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ILLEGAL BASIC TEXT UPDATE

Following months of discussion and several failed attempts to reach an agreement, a unanimous decision was made by all three arms of world services to proceed with litigation to stop the illegal printing and distribution of the Basic Text. Accordingly, a lawsuit was filed on November 30, 1990, in Federal District Court in Philadelphia, to protect the fellowship's rights to the exclusive use of its properties.

The decision to move forward was prompted primarily by two key factors. The first factor is the responsibility of world services, legally and philosophically, to insure the integrity of N.A.'s message. The other deciding factor was the volume of letters of support from the fellowship.

The suit itself is very straightforward and seeks preliminary injunctive relief on behalf of the fellowship, to stop any further production and/or distribution by one individual. Once this first suit is resolved, others will be pursued, should the activity continue. The fellowship will be kept informed each step of the way.

TRUSTEE INTERACTION WITH THE FELLOWSHIP

As was announced in the November *Fellowship Report*, the Board of Trustees made plans to hold its meeting of February 7-10, 1991, in Philadelphia. Since that time, we have been informed that the annual Learning Conference, including review of the *Conference Agenda Report*, will take place that same weekend in Harrisburg, PA. An invitation to move the trustees' meeting place to Harrisburg was extended, and accepted. Accordingly, the business portion of

the trustee meeting, which will be open for observation, will be held in Harrisburg on Thursday and Friday, February 7-8, 1991. The open forum portion of the trustee meeting will take place all day Saturday and Sunday morning. The meeting will be held at the:

**Holiday Inn East
4751 Lindle Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111**

Room rates are \$50.00 per night, beginning on Wednesday. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel at (717) 939-7841. When making your reservations, please refer to MARLCNA VII. The positive feedback received after the open forum held in Arlington, VA, in July suggested that another open forum opportunity might be beneficial, to both the trustees and the fellowship. We hope to see you there!

CONFERENCE AGENDA REPORT

The *Conference Agenda Report* will be available from the World Service Office beginning January 22, 1991. Each copy will cost \$7.50 (including shipping and handling). If you are ordering in California, be sure to add 6.75% sales tax to the total cost. An order form is attached at the back of this *Newsline*.

UPDATE FROM THE TRANSLATION DEPARTMENT

The Translation Department at the WSO involves three staff members. As administrator, George Holahan oversees the work of the department and communicates with the Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees, and the Translation Advisory Committee

regarding all translation activities. Mary VanEvery is the coordinator who takes care of correspondence, phone calls, meetings, and the general organization of the department. Ursula Mueller is responsible for tracking and updating the translation of correspondence and literature, revising and inputting all draft translations, and then preparing them for eventual publication. Ursula speaks English, German, French, and some Dutch. During the coming year we hope to add an English/Spanish speaker to the staff.

The Translation Department has been quite busy the past three months. With the recent changes in Europe, we can expect to hear more from those countries about the need for Narcotics Anonymous groups, and in particular the need for literature in Eastern European languages. Most countries do not have a network of help for drug addicts, so our literature will be a primary source of information about recovery from drug addiction. During this past year we received inquiries from professionals in countries such as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, and several of the Soviet Republics. And this is just the beginning.

Part of the difficulty we have experienced in translating our literature is the intensive work needed to determine appropriate wording for each language. Mechanically generated literal translations are seldom successful. Every language has a corresponding historical, cultural, and social perspective that is reflected in the expression of that language.

The uniqueness of each language means that all these things must be considered by someone knowledgeable about not only the country, language, and people, but about Narcotics Anonymous as well. For example, while the Russian translations are exceptionally well done, the translator clearly did not understand the meaning and consistent use of the phrase "carrying the message." Although we know exactly what that means, to someone new or unfamiliar with N.A. it gets translated differently and often inconsistently, depending upon the context. Considering how easily people misunderstand each other within the same language, you can well imagine what a delicate and complicated matter it is to communicate ideas between languages.

Another important aspect of the translation process is the cultural applicability of the information portrayed in our literature. While translating the new

Group Booklet, for instance, the section describing where meetings are held states "Groups usually want to find an easily accessible public place," and then gives examples of types of facilities. However, there are no such public places for meetings in the Soviet Union or in certain other countries. Usually the way to resolve problems like these is to ask someone familiar with the conditions in a certain country to develop a general statement of information that is applicable. Of course, with recovery literature this process is much more delicate and demanding.

