and then one English friend in S.L.A.A. thankfully turned it into

real English and translated the parts where my basic English failed. I had one rehearsal in Germany and my sponsor made the text American. Then, I had a last rehearsal where we cut the text down to 45 minutes. So thanks to everybody who has helped in this process!!!

I sometimes quarrelled with my Higher Power because I really would have loved to ask my Intergroup to support the costs of my journey (the travel costs, for instance). I asked several times in my meditation and the answer I got

was always, "No, pay on your own." I was not content with that, but I understood it in the Seventh Tradition: I pay for my affairs. I felt free to be there on my own and not in charge of representing the German Intergroup and having to behave accordingly all the time (or even be a delegate for the German speaking countries!)

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So I have taken this invitation and received so much that I just can't express my gratitude. I want to thank those who invited me and raised money so that I could feel welcome.

I also want to thank those who made it possible for me to volunteer at the ABM and see how wonderfully and thoroughly the affairs of S.L.A.A. are treated worldwide. This really gave me a lasting feeling of being connected to all these wonderful people I have met and continue to email.

For personal reasons, I don't feel comfortable giving my story to *The Journal* in black and white. I apologize to those who asked; please forgive me. (If you are curious now, I think they still have CDs of the sharing at the F.W.S. office).

I want to give you all warm greetings from the far Germany, especially those who supported me so wonderfully through these days and who, by their service, have made all this happen.

As we say in Germany: good 24 hours to us all.

Katharina V., Germany





international:

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

A First ABM and Convention Experience

I arrived to the July 2005 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in San Francisco, just a couple days after a slip I was not yet accepting as a relapse. I was really confused, angry, and tired. Fortunately, my sponsor was there as well as many long-time S.L.A.A. members who were ready to listen and give me insight. Actually, it was the best place I could be. I felt shame and was afraid I would be thrown out of the ABM when I told people about my relapse, but instead I got a lot of support.

Participating in the Assembly was hard on my ego because I am used to knowing how things work. I'm a leader type of person who is asked to be on boards – but for the S.L.A.A. Board, I didn't even have the minimal sobriety time required! So it was an experience in humility. It was also an opportunity to trust things would go their way even if I wasn't ruling them, and without even understanding all that was going on. I was doing my best to accept that I'm part of something bigger than myself. I felt overwhelmed and scared at first by all of the different issues worked on by the committees. My first Conference Committee call for one of the two committees I joined went all right. A little bit at a time, work is being done for the fellowship and the addicts who still suffers.

It was good to see that the procedures allow everyone to express their opinion, and that nothing will be voted without discussion even if only one delegate feels uncomfortable with it. There was much open mindedness and respect. Relying collectively on a spiritual program is really helpful; anyone can call for 30 seconds of silence whenever he/she needs it. I think the ABM process is an example of a searching for balance between working and taking time to make sure it is wise and group conscience.

It was an exhausting week! Self-care was a challenge. Among all the meetings and work to do; I accepted missing parts of the experience in order to get some rest and be able to keep with the rhythm.

I was most impressed with the years of sobriety of Board members and some delegates (up to almost 20 years)!

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L'ABM et le Congrès SLAA : de nouvelles perspectives sur la Fraternité

Je suis arrivée à l'Assemblée d'affaires annuelle (Annual Business Meeting, ABM) de Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (S.L.A.A. – Dépendants affectifs et sexuels anonymes, en anglais) qui se tenait à San Francisco en juillet 2005, quelques jours après avoir brisé certains de mes comportements- limites, et en crise parce que je n'acceptais pas qu'il s'agissait d'une rechute. J'étais en pleine confusion, enragée, épuisée. Heureusement, ma marraine était présente et il y avait sur place plusieurs membres S.L.A.A. de longue date prêts à m'écouter et me guider. Je vivais beaucoup de honte et j'avais peur qu'on me refuse l'accès à l'Assemblée, mais au contraire j'ai reçu beaucoup d'appui.

Comme je suis une habituée des procédures de réunion à cause de mon travail, que je suis un leader naturel et que j'ai plusieurs fois été sollicitée pour siéger à des comités ou des conseils d'administration, participer à l'ABM me faisait mal à l'égo – je n'avais même pas la durée de sobriété requise pour être candidate au Conseil d'administration, ni même pour être déléguée (3 ans pour le Conseil, 6 mois pour les délégués)! J'ai donc vécu une expérience d'humilité et de foi, me pratiquant à faire confiance que tout se déroulait comme il se devait, même si ce n'était pas moi qui avait le contrôle... Accepter de faire partie de quelque chose de bien plus grand que moi, et faire de mon mieux. Même chose pour les comités: plusieurs comités se penchent sur différents projets, et je me suis sentie découragée par l'ampleur de la tâche. Mais depuis j'ai participé à ma première conférence téléphonique avec un des deux comités auxquels je siège, et tout s'est bien déroulé. Petit à petit, le travail s'accomplit pour la fraternité et pour les dépendants affectifs et sexuels qui souffrent encore.

La procédure de l'ABM permet à chacun d'exprimer son opinion, et aucun vote n'aura lieu sans discussion si même un seul délégué ressent le besoin qu'on parle d'avantage d'une proposition avant de passer au vote. J'ai vu beaucoup d'ouverture d'esprit et de respect, et le fait que tous les délégués puisent au même programme spirituel

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I wish I had had the opportunity to hear everyone share! Recovery stories are so precious.

During the Convention, it was good to hear about precise topics as social and sexual anorexia, fantasy addiction, masturbation, relapse, healthy dating, etc. A lot of tools are really interesting, and very little is written about them – at least in French, (3-second rule, how to work the Steps, dating rules, sponsorship, etc.). Participating in a women's only meeting was also pretty great. Where I'm from, there are 5 meetings, and 3 in French – and the three formats are pretty much the same. I didn't know a group could choose a format focusing on one aspect of the illness (anorexia, body image, etc.) or one tool (writing, Steps, other texts, etc.). I really appreciate the recording of workshops and meetings: I listen to them while washing the dishes and it's a daily recovery presence.

The ABM and Convention really made me want to give service time, especially for translating literature. It gave me the opportunity to see how creative and diverse both illness and recovery can be! Meeting S.L.A.A. members in committed relationships confirmed for me that S.L.A.A. can be more than just a withdrawal program.

J.
Montréal, Québec, Canada



**get
involved**

**There are many service committees
to which you can offer your talents,
from event planning to finances to
prison outreach to literature
writing.**

*Contact the F.W.S. Office for a complete list of
Conference Committees. Board Committees are
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est très aidant. Enfin, je trouve que le processus de l'ABM est un exemple d'une recherche d'équilibre entre (l'accomplissement du travail et le souci que les décisions sont adéquates et conformes à la conscience de groupe.

Quelle semaine épuisante! Prendre soin de moi dans cet horaire chargé de réunions représentait un défi. J'ai dû accepter de laisser aller certaines séances pour me reposer afin d'être en mesure de soutenir le rythme.

Ce qui m'a le plus impressionnée, c'est la durée de sobriété des membres du Conseil d'administration et de certains délégués (presque 20 ans pour certains!). J'aurais aimé entendre chacun raconter son histoire, les récits de rétablissement sont tellement précieux.

