



The Pipeline

Covering news for the South Central Texas Area of Cocaine Anonymous
Summer 2014 – June, July, August, September



Cocaine Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances.

There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.

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Austin: (512) 339 – HELP (4357)

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Area News

COCAINE ANONYMOUS CELEBRATES ITS 32ND ANNIVERSARY ON NOVEMBER 18, 2014

2014 Regional Convention info

The 2014 Regional Convention will be located in Wichita Kansas. Delegates will conduct a group inventory at the next Regional Caucus. You can find a registration form in this newsletter.

2015 South Central Texas Area Convention

Planning for 2015 South Central Texas Area Convention in Kerrville, Texas is underway now. To get involved or for information contact:
Abe H.- Regional Convention Chair
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Donations

July Area Donations

A Vision for You (Austin)
CA 186 (Cedar Park)
Circle & Triangle (Austin)
Downtown CA (San Antonio)
Drop Kick Rocks (Austin)
Heart & Soul Sisters (Austin)
Miracles on 1st Street (Smithville)
Recovery Text (Austin)
Stepping Stones (Austin)



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Circle & Triangle (Austin)
Heart & Soul Sisters (Austin)
Miracle on 1st Street (Smithville)
Recovery Text (Austin)

Thank you groups for the donations!



Submissions from Members

When we became alcoholics [addicts], crushed by a self-imposed crisis we could not postpone or evade, we had to fearlessly face the proposition that either God is everything or else He is nothing. (Big Book pg. 53)

How did you come to your understanding of a Power greater than yourself, and what does that look like today?

I came to understand and see this power in my life as I worked through the 12 steps. For me, these steps are a way for me to get/form/establish a relationship with my creator. Also, over time practicing steps 10,11, and 12 was a big eye opening experience. Today, this Power in my life is undeniable. I believe and have faith in my creator, and I feel His presence more and more, the longer I stay in prayer and meditation, as well as, carrying the message to others.

Scott G.



For me, step one was not an issue. It was easy to understand that I could not stop using drugs given a sufficient reason, nor could I control the amount I used once I picked up.

This understanding brought me to the rooms, but did not give me the willingness to seek a power greater than myself. I always thought there had to be a logical solution to my disease and learning that I would have to build a connection to a higher power, was a let down in the beginning. I made some changes in my life, such as, moving to a sober house, going to a meeting every day, ditching my old friends for new sober friends.

While all of these changes were great and important for maintaining sobriety, I continued to relapse time and time again. After landing at another sober home, I was confronted by the house owner. He sat me down and commended me for having a strong support group and attending a meeting everyday, but he told me that's not going to be enough. You are going to have to fix the reason you use in the first place. At that moment I realized that I can't JUST NOT USE DRUGS, I have to fix the spiritual hole I've had my entire life; I have to have a sufficient substitute. In this moment I realized that I had to work the steps and through working every single step, I've had dozens of burning bush spiritual experiences and developed a relationship with something far greater than myself. My life is amazing today, I am full, I am not always looking for something else.

Christian S.



I was in an in-patient treatment center, waiting for my parents to get off my back, so that I could continue living the way I had always lived. After detoxing, the obsession to leave treatment and get high took over. All day and all night I thought about what I needed to do to leave. After talking to a couple of my roommates, I realized I could sign myself out. I remember going into my counselor's office to tell her my plans and not knowing how it was going to go. She had me call my mom and tell her my plans. Once I heard my mom on the line asking "why?" I broke down crying because I did not have an answer. I knew that the idea to leave was a poor choice, but the only thing I cared or thought about was to leave and get high. I do not know how long we were on the phone but I remember I could not say anything but "sorry." I ended up signing myself out and packing all of my clothes in the little bag I brought when I first showed up. I did not have a phone or wallet and planned to walk back to the city. By the time I was signed out and ready to leave, it was after dinner and I knew I would not get back to the city until late. I decided I would leave in the morning and have a full day to walk and figure out a plan. I woke up the next morning and I remember after breakfast being asked if I was ready to leave. I decided to stay, but it did not feel like a decision because 90 days did not sound that bad, and the drugs weren't going anywhere. I believe I stayed because of a divine intervention that relieved my obsession to leave/get high. I do not remember doing anything special the night before, or coming to some sort of understanding. I just felt that I could live, and not go insane, with staying in treatment for another 70 days. The difference after deciding to stay was that I began listening. Before, I had judged you before you spoke, and once you did speak I dismissed it because I thought you were different. I began praying to the weather because I can see with my own eyes how it is a power greater than myself. My conception changes frequently but one thing I always fall back on, if I am struggling with my conception, are the 12 principals behind each step. Those principals have allowed me to develop and experience a conception of something greater than myself that has kept me here ever since.

Daniel H.

Thank you everyone for your submissions this quarter.



**24th Annual C.A.
Southwest Regional
Service Convention**

**October 17-19, 2014
Wichita, Kansas**

Hotel Information

**BEST WESTERN
Airport Inn & Conference
Center**

6815 W Kellogg (US 54)
Wichita, Kansas, 67209-2217, US
Phone: 316/942-5600
Fax: 316/943-1549

*Call hotel directly
To receive discounted rate*

**Room Rate
\$79.99 per night**

**Mention code
"SWRC"**

Check in 3:00
Check out 12:00

For additional information contact:

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Also www.kansasareaca.org

Registration

Please use one form per person
Copies are OK
Mail Completed Forms to:
Southwest Regional
Convention
P.O. Box 67
Andover, KS. 67002-0067

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone(optional): _____
E-mail(optional): _____

Area/Group: _____

Name as you would like it to
appear on your badge: _____

Would you like to chair a
marathon meeting? _____

Preferred time: _____
Topic? _____



Meetings

San Antonio

Thursdays 8:30pm;

Downtown CA 319 (candlelight meeting)

319 Camden @ Lexington Avenue

San Antonio, TX, 78215

Seguin

Tues, Thurs, Sun. 6:30p

Seguin CA Group

2365 Huber Rd.

Seguin, TX, 78155

Smithville

Miracles on First Street

111 NW First St.

Smithville, TX, 78957

Austin

Thursday 7:30pm;

Veterans in Recovery

4110 Guadalupe, Bldg. 635

Austin, TX, 78751

Austin

Saturday 6pm;

Bankrupt Idealist

4701 Westgate Blvd., D404

Austin, TX, 78745

Horseshoe Bay

Tuesday 7:30pm;

Rock Bottom

505 S Phillips Ranch Rd,

Granite Shoals, TX, 78654



Submissions for Future Editions

If you have announcements, new meeting information, event details or other material that you would like to see in The Pipeline please email it to newsletter@ca-scta.org and we will try to get it included. Please note this is a quarterly newsletter; the deadline for next newsletter submissions is first week of December.

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