As you can see, translating our literature is not as easy as purchasing a computer program and replacing English words with words in another language. It's a lot of hard work and often requires substantial time, money, and effort among all those involved in each language translation. Following are a few highlights of our current translation efforts.

Spanish

Members working to translate the N.A. Basic Text into Spanish met again the first weekend of December in Los Angeles. The meeting was attended for the first time by additional members from northern California and Mexico, as well as regular committee members from Miami, New York, Texas, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

On Friday afternoon the committee received a letter from the Board of Trustees and the WSO Board of Directors. The letter expressed concerns reported to the boards, mostly from Spanish-speaking members and groups outside of the U.S. The letter emphasized the need for a universally acceptable translation, along with a strong concern about the time needed to complete the work. After a series of lengthy discussions, the committee considered a proposal which would reduce the completion time considerably, and allow representatives from seven Spanish-speaking countries to review and approve the work for publication.

A member with professional translating skills will meet with four members of the Spanish Translation Committee in February, to discuss terms, phraseology, and consistency. If all goes well, and we have every reason to believe that it will, a Spanish version of the N.A. Basic Text will be a reality this coming summer!

The Spanish Translation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the current inventory of Spanish I.P.'s be replaced with the ones recently completed by the translation committee in Spain. We will notify you of the Board's decision in the next edition of the *Newslines*.

Russian

WSO has received several group registrations from Moscow and Leningrad, asking for any kind of information about how to operate their groups, and expressing their need for literature. These few members have no means by which to produce or distribute our literature, so we hope to find a financially feasible way to do this work. The Russian language uses what is called a Cyrillic alphabet, which can be very difficult in translation, as well as expensive. However, initial drafts of the White Booklet, The Group Booklet, and I.P. #7 (*Am I an Addict?*) have been developed by a translation company. Currently, we are investigating software compatible with our system that utilizes the Cyrillic alphabet. If this is feasible, we will be able to create revised and new translation drafts.

Portuguese

The Portuguese version of the Basic Text is in final review stages Portugal has a small but extremely active translation committee. They have also formed an ad hoc committee specifically for the translation of service-oriented literature.

Dutch and Flemish

There is some indication that members may cooperate to produce translations for use in Holland and Belgium. An initial draft of Chapter Four of the Basic Text has been developed.

Hindi

We have just received a preliminary draft of I.P. #1 (*Who, What, How and Why*) in Hindi. A few members spent a great deal of time and effort to produce this draft, for the great number of addicts in their country who speak only Hindi.

These are just a few highlights of the work being done by this department. There is also work in

progress in twenty other languages. WSO would like to remind you that there are over 900 Commemorative Editions of the Basic Text left to be sold, and the book with the number one inscribed in it has yet to be delivered. The proceeds from the sale of the Commemorative Edition are used for translations. This is one way in which you as members can contribute to the translation effort, and help make our literature available to the addict who does not speak or read English.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS UPDATE

During the most recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, members of the Internal and External Committees met with the Additional Needs Panel Members assigned to the board. As a result of that meeting, a resolution was adopted by the full board, which reads: *"To recommend that, for the purposes of the N.A. literature translation process, the World Service Board of Trustees recognizes American Sign Language (ASL) as a language distinct from English; that the White Booklet, with stories, be translated into ASL for distribution on video tape; that N.A. audio speaker tapes in the current WSO inventory be translated into ASL; and that a priority list for further translation of N.A. literature into ASL be developed as soon as possible."*

Additionally, a videotape of an ASL-signed meeting is to be submitted to the WSO Tape Review Committee for possible inclusion in the WSO speaker tape inventory. Funding was approved for attendance by panel members at two upcoming regional and multi-regional additional needs workshops. The trustees support continued participation in workshops to help keep the fellowship aware of the additional needs of some of our members.