J'ai beaucoup apprécié les sujets des ateliers du Congrès : l'anorexie sociale et sexuelle, la dépendance à la rêverie (fantasy addiction), la masturbation, la fréquentation saine (healthy dating), etc. (des traductions plus habiles restent à trouver pour certaines de ces expressions...). Au contact des membres américains, j'ai découvert plusieurs outils très inspirants, à propos desquels j'ai vu peu de choses écrites, du moins en français : la règle de 3 secondes, comment travailler les étapes, des règles de fréquentation, le parrainage, etc. Les réunions pour femmes seulement ont aussi été pour moi une expérience très ressourçante. D'où je viens, il y a seulement 5 réunions, dont 3 en français, qui ont un déroulement très semblable. J'ai découvert qu'un groupe pouvait choisir de se concentrer sur un aspect de la maladie, un outil de rétablissement ou un type de personnes (l'anorexie, la perception de son image corporelle, réunion pour femmes ou pour hommes seulement, réunion d'écriture, sur les étapes ou sur d'autres textes, etc.) Je suis très contente d'avoir ramené des enregistrements audio de certains ateliers: je les écoute en lavant ma vaisselle et c'est un outil quotidien de rétablissement.

L'Assemblée d'affaire annuelle et le Congrès de S.L.A.A. m'ont vraiment donné envie de consacrer du temps au Service, surtout pour traduire de la documentation. J'ai pu constater les formes créatives et variées que peuvent prendre la maladie, et le rétablissement. Enfin, rencontrer des membres qui vivent maintenant des relations amoureuses de confiance, de partage et de coopération m'a confirmé que DASA peut être bien plus qu'un outil de sevrage, mais bien un mode de vie vers des relations saines avec moi-même, ma Puissance supérieure et les autres.

J.
Montréal, Québec, Canada

Group Contribution Summary (May-August, 2005)

GOLDEN BRAID LEGACY GIVERS \$1,000.00 — \$9,999.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$1,333.16 per GROUP

| Name/Group | State/ Country | Credit Amt | Reason |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| SAN FRANCISCO/EAST BAY INTERGROUP | CA | 1,341.10 | cont regular grp. |
| GERMAN SPEAKING MEETINGS INTERGROUP--copyright fees | GERMANY | 1,458.38 | cont regular grp. |

| Name/Group | State/ Country | Credit Amt | Reason |
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| NORTHEAST OHIO INTERGROUP | OH | 1,200.00 | cont regular grp. |

GRATITUDE GIVERS \$500.00 — \$999.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$758.69 per GROUP

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| CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER FRIDAY 7TH TRADITION | CA | 627.37 | 2005 Convention |
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| GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY INTERGROUP | PA | 890.00 | cont regular grp. |
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SPONSORS OF THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP \$250.00—\$499.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$329.34 per GROUP

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| BERKELEY TUE MEN'S COMMITMENT TO RECOVERY | CA | 290.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. & reg grp. |
| CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKER SUNDAY 7TH TRADITION | CA | 396.25 | 2005 Convention |
| CONVENTION RAFFLE | CA | 333.00 | 2005 Convention |
| HOLLYWOOD SUN FOCUS ON SPIRITUALITY | CA | 266.11 | cont regular grp. |
| SACRAMENTO AREA INTERGROUP | CA | 382.00 | cont regular grp. |
| LANTANA SAT FROM THE HEART | FL | 315.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ATLANTA SAT | GA | 324.74 | 05 cont May Contrib. & reg grp. |
| BOSTON WED SOS (SHARING OUR STRENGTH) MEN'S | MA | 377.01 | cont Round-Up & reg grp. |

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| NEWTON SUN MEN'S TRUE GRIT | MA | 400.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW YORK WED MEN'S | NY | 499.58 | cont regular grp. |
| CLEVELAND FRI RETURN TO DIGNITY | OH | 314.00 | cont regular grp. |
| MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS WED NEW LIFE | OH | 277.45 | cont regular grp. |
| BRYN MAWR SUN | PA | 265.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SCRANTON THU HOPE, SCRANTON GOOD SHEPARD, SCRANTON SAT & SCRANTON WED HOPE | PA | 250.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SEATTLE INTERGROUP | WA | 250.00 | cont regular grp. |

YOU ARE NOT ALONE CLUB \$100.00—\$249.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$143.59 per GROUP

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| LITTLE ROCK SUN | AR | 200.00 | cont regular grp. |
| TUCSON AREA INTERGROUP | AZ | 222.23 | cont regular grp. |
| BERKELEY FRI APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES | CA | 224.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BERKELEY SAT IN THE SOLUTION BIG BOOK | CA | 244.86 | cont regular grp. |
| BERKELEY THU MEN'S STEP STUDY | CA | 122.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ENCINITAS FRI | CA | 136.28 | cont regular grp. |
| ENCINITAS SAT SLAA BOOK/DISCUSSION | CA | 200.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ENCINITAS SUN MIXED | CA | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| IRVINE SUN BEGINNERS MIXED | CA | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| OAKLAND SUN OLDTIMERS | CA | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PALO ALTO TUE MEN'S | CA | 200.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN FRANCISCO WED FOCUS ON THE FIRST STEP | CA | 106.58 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN RAFAEL/TERRA LINDA WED WOW (WOMEN ON WEDNESDAYS) | CA | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| FAIRFIELD SUN REACHING OUT ANOREXIA | CT | 196.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WESTPORT SAT THE RECOVERY BUS | CT | 120.75 | cont regular grp. |
| WILLIMANTIC MON | CT | 124.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WILMINGTON WED NEW STRAW GRP. & WILMINGTON SAT | DE | 178.36 | cont regular grp. |
| MANGO TUE MENS | FL | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SARASOTA MON | FL | 125.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ATLANTA SUN RAINBOW GRP. | GA | 131.00 | cont regular grp. |
| AMES MON | IA | 128.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CHICAGO THU ST. JOSAPHAT'S | IL | 120.00 | cont regular grp. |
| DANVERS TUE RECOVERY HAPPENS | MA | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |

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| NEW ENGLAND INTERGROUP | MA | 153.80 | cont regular grp. |
| NEWTON TUE BEGINNERS/FUNDAMENTALS | MA | 175.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEWTON TUE NOON GETTING CURRENT | MA | 180.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NORTHAMPTON THU MEN'S | MA | 198.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WORCESTER FRI STEP | MA | 238.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BALTIMORE SUN | MD | 108.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NORTHWOOD/SILVER SPRING MON | MD | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| MAJORSTUA TUE | NORWAY | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CAPITAL REGION INTERGROUP | NY | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| LONG BEACH TUE | NY | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW YORK FRI SEXUAL & EMOTIONAL ANORECTICS | NY | 179.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW YORK SAT OPEN BEGINNERS | NY | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CHAGRIN FALLS WED MID-WEEK OASIS | OH | 225.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| CLEVELAND SUN | OH | 200.00 | cont regular grp. |
| GREATER CINCINNATI AREA INTERGROUP | OH | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| OKLAHOMA CITY THU/FRI | OK | 120.00 | cont regular grp. |
| DOYLESTOWN SUN | PA | 108.03 | cont regular grp. |
| PHILADELPHIA MON-FRI NEW LEAF | PA | 107.37 | cont regular grp. |
| MYRTLE BEACH MON | SC | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ODESSA THU | TX | 159.70 | cont regular grp. |
| MANCHESTER THU | UNITED KINGDOM | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SEATTLE FRI I LOVE MYSELF TODAY | WA | 174.00 | cont regular grp. |
| MILWAUKEE SAT MORN | WI | 100.00 | cont regular grp. |

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP \$5.00—\$99.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$46.18 per GROUP

