

#### T-SHIRTS AND STORIES

During recent months the WSO has continued to assume the duties of publishing the NA Way Magazine. This cooperative effort between Robin H., Co-Chairperson and Editor of the Magazine, and our office has gone smoothly. WSO now manages all aspects of the publication and distribution except for content and editorial duties. The magazine staff turned over all of the duties and assests previously held by the committee. Included in these items were a small collection of T-Shirts and Tank Tops that had been made and sold as a means of advertising the Magazine and also as a fund raising effort to sustain the Magazine. Those shirts are now part of the inventory of the WSO and are listed on the supplemental order form attached to this NEWSLINE. Anyone interested in purchasing these, should complete the form that is attached and forward along with your check. Shipment will be made immediately.

The WSO Board, in discussion of these T-Shirts and Tank Tops, instructed that notice of these be placed in this NEWSLINE and also a request for advice of the Fellowship. If it is the desire of the Fellowship, the WSO would continue to carry T-Shirts and other items that are in constant demand. This is a part of the necessary discussion of use of the NA Logo by private individuals and companies that the WSO Board started in July. Inasmuch as WSO cannot endorse outside interests (private companies or individuals that merchandise NA labeled items) for sale to members of the Fellowship, there is a conflict in allowing continuation of the practice, but there is a constant demand by the Fellowship for many of these items.

Frequently, Area Committees, convention committees, or entertainment committees (and many other types of committees within the Fellowship) make T-Shirts and sell them as part of their normal fund-raising effort to sustain activities of the Fellowship. This internal use of the NA Logo should continue to be encouraged. But, the commercial use and sale by individuals (or companies) of mechandise containing the NA Logo should not be encourage. This might mean (if properly followed by those outside concerns), the nonavailability of some of the items they have been selling because many committees might not be able to put up the cash to build an inventory.

It has not been decided whether or not the WSO should be involved on a continuing basis in the manufacture and sale of T-Shirts or Bumper Stickers, or other such things. The WSO Board would appreciate the input of individuals, groups, etc. on this issue. Please be sure to advise your RSR also, so that the matter can be properly discussed at WSC 84.

#### MISSING PERSONS

About the publication of the Missing Persons list, the list of those individuals who had purchased items from WSO and that had been returned to WSO in the mails. Any item now over 90 days old will be returned to the inventory and a refund of the purchase price made to the individual if they subsequently communicate with the office. With the implementation of this policy the WSO will now have for sale 18 first Edition (Red) Books. They will be sold on a first come, first sold basis for the original price of \$25.00. The list following is for those orders returned during the last 30 days and not previously listed.

A.C.P.; Portland, OR  
Friday Nite; Bismark, ND  
Bill Kennedy; Watson, AL  
NENJASC Lit. Sub Comm; Elizabeth, NJ  
Patricia Smith; Moline, IL  
Keith Burley; EPO San Fran., CA  
Carol Kernahan; Haliewa, HI  
Richard Thorpe; Lahaina, HI

#### LETTERS TO TRUSTEES

As a matter of convenience to the Fellowship and to provide for the best communication system, the WSO has been the principal recipient of the varied questions about do's and don'ts over many aspects of our Fellowship. The response to the questions we receive (many are questions about propriety of some course of action within a group and are directly related to interpretations of the Steps and Traditions) is usually made by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees or upon

assignment, by another of the Trustees. Some of these inquiries are received by phone and require a rapid response. In those instances, we take the number of the caller and we then call a Trustee in that area of the country and have them call the individual with the question.

This has been a good policy, it has kept the WSO out of the field of making decisions on the interpretation of Traditions and Steps. However, to better serve the Fellowship, the Trustees have decided to begin to publish in this NEWSLINE a regular feature that will carry both a typical question and a lucid and appropriate response by the Trustees.

In this manner the Trustees as the keepers of the Traditions can continue to communicate to a wider range of the Fellowship and respond to the continuous concerns raised within the Fellowship. If there is a question that you or your group would like to have addressed by the Trustees, you may direct your question to the WSO with a note asking that it be added to the list of items for the Trustees.

#### NEWS SHORTS

A lull has been reached in the repayment of the outstanding purchase orders on which literature (mostly books) was sent out on, prior to June 1983. About \$23,000.00 has been cleared or paid which leaves nearly \$15,000.00 still outstanding. The list of outstanding accounts has been prepared for transmittal to WSC for their aid.

The list of missing contributors of WSC Literature Sub-Committee material has continued to be reduced. The following list is reduced by three that were identified during this month. Keep up the good work in assisting in the location of these individuals. The stories in question will not be used until a signed release is obtained from the author. Those still missing are: Hell-N-Back; It Won't Get Any Worse; It Won't Always Be Like This; Long Distance Recovery; Early Services; Institutional Story; I Kept Coming Back; Relapse and Return; The War Is Over.

#### N.A. WAY MAGAZINE

Subscriptions to the NA Way Magazine can be made on the order form attached to this NEWSLINE. With the last issue of the NEWSLINE, by accident, some outdated and incorrect order forms were included. The current order form has a date on it. All previous order forms should not be used. Back issues of the Magazine can be obtained from the WSO as we now have the complete stock of the Magazine. The July and August issues of the Magazine are at the printers in Memphis and will be mailed shortly. The September issue is nearing completion in the draft form.

There is a continuing need for articles and stories that can be printed in the Magazine. The primary emphasis in the nature of stories contained in the magazine have been those depicting the recovery of individuals rather than setting forth formula for recovery. If you would like to submit your story for publication in the NA Way Magazine, send it to the address above for the WSO. We will send you a release form and after receipt of the release, your story will be sent to the editor of the magazine for review. ~~Not all stories can be printed because of limited space.~~ But there are tens of thousands of interesting and valuable stories of recovery some of which can be shared in the Magazine in the months ahead and help others in their recovery.

Continued progress has been made in the subject of distribution of literature in such distant places as Australia and in Europe. Meetings were held during the NY Convention to resolve the difficulties and make arrangements with the representatives of the Fellowships in Australia and Ireland. In both cases committees will be established as to act as either an extension of WSO or to form an independent corporation under the laws of the host country and by contract an agreement will be established to allow them to print approved literature.

At each of the WSO Board meeting there has been discussion of one or another requests for financial assistance by WSO to sub-committee operation of the WSC (H&I and then Literature). Both requests are the result of recurring shortage of funds available from the Fellowship for the operation of WSC. The WSC is the decision making arm of the Fellowship, they create new literature, establish programs and policy, but without funds to operate with, they cannot get the job done. WSC operates entirely on the contributions received from groups, areas and