Future plans for this panel include assisting the WSC Public Information Committee in seeking out and participating in conventions of various disability-related organizations; designating an "Additional Needs Awareness Month" to focus attention on additional needs issues; and corresponding with local convention committees to ask that they include additional needs in their logistical and workshop planning. The

panel members plan to attend one WSC workshop each year, especially to meet with the WSC P.I. and H&I Committees. The panel members also plan to attend one meeting of the World Service Board of Trustees each year. These ongoing efforts will promote continuing awareness of the addict who still suffers, but who may have difficulty understanding our message or attending meetings due to a physical disability. The trustees and the panel members hope that more and more of these people will come in the doors of our meetings and be introduced to recovery through Narcotics Anonymous.

FROM THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

A reminder to all literature committee chairpersons to keep the WSO updated about any changes in addresses or new chairpersons. If you think you aren't receiving any mail from the WSC Literature Committee, double check your current name and address status with the WSO Literature Department. Ask for Julie or Deb.

THE GROUP BOOKLET

This item is in stock and available for ordering. It is a beige booklet similar in size to the Fourth Step guide. The item number is #1600, and it sells for \$.50 (fifty cents).

FROM THE WSC LITERATURE CHAIRPERSON

The Steps Ad Hoc Committee has begun working with the staff team to develop draft material on the steps. We have developed first and second drafts of Steps One and Two, and are currently working on Steps Three and Four. At our November meeting, we reviewed the second drafts of Steps One and Two, along with input on these drafts from members of the WSCLC and the Board of Trustees. Additionally, we reviewed the first drafts of Steps Three and Four to provide input and direction for the development of second drafts for these steps.

We hope that we will be able to release at least the

first two steps for fellowship review and input by WSC '91. All conference participants receive regular reports from the Steps Ad Hoc Committee. Ask your RSR or RSR alternate for more information about these reports.

At the October 20th meeting, the WSCLC approved for inclusion in the 1990-1991 *Conference Agenda Report* the pamphlet, *For Those In Treatment*. It will be distributed for a ninety-day approval period. The I.P., *In Times of Illness*, needs further work. Current plans are to release it at the 1991 World Service Conference for a one-year approval period. The daily book project is again moving along. The five-member review panel has implemented an initial production schedule and is working hard to maintain a steady review pace. The WSC Literature Committee will ask the 1991 WSC to place the daily book project on the A work list.

We've heard from many literature committees about their assignments, and we commend everyone for all their work and effort. WSCLC members receive copies of all returned work and will use that information to make recommendations for further development of each piece. This next year is shaping up to be an exciting one for literature committees. It appears that there will be both step and tradition drafts to review. The November *Fellowship Report* has more detailed information about the steps project.

FROM THE TRADITIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE

The committee has met four times since our last report in the *Newsline*. The first meeting took place July 27-29, 1990. During this meeting the committee discussed a production schedule for the project, as developed by WSO staff. After some discussion on the proposed schedule, the committee decided to adopt it in principle. The plan calls for completion of the project in time for a vote on the book at WSC '93. There was also discussion about review and input periods, and whether or not to release the material in sections, or as a complete book. The committee decided to present the plan to the full Board of Trustees for comment.

A staff team was assigned to the committee to assist with drafting the work, and the staff team was present for the July meeting. Input received was reviewed, and directions were given to the team to help them in developing first drafts of Traditions One and Two.

The next meeting took place August 24-26, 1990. The majority of the committee's time during this meeting was spent with reviewing the material drafted by the staff team. The material was reviewed in terms of the concepts presented, tone, style, etc., in order to ensure that the decisions made by the committee previously were reflected in the material. Further direction was then given to help the staff develop second drafts of Traditions One and Two. The committee had some discussion about Traditions Three and Four, to facilitate the development of first drafts of these traditions by the team.

The committee also discussed the proposed process for review of the material by the Board of Trustees and members of the WSC Literature Committee. The Traditions Committee decided to send second drafts to the BOT and the WSCLC, asking for individual review by members of those bodies. There was additional discussion about the release of the work to the fellowship for review and input. The recommendations to the full Board of Trustees included the committee's desire to release the first six traditions to the fellowship for review and input at or before WSC '91, in April, and to complete the balance of the work within the next six months. At that time the second half of the book would be released for fellowship review. The committee also talked about releasing drafts of the first two traditions for a quick pre-review to the fellowship, in an attempt to find out if the direction of the work was generally acceptable to the fellowship.