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| CENTRAL ARIZONA INTERGROUP | AZ | 20.00 | cont regular grp. |
| FLAGSTAFF SAT NEW STRAW | AZ | 10.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PRESCOTT FRI NIGHT | AZ | 13.94 | cont regular grp. |
| PRESCOTT MON | AZ | 79.56 | cont regular grp. |
| SCOTTSDALE SUN KISS-KEEP IT SPIRITUAL SILLY | AZ | 15.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BAKERSFIELD MON | CA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BERKELEY TUE WORKING THE STEPS BIG BOOK STUDY | CA | 80.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BERKELEY WED RECOVERY | CA | 60.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CONVENTION 7TH TRADITION | CA | 36.75 | 2005 Convention, misc |

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| CONVENTION HOSPITALITY SUITE | CA | 20.00 | 2005 Convention, hospitality |
| EAST HOLLYWOOD SAT SIGNS OF RECOVERY | CA | 65.40 | cont regular grp. |
| ENCINITAS MON STEP STUDY/GETTING CURRENT | CA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| FORT BRAGG THU | CA | 69.06 | cont regular grp. |
| LONG BEACH TUE | CA | 25.00 | cont regular grp. |
| MONTEREY PENINSULA & SALINAS INTERGROUP | CA | 75.00 | cont regular grp. |
| OAKLAND WED DATING/BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS | CA | 32.79 | cont regular grp. |
| OAKLAND WED NOON | CA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PALO ALTO FRI NEWCOMERS | CA | 75.00 | cont regular grp. |

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Group Contribution Summary (May-August, 2005)

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP \$5.00-\$99.99 (continued)
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category= \$46.18 PER GROUP

| Name/Group | State/ Country | Credit Amt | Reason |
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| SAN DIEGO SUN STEP STUDY/GETTING CURRENT | CA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN DIEGO TUE 12 SIGNS OF RECOVERY | CA | 96.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN FRANCISCO FRI BEG. YOUR WEEKEND IN RECOVERY | CA | 51.64 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN FRANCISCO MON BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS | CA | 82.08 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN FRANCISCO SUN | CA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN FRANCISCO THU NEWCOMERS | CA | 46.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN FRANCISCO TUE HEALTHY INTIMACY | CA | 62.51 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN FRANCISCO TUE TOOLS, STEP STUDY & MEDITATION | CA | 63.22 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN FRANCISCO WED FOCUS ON WITHDRAWAL | CA | 69.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN RAFAEL THU SEXUAL/SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL AVOIDANCE | CA | 26.04 | cont regular grp. |
| SAN RAFAEL/TERRA LINDA SAT ANOREXIA/WRITING DISCUSSION | CA | 87.05 | cont regular grp. |
| SANTA CRUZ MON MEN'S FREEDOM | CA | 20.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WALNUT CREEK MON | CA | 80.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WESTMINSTER MON NOT ALONE-NEWCOMERS | CA | 80.00 | cont regular grp. |
| EDMONTON MON NEW BEGINNINGS | CANADA | 12.79 | cont gratitude |
| VANCOUVER TUE RECOVERY | CANADA | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| DENVER WED | CO | 70.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CONCORD SUN BIG BOOK STEP STUDY | CT | 23.00 | cont regular grp. |
| HARTFORD MON TOPIC & DISCUSSION | CT | 66.40 | cont regular grp. |
| HARTFORD SAT LOOKING INWARD | CT | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| HARTFORD SUN GOLF HOUSE STEP-UP | CT | 30.00 | cont regular grp. |
| HARTFORD THU STEP INTO THE LIGHT | CT | 41.40 | cont regular grp. |
| HARTFORD WED BEGINNERS | CT | 51.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW HAVEN MON SERENITY IN SOBRIETY/NEW HOPE & NEW HAVEN FRI HONEST, OPEN, & WILLING | CT | 48.50 | cont regular grp. |
| WASHINGTON THU NOON VISIONS | DC | 24.80 | cont regular grp. |
| REHOBETH BEACH THU | DE | 20.00 | cont regular grp. |
| FLORIDA ROUNDUP--copies of flyer | FL | 96.00 | cont regular grp. |
| LANTANA KEEP IT SIMPLE STEP | FL | 44.40 | cont regular grp. |
| LANTANA MON BY THE BOOK | FL | 73.00 | cont regular grp. |
| LANTANA THU WOMEN'S HEALING | FL | 15.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PALM BEACH GARDENS FRI GATEWAY TO FREEDOM | FL | 67.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ROCKLEDGE TUE SPACE COAST GROUP | FL | 20.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ST. PETERSBURG THU STEP | FL | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ST. PETERSBURG TUE WOMEN'S | FL | 30.00 | cont regular grp. |
| TAMPA BAY INTERGROUP | FL | 35.40 | cont \$ leftover & reg grp. |
| ATLANTA MON-FRI NOON ACT WITH COURAGE | GA | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CHICAGO SAT 12 & 12 | IL | 77.00 | cont regular grp. |
| EVANSTON SUN | IL | 80.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PARK RIDGE MON EARLYBIRD | IL | 60.00 | cont regular grp. |
| VALPARISO, IN MON | IN | 20.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BROOKLINE SAT TOPICS IN RECOVERY/BEYOND 1 YEAR | MA | 8.40 | cont regular grp. |
| BULK MAILING RAFFLE | MA | 28.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CAMBRIDGE FRI MEN'S | MA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEWBURYPORT SAT CHANGING TIDE | MA | 86.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SOMERVILLE SUN SOS (SERENITY ON SUNDAY) | MA | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WEYMOUTH SUN HOPE & RECOVERY | MA | 60.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WORCESTER SAT WEEKEND GRP. | MA | 68.61 | cont regular grp. |
| WORCESTER THU | MA | 18.50 | cont regular grp. |
| WORCESTER THU NOON | MA | 20.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WORCESTER WED NEW HOPE | MA | 53.50 | cont regular grp. |
| SILVER SPRING WED BEGINNERS | MD | 94.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PORTLAND SAT | ME | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| DETROIT LAKES TUE | MN | 28.00 | cont regular grp. |
| LELAND WED DELTA GRP. | MS | 15.00 | cont regular grp. |

| Name/Group | State/ Country | Credit Amt | Reason |
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| MONTANA. GROUP | MT | 18.00 | cont regular grp. |
| RALEIGH FRI | NC | 60.00 | cont regular grp. |
| GIBBSBORO MON | NJ | 18.00 | cont regular grp. |
| GIBBSBORO MON BEGINNERS | NJ | 25.00 | cont regular grp. |
| MAYS LANDING TUE | NJ | 27.00 | cont regular grp. |
| MONTCLAIR SUN | NJ | 45.30 | cont regular grp. |
| MONTCLAIR WED, FRI, MON FRI BEGINNERS & BLOOMFIELD WED WOMEN'S OPEN DISCUSSION | NJ | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ALBUQUERQUE SAT | NM | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BABYLON SAT | NY | 82.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BEACON MON MEN'S | NY | 15.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CLIFTON PARK MON | NY | 30.00 | cont regular grp. |
| MELVILLE MON OPEN DISCUSSION | NY | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW YORK FRI BECOMING UNADDICTED TO A PERSON | NY | 78.58 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW YORK MON SEXUAL & EMOTIONAL ANOREXIA | NY | 77.69 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW YORK SUN MEN'S QUALIFICATION | NY | 33.48 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW YORK TUE WITHDRAWAL | NY | 25.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEW YORK TUE WOMEN'S HOME GRP. | NY | 70.00 | cont regular grp. |
| NEWTONVILLE WED WOMEN WINNERS | NY | 25.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ROCK TAVERN SAT | NY | 30.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ROCK TAVERN WED | NY | 20.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SARATOGA SPRINGS SUN HOMESTRETCH | NY | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SARATOGA SPRINGS THU INSIDES OUT | NY | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BELLEVEUE/CINCINNATI SAT MEN'S | OH | 90.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CHAGRIN FALLS MON START YOUR ENGINES | OH | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| CLEVELAND TUE DOWNTOWN | OH | 70.00 | cont regular grp. |
| COLUMBUS FRI ASCENSION | OH | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| COLUMBUS SUN HOPE & RECOVERY | OH | 30.00 | cont regular grp. |
| VANDALIA POLK GROVE MON | OH | 75.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PORTLAND THU | OR | 45.00 | cont regular grp. |
| ABINGTON SUN | PA | 25.20 | cont regular grp. |
| AMBLER FRI | PA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| AMBLER WED PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION | PA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BETHLEHEM MON | PA | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BETHLEHEM THU | PA | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| BRYN MAWR TUE PROMISES | PA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| DOYLESTOWN TUE | PA | 12.00 | cont regular grp. |
| EAST STROUDSBURG TUE | PA | 10.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PAOLI SAT | PA | 70.55 | cont regular grp. |
| PAOLI WED | PA | 38.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PHILADELPHIA SUN 12:30pm | PA | 28.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PHILADELPHIA THU | PA | 24.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PLYMOUTH/WHITEMARSH SAT | PA | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| READING SUN BIG BOOK DISCUSSION | PA | 40.00 | cont regular grp. |
| STATE COLLEGE THU/SUN | PA | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SUNBURY SAT AM | PA | 10.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WALLINGFORD SAT/SUN FREEDOM | PA | 50.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PROVIDENCE FRI NITE | RI | 60.00 | cont regular grp. |
| PROVIDENCE TUE & THU MORN SUNRISE SERENITY | RI | 61.60 | cont regular grp. |
| PROVIDENCE WED NEW BEGINNINGS | RI | 74.00 | cont regular grp. |
| WARWICK SUN SERENITY | RI | 46.00 | cont regular grp. |
| AMSTERDAM SAT TOPIC DISCUSSION | THE NETHERLANDS | 70.64 | cont regular grp. |
| AUSTIN SAT WOMEN ON THE PATH | TX | 76.18 | cont regular grp. |
| AUSTIN SAT/SUN STEP | TX | 72.00 | cont regular grp. |
| AUSTIN/CENTRAL TEXAS INTERGROUP | TX | 70.00 | cont regular grp. |
| HOUSTON INTERGROUP | TX | 5.34 | cont Round-Up |
| HOUSTON SAT WOMEN'S | TX | 11.00 | cont regular grp. |
| SALT LAKE CITY SUN SOLUTION SEEKERS | UT | 87.71 | cont regular grp. |
| CHARLOTTESVILLE MON ANOREXIA | VA | 25.00 | cont regular grp. |
| MORGANTOWN WED WF "SERENITY NOW!" | WV | 6.00 | cont regular grp. |

THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD \$.01-\$4.99
May-Aug 2005 Average for category = \$1.28 per GROUP

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| PRESCOTT SUN & THU MENS | AZ | 0.50 | cont \$ leftover |
| GREELEY SUN | CO | 0.95 | cont \$ leftover |
| HAVERHILL THU STEP | MA | 0.77 | cont \$ leftover |

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| FORESTVILLE SAT | MD | 4.00 | cont regular grp. |
| DOWNINGTON THU GRP.#1 & #2 | PA | 0.72 | cont \$ leftover |
| WESTVIEW WED AFTERNOON TWELVE & TWELVE | PA | 0.76 | cont Round-Up |

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Individual Contribution Summary

(May-August, 2005)

GOLDEN BRAID LEGACY GIVERS \$1,000.00—\$9,999.99
May-Aug 2005 Average for category = \$1,250.00 per person

| Name/Group | State/Country | Credit Amt | Reason |
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| ROGER R. | CA | 1,250.00 | cont regular indiv. |

GRATITUDE GIVERS \$500.00—\$999.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$667.74 per person

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| VIVIAN H.--Convention Auction | CA | 840.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| SCOTT M.--With Gratitude for all that the Program has given to Me and Others | CA | 600.00 | cont gratitude |

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| DEB W.--ABM Auction | OH | 563.22 | 05 ABM, auction & reg indiv |
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SPONSORS OF THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP \$250.00—\$499.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$367.75 per person

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| ANONYMOUS | CA | 250.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| ROBERT P. | CT | 422.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. & reg indiv. |

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| DAVE M. | OH | 400.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| EMILY B.--In Gratitude | WA | 399.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. & reg indiv. |

YOU ARE NOT ALONE CLUB \$100.00—\$249.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$131.50 per person

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| ALFRED B.--In Gratitude | CA | 200.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| GEORGE D. | CA | 241.90 | cont regular indiv. |
| JAMES M. | CA | 100.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| JIM N. | CA | 100.00 | cont fin. crisis |
| JORGE D. | CA | 140.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| MARTHA L. | CA | 100.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| MATT W.--Convention Auction | CA | 245.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| SARAH P. | CA | 100.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| TIMOTHY M. | IN | 100.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| COOPER T.--In Gratitude | MA | 100.00 | cont gratitude |

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| CURTIS B.--2 Years of Recovery and Sobriety | MA | 100.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| ERIC G. | MA | 100.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| LAWRENCE K. | MA | 103.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| TOM K. | MA | 200.10 | cont Round-Up & reg indiv. |
| KIRK K. | MI | 200.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| SHELLY S. | NY | 100.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| BOB M. | OH | 100.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| GLENN K. | OH | 100.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| STEPHEN S.--10 Years of Sobriety | PA | 100.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| GLEN M. | WA | 100.00 | cont regular indiv. |

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP \$5.00—\$99.99
Jan-Apr, 2005 Average for category = \$30.26 per person

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| DAVE E. | AUSTRALIA | 10.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| ALAN C.--Convention Auction | CA | 33.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| ANONYMOUS | CA | 10.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| ANONYMOUS | CA | 40.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| ANONYMOUS | CA | 50.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| CHAD B. | CA | 20.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| CRISPIN N. | CA | 50.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| DAN A. | CA | 50.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| DANIEL S. | CA | 20.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| DON K. | CA | 25.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| EDWIN B.--Convention Auction | CA | 15.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| ELAINE M.--In Gratitude | CA | 30.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| GAELEN SR.--Convention Auction | CA | 25.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| JEANNIE B. | CA | 20.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| JEANNINE L.--In Gratitude and Love | CA | 30.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| JOHN C.--6 Years of Recovery and Sobriety | CA | 25.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| JOHN S.--Convention Auction | CA | 40.05 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| KATHARINE M.--Convention Auction | CA | 21.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| LEIF J. | CA | 10.00 | cont fin. crisis |
| LORRAINE P.--Deep Appreciation for the Fellowship - Thanks | CA | 27.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| LOWELL K. | CA | 20.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| LYDIA W.--Convention Auction | CA | 5.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| MARJORIE H. | CA | 25.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| MEGAN R.--11 Years of Recovery. Thank You for Existing and Holding Me Together and Putting out the Literature that Helps so Much | CA | 20.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| MICKEY B. | CA | 90.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| PETER S. | CA | 25.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| RAYMOND C.--In Gratitude | CA | 25.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |

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| RION C. | CA | 20.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| SHARON K. | CA | 20.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| STEPHEN D.--ABM Auction | CA | 20.00 | 05 ABM, auction |
| COLEEN W. | CANADA | 20.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| GEORGE C. | CANADA | 17.70 | cont regular indiv. |
| DAVID J.--Thank You for Being Part of My Recovery | CO | 10.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| FRANK P. | CO | 50.00 | cont gratitude |
| GREGORY G. | CO | 20.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| SPENCER M. | CT | 25.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| BARBARA L.--Convention Auction | FL | 50.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| JAMES H. | FL | 42.00 | cont regular indiv. & \$ leftover |
| RICK H. | FL | 5.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| WILLIAM D. | GA | 50.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| ANDREAS D.--ABM Auction | GERMANY | 15.00 | 05 ABM, auction |
| KATHERINA V.--ABM Auction | GERMANY | 10.00 | 05 ABM, auction |
| SAMUEL B. | IL | 25.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| TOM Y. | IL | 24.25 | cont regular indiv. |
| ANONYMOUS | MA | 18.24 | cont regular indiv. |
| ANONYMOUS | MA | 26.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| ANONYMOUS | MA | 45.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| BEVERLY S. | MA | 25.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| DENNIS Y. | MA | 50.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| JENNY R.W.--ABM Auction | MA | 82.00 | 05 ABM, auction |
| THOMAS L. | MA | 45.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| JUANITA J.--In Recognition of Support from SLAA Support Online | MD | 50.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| BILL R. | MN | 5.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| EVE Z.--9th Step | NC | 25.00 | cont gratitude |

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Fellowship-Wide Services says Thank You!