The next meeting took place on the weekend of September 21-23, 1990. The committee's primary focus that weekend was the need to re-examine its style guide, verifying its application to the drafts developed thus far. Lengthy discussions ensued about the process being used to develop the drafts, and ways to improve communication between the committee and the staff team. It became apparent that, at times, it was difficult for the staff team to interpret the consensus of the committee in various discussions. By the end of meet-

ing, the committee felt very comfortable about their relationship with the team and their ability to work well together. Drafts of Traditions One and Two were reviewed again, and the group decided to send them to the BOT and the WSCLC for comment after the meeting. The committee also developed some review questions to send with the drafts, in an attempt to elicit specific information about the drafts.

The final item during that meeting was a review of the production schedule, to make sure that it was indeed realistic, and that it could be followed. In order to have six traditions ready by the conference in April, the committee added another meeting to the schedule, in early April.

The last meeting before this *Newsline* occurred October 26-28, 1990. A considerable amount of time was spent reviewing and factoring in the input received on Traditions One and Two from BOT and WSCLC members, as well as from some of the former committee members. The committee also spent a good deal of time reviewing the first drafts of Traditions Three and Four. Finally, they answered some questions from the staff team to help in developing first drafts of Traditions Five and Six.

The BOT has approved, in principle, the proposed development schedule. As a result of that approval, the committee decided to send pre-review drafts of Traditions One and Two with the regular report on the October Traditions Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Those drafts, along with a cover letter and a brief questionnaire, were sent to conference participants and literature committees on November 30, 1990. The committee asks that all responses to the questionnaire be returned to them, in care of the WSO, no later than February 1, 1991.

If any of you have any questions about this project, please forward all inquiries to the committee in care of the WSO.

STAFF TEAM PERSONNEL WANTED

After the October meeting, the primary writer for the traditions project notified the WSO of a decision to move out of state as of January 10, 1991. The WSO is therefore requesting that any member interested

in working on fellowship writing projects contact the WSO. The basic requirements for the position include excellent writing and editing skills, and the willingness to relocate to Southern California.

If you are interested in this position, please send a resume, along with a sample of your writing, to:

World Service Office, Inc.
P.O. Box 9999,
Van Nuys, CA 91409-9999
Attn: Personnel Department

FROM THE GROUP SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Thanks to all the areas and regions who are sending minutes of their meetings to the WSO. We read those minutes to keep us informed of the activities throughout N.A. world wide. We especially appreciate the lists of trusted servants and meeting schedules that are included in those minutes. We hope that our files reflect the most up-to-date information on our trusted servants.

There is an easy way to find out whether your region, area, or group is registered with the World Service Office. A copy of the *Newsline* is sent to every registered group, area, and regional trusted servant that we list in our files, except for treasurers, activity committee chairpersons, and alternate ASRs. The *Newsline* is also available to individuals upon request. If you do not receive your own copy of the *Newsline*, and you hold one of the trusted servant positions listed above, please ask your area or regional secretary to obtain the proper forms to register you with the World Service Office.

We try hard to keep our data base accurate. We ask that when a group contact person or N.A. trusted servant moves, please advise us of your current address. For additional information concerning registrations, please contact the Group Service Department.

STARTER PACKETS

The Group Services Department responds to requests for starter packets and samples of literature to help start new groups. Request forms are printed on the back cover of the information pamphlet, *The Loner*. Requests are also received from individuals

contacting the World Service Office by phone or letter. Starter packets sent from the World Service Office include two copies of selected information pamphlets, *The Group Booklet*, a new group checklist, two copies of the Little White Booklet, a copy of the most recent *Newsline*, a group registration form, an order form or catalog, and contact information for the area or region closest to the person requesting the packet. When a group registers with the WSO after receiving their initial starter packet, they receive a folder with a copy of the *Group Treasurer's Workbook*, *The N.A. Way Magazine*, a *Newsline*, a group update form, and an order form. Registration also puts the group on the mailing list for the *Newsline*.

A "starter kit" is now available from the World Service Office for \$4.00, item number 9020. It includes one copy of each of the information pamphlets, and all the items mentioned above.

With the development and World Service Conference approval of *The Group Booklet*, the former information pamphlet #18, *N.A. Group Starter Kit*, has been discontinued. *The Group Booklet* will not automatically be substituted when requests for the former I.P. #18 are received. You will have the option to order either *The Group Booklet* or the "starter kit" now available.

FROM WSO ORDER ENTRY

The WSO recently published a new catalog listing all the new inventory items. A copy of the order form is included at the back of this *Newsline* for your convenience. One notable change is that the Complete Literature Tape Set, which used to contain five (5) tapes, is now a six (6) tape set. As a result, the price has been changed to \$11.25. Orders requesting the five tape sets will be adjusted automatically after December 30, 1990.

Those of you who have already seen the new catalog will notice that the speaker tapes are now on a separate form. You can order just tapes on this form, or add the tape order form to a literature order form. This will allow us to update the tape inventory without having to revise the whole catalog. We plan to update this tape order form every ninety days or so, as necessary.

WCC NEWS

WCNA-20, PORTLAND, OREGON

The 20th World Convention was held in September, and based upon the response of the members, it was a successful convention. The registered attendance was 3,337 people, which is lower than we were expecting; however, the members had a good time and that's most important. There were some things that seemed to go well and others that the World Convention Corporation board will have to take a closer look at for the future.

Most of the members who went on the Lewis & Clark Expedition thoroughly enjoyed the tour. The salmon barbecue did not work out quite the way we planned, but most of the members we talked to enjoyed the salmon. At future conventions, it may be that some other type of activity will be scheduled in place of the barbecue. The two-banquet concept met with mixed responses. Some members thought it provided a more intimate atmosphere, and really enjoyed it. Others preferred a single large banquet. The board will also take a close look at this for future convention years.

Although the World Convention Corporation did not meet its income projections, they are making the necessary preparations to adjust administrative plans to accommodate the shortfall. There are still T-shirts, satin jackets, mugs, bumper stickers, magnetic phone books, and brass key chains available. For your convenience we have enclosed an order form for the remaining convention merchandise. Those members who did not have an opportunity to go to Portland can still get a commemorative item.

WCNA-21, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

The World Convention Corporation board met recently to discuss this and the other upcoming conventions. We expect to have flyers available for this convention by the first of January. The board is considering a plan to use WSO as the housing agent for this convention, because the hotel property they want to do business with is currently under construction. This facility is directly across from the Convention Center complex and would allow us to house everyone in a single location, thereby eliminating the need

for busing. The specific details of arrangement will be included in the registration booklet.

A pre-convention T-shirt is available for this convention. For more information, see the convention order form in the back of this *Newslines*.

WCNA-22, TORONTO, CANADA

Representatives of the corporation have recently conducted contract negotiations for this convention, and things are going well. We expect that representatives from the corporation will visit Canada sometime during the next forty-five days to finalize these agreements.

WCNA-23, ZONE THREE

The WCC Board of Directors recently held its meeting at which bids were reviewed. As of the writing of this report, the WCC Board had not reached a final decision on the site of the 23rd World Convention. The site will be announced to the fellowship in January.

SERVICE OFFICE MEETING

The World Service Office recently held a meeting with representatives from approximately twelve of the service offices in the fellowship. The meeting, in Chicago, Illinois, was for the purpose of establishing an open dialogue with the trusted servants and special workers who have the responsibility to distribute N.A. literature and to generally provide services to the fellowship.

This was the first of what we hope will become an annual or semi-annual meeting to discuss issues common to offices. Some of the issues discussed were the direction of N.A. service offices, literature distribution practices, literature discounts, and the beginning of a discussion about an evaluation of the literature distribution process which included a discussion about the possibility of establishing branch literature distribution centers by the WSO. The participants made a commitment to continue to examine these important issues.

Participants were assured that no specific changes have already been decided upon. Moreover, the WSO is in the process of beginning to evaluate the literature distribution needs of the fellowship, and the involvement of the service offices in that process is of paramount importance.

We will prepare a more detailed report from the meeting and publish it in a future Newsline.