Individual Contribution Summary (May-August, 2005)

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP \$5.00—\$99.99 (continued)
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$30.26 per person

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| RICHARD R. | NH | 7.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| DANIEL G. | NJ | 31.72 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| MARILYN L. | NM | 30.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| MIRIAM K. | NM | 10.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| STEPHEN W. | NM | 20.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| ANONYMOUS | NY | 5.75 | cont regular indiv. |
| DOMINIC Y. | NY | 6.27 | cont \$ leftover |
| DON N. | OH | 5.00 | cont regular indiv. |

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| KURT K. | PA | 40.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| NEIL M. | PA | 84.90 | cont regular indiv. |
| NICOLE B. | PA | 20.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| SARAH K. --In Honor of Chris M. a Casualty of this and other Addictive Processes. Keep up the Good Work. | TX | 50.00 | cont In Honor |
| TERRY W. | TX | 9.60 | cont regular indiv. |
| JOHN C. --ABM Auction | VA | 95.00 | 05 ABM&Convention, auction |
| JAMES E. --ABM Auction | WA | 87.01 | 05 ABM,auction |

THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD \$.01—\$4.99
May-Aug, 2005 Average for category = \$1.30 per person

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| MICHAEL S. | BELGIUM | 3.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| ANDRE | CA | 3.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| ANONYMOUS--2005 CONVENTION | CA | 3.05 | cont \$ leftover |
| CAROL M. | CA | 1.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| GARRY C. | CA | 3.00 | cont regular indiv. |
| GEORGE B. | CA | 3.00 | 05 cont May Contrib. |
| MARILYN F.--Convention Auction | CA | 3.00 | 2005 Convention, auction |
| SAM S. | CA | 0.10 | cont \$ leftover |
| WAYNE A. | CT | 0.15 | cont \$ leftover |

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| DAN H. | IL | 0.30 | cont \$ leftover |
| ANONYMOUS | MA | 0.05 | cont Round-Up |
| ANONYMOUS | MA | 2.05 | cont \$ leftover |
| KIM B. | MA | 0.10 | cont Round-Up |
| DAVID H. | NY | 0.25 | cont \$ leftover |
| PATRICE C. | NY | 0.63 | cont \$ leftover |
| JERRY A. | OH | 0.25 | cont \$ leftover |
| CYNTHIA M. | PA | 0.05 | cont \$ leftover |
| SLEN F. | TX | 0.50 | cont \$ leftover |

Fellowship-Wide Services says Thank You!

Received from a member:

"Enclosed is a \$100 contribution to the Fellowship; this is in addition to a \$20 gift I made a few weeks ago. Thanks for all the work that is being done. I came back to the program about 6 weeks ago after a 14 year "hiatus." It may sound like a cliché, but the program is saving my life in so many ways.

I get as much, or more, out of an hour long meeting as I do/ did paying \$100/hour in therapy. My wish is that more members will respond to the needs of the organization and enable it to fulfill its full goal and mission."

F.W.S. MOVE TO SAN ANTONIO, TX FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

We need to raise \$75,500.00 for our planned move. If you or your group can make an extra designated contribution, go the F.W.S. website to donate online or send your check or money order to F.W.S. marked "Move Fund."

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F.W.S. Office & Financial Update.

F. W. S. has been quite busy this year with all the events (ABM & International Recovery Convention in July) and office changes.

In April, we lost a key member of our staff—Ann. Even though we are excited for her in her career move, her exit has left a huge hole in our F.W.S. family.

The staff managed to put on the Annual Business Meeting (ABC/M) in July with the help of the local planning committee in San Francisco/East Bay. We had 48 participants at the ABM, which included representatives from Germany, Uruguay, and Canada. The minutes from the event are included in the September, 2005 Bulk mailing, on the S.L.A.A. website, and by request from the F.W.S. office.

We had an incredibly successful International Recovery Convention immediately following the ABC/M. We had over 360 people attend the event—almost double our projections! The San Francisco/East Bay Intergroup Planning Committee did an amazing job including fabulous speakers, topics, workshops, food and welcoming accommodations. The event was life changing for many!

Our 2004-2005 F.W.S. budget had projections that were relatively flat—meaning we did not plan on having increases over the previous year, with a few exceptions. Our actual revenues and expenses against the projected budget are as follows:

| 11 Months of the Fiscal Year | Actual | Budgeted | Differential |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Revenues | \$338,948 | \$314,683 | \$24,266—Ahead |
| Cost of Goods Sold (COGS) | \$ 29,928 | -\$ 33,605 | \$3,677—Behind |
| Expenses | -\$261,677 | -\$281,347 | \$19,670—Behind |
| Final Income/Loss: | \$47,344 | (\$270) | \$918.47—Ahead |

To meet our contribution projections, we need to raise \$21,417.00 by September 30, 2005.

We continue to keep our expenses down as best we can. We hired a 10 hour a week Shipper/Office Assistant in February (Janet), Ruthie went from full-time status to part-time and we brought in various temporary personnel since Ann's departure, which has decreased some of our personnel expenses assisting with the expense cutbacks.

With the announcement by the Board of Trustees (BOT) that they intend to move the F.W.S. office by December, 2005, it became clear that F.W.S. has a lot to do and money is going to be crucial to get us through such a major decision. The BOT is planning to launch a major relocation campaign in the next couple of weeks in order to raise the monies needed

Contributions Breakdown

(See Thermometer for Our Goal!)

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| October | 2004: | \$ 20,455.70 |
| November | 2004: | \$ 13,798.98 |
| December | 2004: | \$ 8,226.67 |
| January | 2005: | \$ 7,701.30 |
| February | 2005: | \$ 8,893.09 |
| March | 2005: | \$ 4,934.19 |
| April | 2005: | \$ 7,986.03 |
| May | 2005: | \$ 9,342.88 |
| June | 2005: | \$ 5,651.54 |
| July | 2005: | \$ 9,125.27 |
| August | 2005: | \$ 8,467.55 |

for changes. Currently the projections look like **\$75,500.00** to meet our relocation expense expectations.

It is important to note that the BOT voted recently to allow restricted donations for F.W.S./BOT sponsored projects. By allowing this, members can assist the organization in reaching particular goals and allows F.W.S./BOT an opportunity to raise needed money for specific reasons.

As of today, we have **\$22,800.00** in our checking account, **\$1,391.00** in accounts payable, and \$228,205 in our growing endowment fund—(remember 5% of this fund goes into the F.W.S. general account yearly.)