PREJUDICE IN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

The following is not a policy statement from the World Service Board of Trustees. It is intended merely to stimulate thought and discussion on the topic of prejudice and how it affects Narcotics Anonymous.

WSB External Affairs Committee

“The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using,” isn’t it? That’s what our Third Tradition says. But in some N.A. groups, it almost seems as if a few more membership requirements have been added. Though it may not be said aloud, the impression you get from such groups is this: “You’ve got to come from the same racial, or ethnic, or social, or economic, or educational, or sexual background as we do in order to be accepted here. It’s not enough, just to have a desire to stop using.”

In July, the World Service Conference held a workshop in Arlington, Virginia. One panel focused a portion of its discussion on the subject of prejudice in Narcotics Anonymous. Participants felt the discussion was long overdue, and that we as a fellowship should begin to further explore ways to “raise our consciousness” and, thus, to begin changing our attitudes and behavior. The purpose of this article is to begin raising our awareness of how we treat one another so that, ultimately, any addict seeking recovery, “regardless of age, race, sexual identity, creed, religion, or lack of religion,” may find what they seek among us.

AWARENESS

We can’t begin to change unless we’re aware there is a need for change. As addicts, we reflect the socie-

ty we come from. We bring our racism, classism, sexism, and all our other prejudices with us into recovery. We accept unacceptable behavior, in ourselves and in each other, because “that’s the way it’s always been.” We all suffer, to greater or lesser extents, from this kind of thinking; it’s the way of the world we’ve been raised in.

What can we do? Well, to deny our bigotry only allows us to continue in old thinking and behavior. But when we admit we discriminate, we can begin to address that thinking and behavior with the tools of recovery.

In N.A., we’re told to “show up and tell the truth.” When addicts hear other addicts share their pain and their fears, something wonderful happens. Open discussions in our meetings can be very important in helping us see how prejudice affects our ability to recover, and our ability to carry the message to others. Choosing “Freedom from Prejudice” as a discussion meeting topic, for example, can open the lid on the defects we try to hide from one another, and sometimes even from ourselves.

Sponsorship is another tool to be put to work. What would occur if we all took a mini-inventory of ourselves, an inventory focused on prejudice, its affect on our lives, and its impact on the life of our fellowship? And what would happen if every N.A. member talked with their sponsor about their fears of people from other backgrounds or lifestyles? Whenever we work the steps with open minds and hearts, healing begins to take place.

INTO ACTION

When we can accept that we are indeed bigoted, without making any excuses, then we’re ready to take action. The miracle begins when we accept that, as individuals and as a fellowship, we frequently fall short of our own principles. Yes, this is who we are today—and yes, today, we need to change. Acceptance here does not mean, “Well, that’s just the way things are.” Acceptance means taking responsibility for ourselves, and seeking the courage to change.

At the Arlington workshop, individual members shared about their own experiences of prejudice—not only ways in which they had felt its cruel sting, but ways in which they had inflicted that sting on others. People talked about not being hugged because

they were black; being shunned because of their use of essential, prescribed medication; avoiding members who have disabilities; being fearful of people from different educational levels; avoiding anyone with different sexual preference from their own. Some of these things hampered their own recovery; some hampered their role in supporting the recovery of others; all of it made them hurt. They admitted it, and they asked all of us, as a fellowship, to help them change.

Yes, it's true: we come from a prejudiced society. That does not mean, however, that we must remain forever bound by prejudice. The N.A. program offers freedom, not only from drug addiction, but from the insidious defects of character that keep us from living full, healthy, happy lives. By working the steps, we can rise above our shortcomings. In doing so, we can set an example for one another, and for others in our communities, of what spiritual recovery is about.

How can you "show up and tell the truth" about prejudice in N.A.? You can:

1. Raise the topic at a discussion meeting.
2. Contact your regional convention committee, and ask them to hold a workshop on prejudice at the next convention.
3. Ask your area and regional service committees to consider whether prejudice affects any of their services.
4. Talk with your sponsor about how prejudice—yours and others—affects you and your recovery. Talk with those you sponsor, too.
5. If your group conducts an annual inventory, ask that "prejudice" be one of the subjects they examine.

Prejudice in N.A. hurts the whole fellowship, from the oldest old-timer to the newest newcomer. We, as members of a fellowship based on spiritual principles, can not and must not settle for anything less than freedom from prejudice.