Contributions

GOAL: \$126,000

If you have any questions about the numbers you can contact me, or any of the Board Finance & Operating Committee members through the F.W.S. office. If you want to know how to help the BOT and F.W.S. through the major changes to come in the next 6 months, please contact us anytime!

It is so important that everyone know how we are all connected. Please share this information with your groups and fellow addicts.

Jenny Rose Ward
Executive Director

\$104,583.20

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My absolute bottom occurred on July 4, 2002. I sat alone in my truck, reading my S.L.A.A. basic text and flailing in physical want as withdrawal set in. Remembrances of time with my children in past holiday celebrations only accentuated my sense of loneliness and desperation. Thoughts of running away and suicide flitted through my mind. After a series of intense moments of sobbing, a moment of calm and quiet arrived. Echoes of personal stories heard at group meetings solidified feelings that hope and recovery were within my reach. Alone in my truck, I made a mental monument that, henceforth, July 4th would mark my declaration of independence from sex and love addiction. I resolved that I would seek my recovery regardless of the disposition of my wife, children and career. Beginning with self-absorption and self-centeredness, I experienced the grace and gentleness of my Higher Power that continues to transform me.

Service in the fellowship has been an integral part of my recovery. I understood service as a basic element in my working the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Early on, service meant showing up at my group meeting each week and helping in anyway that I could—such as setting up chairs, putting out literature, greeting newcomers, speaking up and getting current. Six months later, I volunteered to serve as the treasurer of my group and continued in that capacity for 2-1/2 years. I drew upon my professional experience in small business finance and law.

The F.W.S. budget deficit of fiscal year 2004 focused my attention on business outside of my group. Previously, sending quarterly checks in payment of my home group's 7th Tradition contribution was the extent of my intergroup and fellowship-wide service. Announcements of looming F.W.S. budget deficit prompted me and my home group to correspond with F.W.S. and, in particular, the Board Finance & Operating Committee (BF&OC).

Correspondence evolved into service on the BF&OC. Before long, I joined the 1-1/2 hours committee meetings that are generally held every three weeks, lending credence to the adage, "No good deed goes unpunished." © In this period, I also began to serve as group representative to New England Intergroup.

A few weeks before this year's ABM, the Board Governance & Nominating Committee (BG&NC) invited me to consider candidacy for the Board of Trustees (BOT). With encouragement from BOT members and

after consultation with my wife and pastor, I accepted the board nomination. On the BOT, I serve on the BF&OC, the Human Resource Committee and as liaison to the Conference Diversity Committee and Conference Anorexia Committee.

This fall, I will be attending graduate school for one semester as I gear up for my transition into public school teaching. I count on Higher Power and my fellowship friends to give me courage and strength as I strive to be a trusted servant in service of my fellow addicts in S.L.A.A.

Richard C., Massachusetts

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Board Public Relations Committee (BPRC)

The BPRC met for the first time after the ABM on July 21, 2005 with current members, John C., Ruthie G. and Deb W., attending. Deb was elected the Chair of the BPRC.

The current structure of the BPRC is one of three-pronged subcommittees, Public Information, Marketing and Products, and Outreach, each with a BOT member serving as its chair.

However, there are two BOT members assigned to this committee. So, it was determined that John C. would chair Outreach and Deb W. would chair PI and Marketing and New Materials. The BPRC would extend a search for non-BOT members in order to assist the BPRC in its charter. Jack S. was confirmed as a Non-Board BPRC member.

The projects outlined for this year include:

- PI Kit
- One sheet Outreach letter; the audience would be our current database
- Develop and maintain database of professionals
- Develop FAQ sheet
- Maintain PI contacts
- Update Speaker Bureau members
- Develop BPRC website- One sheet Outreach, FAQ, Speaker Bureau form, library of PI articles and stories
- Use of PI flow sheet
- Facilitation of next year's ABM/C – BC&CC

Deb W., Chair, Board Public Relations Committee

Office Corner.

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- **11/29/2005** article submissions are due
- **12/13/2005** announcements for the F.W.S. Newsletter are due
- **01/03/2006** flyers copied by us to be included in the Bulk Mailing
- **01/10/2006** flyers provided by you to be included in the Bulk Mailing
- **01/15/2006** Bulk Mailing

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Summary.

March 12, 2005

- § The BOT passed a motion that all transfers made from the Augustine Fellowship Endowment Fund to the F.W.S. general fund must be done in writing with the full BOT receiving copies of the request/authorization sent to the Vanguard Fund.
- § The BOT passed a motion that the Executive Director is the authorized administrator of The Augustine Fellowship Endowment Fund for the Board of Trustees.
- § The BOT established the schedule for 2005 In-Person BOT meetings to be held in San Francisco. The BOT had a discussion about possible revenue/fundraising generating ideas, including consideration 1) changing the focus to "number of givers" and various categories of givers, 2) becoming personally involved in identifying and cultivating potential donors, 3) incorporating fundraising ability as a desired characteristic of a Board Member, 4) publicizing and celebrating important contributions, and 5) providing the BOT with more knowledge on fundraising processes.
- § A motion approved to that Danielle P. become a member of the 2004-2005 Board Finance & Operating Committee.
- § A final discussion and potential motion was tabled to the May BOT meeting regarding whether there should be an Executive Director Recruitment Process/Policy and where should that responsibility be housed.

May 14, 2005

- § A motion passed to implement ABM Item No. 04n27/04-03 dealt with at the 2004 event, with reference to the newly created Accountability Process for Conference Committees.
- § Several passed motions referring to policies for F.W.S. no longer in effect were rescinded in an effort to bring the policy manual to date.
- § Transfer of \$1,174.22 from the Endowment Fund for the January 1-March 31, 2005 quarter, representing 1.25% due to the general F.W.S. account was approved.
- § Because of a newly vacated BOT seat, a discussion ensued regarding what should be done with the opening. The BOT agreed by consensus to appoint a liaison to the *Journal* Committee and the CLC and address the opening at a later time.

- § It was agreed that there should be some guidelines on file in connection to an Executive Director Recruitment process. The HRC agreed to review the current suggested process and bring back a recommendation.

June 18, 2005

- § The HRC recommended that the Executive Director Recruitment Process be included in the BOT manual and no changes should be made at this time.
- § A new motion stating that any F.W.S. sponsored project can be underwritten by individual members, is not subject to the \$12K individual contribution limit, and will not be considered an earmarked donation, was tabled to the in-person meeting to research proper wording and accounting requirements.
- § Several more past policies were reviewed and rescinded
- § The BOT discussed the possibility of increasing fundraising efforts and revenues. There was also a discussion on the possibility of the BOT holding some kind of session or workshop during the convention where they can give a report about the issues facing F.W.S. The BOT discussed possibly producing a one-page monthly update, which might focus on one topic to be distributed by email
- § BOT confirming, by vote, the transfer of the quarterly Endowment Fund Amounts by putting the issue on the agenda at the first BOT meeting

July 3-7, 2005

- § A motion regarding the Journal Editor's term of service was approved unanimously--The Journal Editor will be appointed by the S.L.A.A. Board of Trustees for no more than two *consecutive* two-year terms, including partial terms, at which time, the Journal Editor must step down for one year." The BG&NC presented a process for evaluation and accountability for the Journal Editor which was accepted.
- § A discussion about accountability and what the BOT should do when a BOT member/*Journal* Editor is not appropriately carrying out his/her responsibilities was held. The item was referred to the BG&NC for further consideration.
- § A motion allowing individual members to underwrite F.W.S. sponsored projects using accepted & legal accounting standards for such a grant was presented and unanimously approved.

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Meeting Changes.

Newly Registered Meetings

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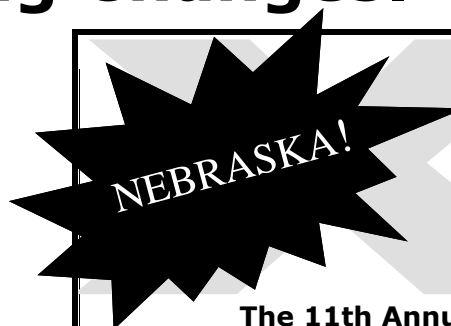
United States

Arizona - Scottsdale Thursday Night Topic
 California - Chatsworth Women's Sat.
 California - Chatsworth Men & Women Sat.
 California - Mar Vista Mon.
 District of Columbia— SLAA DC/Metro Intergroup
 Florida - South Florida Intergroup
 Illinois - Chicago Women's Healthy Sexuality Wed.
 New Hampshire - Keene Men's Only Thu.
 Texas - Corpus Christi Mon.
 Washington—Seattle Hope Onto Recovery Sat.

Disbanded Meetings

United States

Arizona - Phoenix Fri
 Florida - Sarasota Women's
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NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

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I had no idea how my trip to San Francisco would turn out. All I knew was that I was going to represent Houston as a delegate, vote on motions, and learn the process of how things are done at the world level. I had no idea that this trip would change my life.

I do need to mention that I had an idea of how things would work, since the other delegate from Houston helped explain how the voting process and discussion is facilitated at the ABM.

The first day was overwhelming for me— trying to learn everybody's names, figuring out what committees I wanted to attend/ join, finding where to meet, and just adjusting to being, as I call it, a “newbie.” I was delighted that my mentor/service sponsor introduced himself to me and told me that to ask if I had any questions. I went to the orientation session. It was helpful to get better clarification of how the voting process was run and to see who came to the ABM. It was very exciting to see the delegates from other countries. I never knew that there were so many S.L. A.A meetings in other countries!

I can be honest and say that was I bored during Phase I! Now Phase II that was a whole different story; that was a hoot! Yes, I am from Texas, and from Houston at that! What I liked about the Phase II process was that people were able to voice their opinions, whether personal or from the city/group they represented. I liked the “30 seconds of silence” rule. I liked when the devil's advocate position made you think.

I didn't like “friendly amendments,” not being able to vote on the whole agenda of motions due to discussion of unnecessary things, and the negative tension that came over the room and would absorb people as we got caught in our own personal issues or histories. I spoke on this point when I put myself out there. I was getting so frustrated with the process that I went to the microphone and just spoke about how I felt. I want to thank a fellow delegate for giving me the inspiration to do that. I also want to thank the people who came up to me afterwards and some of the members of the Board of Trustees who offered me their positive feedback.

I felt that it was important to speak since it was my first time attending. I can only speak for myself, but when I commit myself to something, and for me that is a two year term, then I want to have fun, joy, and be positive about things. I will not be inspired to work if there is negativity.

“I think the most interesting thing for me was that I met and got to share with so many different people.”

The other things I liked about the week was that the food was great and was considerate of meat eaters & veggie eaters. The location was great even though I was not able to get to sight see as much as I may have liked, but I will be back in October so it really wasn't that big of a deal to me. The hotel did a fine job hosting the ABM/C and did have a mighty good pancake breakfast.

I think the most interesting thing for me was that I met and got to share with so many different people. I especially liked the daily very EARLY “get current/ check in” meetings that were held. It helped me take care of myself, and I was very appreciative for having a room to make that happen. There really are no words for the new friendships that I made and hope to continue throughout the year— not just to work on committee work either.

I also want to say a “special” Thank YOU to the BOT members who reached out to me to make me feel welcomed and took time to speak with me when I approached them to talk and especially to listen to what “little ole me” had to say. Now I was only supposed to be on THREE committees, but I ended up on FIVE. That's how inspired I WAS! I had gotten feedback that if I really wanted to learn, then I needed to join the Conference Charter Committee so I did and now I am one of the people helping to revamp the Conference Service Manual and thus joined the Conference Bylaws Committee.

I truly believe in service so of course I joined the Conference Service Committee. I am chairing the Member's Retention Committee because it is a desire for me to reach others past, present, and future about the importance of staying in SLAA no matter if ya get “fixed”, find “LUV”, or still F---- UP! Finally, a new friend I made told me to come join the Steps &

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Traditions Committee since they are working on writing a 12 & 12 for S.L.A.A. No doubt I was going to join that since it's "history in the making!"

Now I said this was life changing right? Well I was able to stay for the convention through Saturday. I went to two workshops that I really felt had a huge impact on my life the "Defining Bottom Lines" and "Fantasy" workshops. These two workshops floored me in my own recovery because in my own bottom

lines I was able to be more specific, honest, and clear about what they were.

The fantasy workshop was the biggest thing that I felt impacted me the most. Ya know its funny when you are in program for a while and then you hear something and it clicks. Dig? I have always known about fantasy, but never realized, until after this workshop, that I need to start identifying myself as a sex, love, and FANTASY addict. I knew it was there, but never knew...if that makes any sense at all? I came back home and told my sponsor, friends, my therapist, the meetings I attended because it was just a huge revelation for me. I am ever so grateful that the workshop was held and I was able to be there.

In the end, I had a great time and am appreciative to F.W.S, BOT, and the Local Planning Committee in San Francisco that helped me have such a great experience in my life. I look forward to working on the committees I am on and taking the energy so I can follow through on what I made goals to do throughout the next year. I enjoyed meeting the volunteer/observer from Germany and hearing her story and I look forward to uniting as a whole and not just in the U.S.A.

Take care everyone and all of you are in my heart, thoughts, and prayers.

In Service,
Delphi M., Texas



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- § A local professional did a fundraiser presentation for the BOT, the ED, and the F.W.S. accountant.
- § It was agreed to implement Motions #05-01/05-02/05-03/05-04 passed by the 2005 Conference regarding edits to the pamphlets *An Introduction to Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous* and *Anorexia Sexual, Social Emotional*.
- § A motion to implement Bylaw changes as reflected in motion #98-20C passed by the 2005 Conference regarding the quorum associated with special meetings of the Conference contingent on the F.W.S. attorney's approval was passed.*
- § A Motion to implement Bylaw changes as reflected in motion #05-06 passed by the 2005 Conference regarding the number and tenure of Board members contingent on the F.W.S. attorney's approval was passed.**
- § The motion #05-08 ("Registration fees may be waived for delegates outside the U.S. and Canada who would not otherwise be able to attend the 2006 ABC/M Conference.") passed by the 2005 Conference was approved.

**The F.W.S. attorney approved the proposed bylaw change so the BOT is in the process of updating the Bylaws.*

***The F.W.S. attorney did not approve the proposed bylaw change as she felt that the stated quorum requirement in the other part of the bylaws should stand for this motion as well. Since the vote did not meet the 2/3rds requirement, the motion will not be implemented.*

- § A round robin was held to discuss cross-committee matters and give feedback.
- § The BOT unanimously passed a motion stating that the *Journal* editor oversight will fall under the review BPRC. The motion also clearly defined the responsibilities and expectations for the appointed editor.
- § The BOT discussed possible candidates to fill the vacancies on the Board and its various committees.
- § The BOT unanimously passed a motion to reword several areas of the *Introduction to the S.L.A.A.* and *Anorexia* pamphlets at the next printing based on the motion passed by the 2005 ABM Conference

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members.