COMING EVENTS

ALASKA: Mar. 8-10, 1991; 7th Annual Alaska Regional Convention; Clarion Hotel In Anchorage, Alaska; rsvn.s (800) 252-7466; Registration information write to; ARSCC VIII, P.O. Box 211995, Anchorage, AK 99521

CALIFORNIA: Mar. 7-10, 1991; Thirteenth Northern California Convention; Doubletree Hotel, Monterey; rsvn.s (408) 649-4511; NCCNA XII, P.O. Box 1826, Pittsburg, CA 94565

ENGLAND: Apr. 13-14, 1991; LRCNA2; Convention Committee would like to invite members (with a suggested minimum clean time of three years) to submit tapes to Programming Committee; Deadline January 14, 1991; Programming Committee, P.O. Box 417, London, ENGLAND, SW10 0RS

FLORIDA: Mar. 15-17, 1991; Florida Spring Service Break Conference II; Eden Roc Hotel, 4525 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, 33140; rsvn.s (305) 531-0000 or (800) 327-8337; FSSBNA II, P.O. Box 011288, Miami, FL 33101

GEORGIA: Jan. 18-20, 1991; Peace & Recovery III; The Adventure Continues; Holiday Inn, 2155 Gordon Highway, Augusta, Georgia 30909; information call (404) 733-2073; CSRANA III, P.O. Box 15863, Augusta, GA 30909

2) Feb. 21-24, 1991; Building Foundations in Recovery; Jekyll Island, GA; At the Convention Centers on the Island; Holiday Inn (912) 635-3311 and Jekyll Inn (912) 635-2351; Information call (404) 339-4780 or (404) 953-1217; GRCNA X, P.O. Box 1465, Smyrna, GA 30081

3) May 2-5, 1991; The Tradition Continues; 1991 Fun-In-The-Sun, Panama City Weekend; 1991 P.C. Weekend, P.O. Box 47848, Doraville, GA 30362

HAWAII: Feb. 22-24, 1991; 7th Annual Oahu Gathering of the Fellowship; Camp Mokuleia, North Shore, Island of Oahu; helpline (808) 734-4357; Oahu Gathering Committee, P.O. Box 89636, Honolulu, HI 9630-9636

KENTUCKY: Jan. 11-13, 1991; First Louisville Area Convention; The Ultimate Solution 12 Step Festival; Hurstbourne Hotel and Conference Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299; information (502) 491-4830 or 1-800-289-1009; L.A.C.N.A., P.O. Box 91234, Louisville, KY 40291

2) Mar. 29-31, 1991; Kentuckiana Regional Convention 5; Executive Inn Rivermont, 1 Executive Boulevard, Owensboro, KY 42301; rsvn.s (800) 626-1936; KRCNA 5, 2626 Parrish Ave., #211, Owensboro, KY 42301

MASSACHUSETTS: Mar. 1-3, 1991; 4 New England Regional Convention; Hyannis, Massachusetts; NERCNA 4, P.O. Box 2628, Quincy, MA 02269

MICHIGAN: Jan. 26-27, 1991; UPASCNA First Anniversary Conference in Escanaba; information call (906) 226-2421 or (906) 789-1929

NEBRASKA: Mar. 2, 1991; Return of the Close Encounters of the Clean Kind; UNO Milo Bail Student Center; Activities Committee, P.O. Box 3907, Omaha, NE 68103

OKLAHOMA: Jan. 18-20, 1991; 1st Annual Norman Winter Convention; Holiday Inn, 2600 West Main Street, Norman, OK 73069; Hotel (405) 329-1624; P.O. Box 2653, Norman, OK 73070

2) Mar. 22-24, 1991; 5th Oklahoma Regional Convention; Tulsa Marriott Hotel, Tulsa; rsvn.s (918) 627-5000; OKRCNA 5, P.O. Box 890501, Oklahoma City, OK 73189

OREGON: Jan. 19-20, 1991; "Right Where We're Supposed To Be"; Newport, Oregon; rsvn.s 1(800) 222-2244; OSIRSCNA, P.O. Box 1866, Newport, OR 97365

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