- § The BOT unanimously passed a motion defining frequency of Conferences and the calling of delegates in case of emergency. The motion further states that at any such emergency meeting, 2/3 of the present members are necessary to vote on and pass an issue.
- § The BOT unanimously passed a motion defining the number of Board members as 7, who may not be elected for more than 2 consecutive three-year terms, or serve more than 3 terms in total. The motion also further delineated rules for election, allowing voters to only vote for a maximum of three candidates: two for a three-year term and one for a one-year term.
- § The BOT unanimously passed a motion to waive the registration fee for those individuals outside the United States and Canada who could not otherwise attend the ABM/C Conference.

July 8, 2005

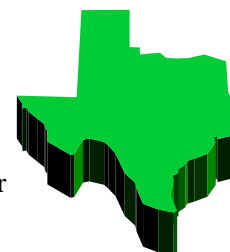
- § The vacant BOT seat was voted on and filled by Deb W, for a 1 year position.
- § The BOT Elected Danielle P. as Chair of the Board of Trustees/Supervisor to Executive Director. Similarly, corporate officers and check signers were decided. A motion that the following be listed as Officers and Signers was passed:
 1. President - Deb W.
 2. Treasurer - Roger.
 3. Clerk - Danielle P.
 4. Resident Agent - Valerie Jacoby
 5. Check Signers - Jenny R.W. and Richard C.
- § The BOT meeting schedule for 2005-2006 was established.
- § A motion to approve BOT Committee Membership passed:
 1. BOT Governance & Nominating Committee: Chris D., Danielle P., and Jenny R.W.
 2. BOT Finance & Operating Committee: Richard C., Roger R., and Jenny R.W.
 3. BOT Public Relations Committee: Deb W., John C., and Ruthie G.
- § The motion passed to accept the following Conference Committee Liaison assignments:
 1. Conference Anorexia Liaison: Richard C.
 2. Conference By-Laws Committee Liaison (BG&NC Member): Danielle P.
 3. Conference Charter Committee Liaison (BG&NC

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Why San Antonio

After an exhaustive search, we found San Antonio, TX. For the following reasons we believe that a move to this area will be advantageous to the S.L.A.A. program all around:



- ☺ *We can offer better wages with our financial abilities.*
- ☺ *F.W.S. will be strategically sited to balance East versus West Coast and other continents to have more international influence.*
- ☺ *San Antonio, TX offers a strong, vibrant community to attract more candidates for F.W.S. positions.*

What Happened Next

The BOT created a committee to research the options for restructuring and relocation, called the Restructuring and Relocation Committee (R2). Its charter included researching and developing plans for both restructuring the office staff and the executive search, as well as the organization and implementation of the tasks and actions for relocation. This committee includes individuals with professional experience in business, law, human resources, and research.

Actions by the R2

- ✓ Developed a new job description of the Executive Director.
- ✓ Developed a timeline for the move.
- ✓ Created a list of what needs to be done in closing one office and opening another.
- ✓ Developed a budget.
- ✓ Developed plans for conducting an executive search and finding a new site for the office.
- ✓ Implemented plans to work with the staff in their job transitions and smoothly transition of the office move.
- ✓ Solicit support and feedback from members in the New England area.
- ✓ Be sure that all communication lines are open.
- ✓ Inform the Fellowship of each decision made along the way of this journey.

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- ✓ Establish a website presence so that you can be informed of each step in this process.

Work to Be Done and to Consider

Any one of us who has ever moved knows there is a lot to do and costs involved. This list will give you an idea of some of our impending expenses:

- \$ Search for a new Executive Director and staff
- \$ Site selection for a new office
- \$ Finding a tenant for the current location
- \$ Stay packages for the current staff
- \$ Licensing and taxes
- \$ Rent for new office space
- \$ Purchasing new equipment leases
- \$ Actual moving costs- packing and shipping
- \$ Loss of income if the office has to shut down for a few days
- \$ Printing of new address labels and mailings, informing contacts of the move

What You Can Do

7th Tradition Support—Campaign to Raise Money to Make the Move

Our F.W.S. office is vital to our mission- Tradition 5 and reaching out to the sex and love addict who still suffers. This must be done in the spirit of Tradition 7. The BOT believes it is preferable to move the office at this time. We also believe that Higher Power will take care of us in this process. We ask our members to help support this move. Already there are those who have shared their willingness to financially contribute to make this happen. We are hoping that with this open communication, you will see the continued benefits of changing the location of the F.W.S. office and support the move financially. There will be a way to send your designated gift to the office listed on the S.L.A.A. website.

Support the New and Outgoing Staff

Our office staff has been informed of our decision. The R2 has made recommendations to the BOT that would fairly compensate our staff at the time of the close of the Boston office and to assist them in finding new employment. They will play a major part in assisting the BOT and the new ED, once hired, in the smooth transition of this move. If you are grateful for the years of service of our employees, be sure to let the staff know.

For Further Information

This communication is only the beginning of our commitment to keeping you up-to-date with each aspect of the move. This journey is an important one and we want you to be a part of it all! For all the latest information on the move information, don't forget to log onto www.slaafws.org.

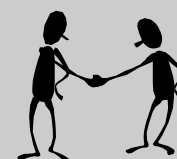
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- Member*): Danielle P.
4. Conference Finance Committee Liaison (*BF&OC Member*): Roger R.
 5. Conference Healthy Relationships Committee Liaison: Roger R.
 6. Conference Inter-Fellowship Committee Liaison: John C.
 7. Conference Literature Committee Liaison (*BPRC Member*): Deb W.
 8. Conference Members Retention Committee Liaison (*BPRC Member*): John C.
 9. Conference Prison Outreach Committee Liaison (*BPRC Member*): John C.
 10. Conference Sponsorship Committee Liaison: Roger R.
 11. Conference *Journal* Committee Liaison (*BPRC Member*): Deb W.
 12. Conference Internet Committee Liaison: (*BPRC Member*): John C.
 13. Conference Diversity Committee Liaison: Richard C.
 14. Conference Steps & Traditions Committee Liaison (*BG&NC Member*): Chris D.
 15. Conference Public Information Committee Liaison (*BPRC Member*): Deb W.
 16. Conference Intergroup Communication Committee Liaison: Chris D.
 17. Conference Service Committee Liaison: Deb W.
 18. Conference Members Relationship to BOT/FWS Committee Liaison (*BG&NC Member*): Chris D.

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☐ **INDIVIDUAL**

☐ **RECOGNITION OF AN EVENT**

(Use sections A, B & C)

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Section A: Please print all acknowledgement information.

Meeting Day & Time: _____ Meeting Location: (city/state) _____

Group Name: _____

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

Name to which contribution should be attributed: _____

Address: _____

☐ Enclosed is a check(s) or money order(s) made payable to: The Augustine Fellowship in the amount of \$ _____

☐ Please charge my credit/debit card \$ _____

☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa Expiration Date: _____

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

(You will be charged on the 15th of the month. We will send you a notice 1 week prior.)

☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa Exp. Date: _____ Acct #: (print clearly) _____

Name as it appears on credit card: (please print) _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____

Cardholder's Telephone# _____ Cardholder's E-mail: _____

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

☐ Regular group/Intergroup Contribution

☐ _____ Years of Sobriety

☐ _____ Anniversary

☐ Gratitude

☐ Regular Individual Contribution

☐ _____ Birthday

☐ _____ Years of Recovery

☐ The passing of _____

☐ Marriage of _____

☐ _____ Years of Recovery

☐ Acknowledgement of Member Milestone: (be specific below)

☐ Other _____

(Please note that it is S.L.A.A.'s policy that \$12,000 is the maximum amount an individual may contribute per fiscal year-please refer to the S.L.A.A. 60/40 pamphlet for more details.)