

Feb. 19, 1973

World Service Office
Narcotics Anonymous
2335 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90016

Dear Friends:

In response to my request to the World Service Office, I recently received a supply of Narcotics Anonymous booklets and other N.A. publications. We are grateful.

I am a recovering alcoholic, active in A.A., and the sponsor of two groups for recovering drug addicts in the Central Pennsylvania area.

The Lewisburg Group was organized on Jan. 24, 1972; the Williamsport Group on Sept. 22, 1972. We have nine recovering addicts who regularly attend meetings of both groups. Five have been clean for more than a year.

Since we organized, we have called the groups "Drug Abusers Anonymous." Since receipt of your literature, both groups have adopted new by-laws, and both groups decided to be known from now on as Narcotics Anonymous groups.

The new by-laws include a provision calling for monthly contributions to the World Service Office. The minimum contribution will be 25 per cent of the balance in the treasury on the last meeting date of each month.

We wish to be registered with the World Service Office and to be included in the next issue of the world directory.

The groups are:

The Lewisburg Group, N.A., First Baptist Church, 51 S. Third St., Lewisburg, Pa. 17837, with meetings at 8 p.m. Tuesday, and the Williamsport Group, N.A., Divine Providence Hospital, Williamsport, Pa. 17701, with meetings at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The secretary of the Lewisburg Group is Steve Kurtz, R.D. 1, Milton, Pa. 17847. The secretary of the Williamsport Group is Edward Craig, Box 97, Allenwood, Pa. 17810.

We do intend to maintain communications with the World Service Office. We have adopted N. A.'s Suggested Method of Leading a Meeting, and subscribe to the N.A. program as set forth in the booklet Narcotics Anonymous.

The enclosed check for \$10.00 is for 50 copies of the N.A. booklet. Please send them to me at the address below.

Sincerely,

Don R. Landgraff
Apt. 20
630 N. Eighth St.
Sunbury, Pa. 17801

Feb. 23, 1973

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Narcotics Anonymous
2335 Crenshaw Blvd.
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Dear Friends:

I did not expect to be writing to you again so soon.

I wrote to you Feb. 19, enclosing a check for \$10.00 for 50 N.A. booklets. You may not even have received that order yet, with the mails so slow. However, we've already promised those 50 booklets --- to wardens of prisons in the area, parole and probation office personnel, and staff personnel at area hospitals. Also, a rehabilitation center in the area wants booklets for addicts under treatment there. So we'll be needing more copies.

With this letter, I'm enclosing a check for \$20.00. Half the amount, \$10.00, is for 50 more booklets. The other \$10.00 is the Williamsport Group's first contribution to the W.S.O.

As I mentioned in my letter of Feb. 19, the Lewisburg, Pa., and Williamsport, Pa., groups recently adopted new by-laws which call for monthly contributions to the W.S.O.

The Lewisburg Group, unfortunately, can't send anything until next month. One of our members in that group split recently, after ripping off the treasury. We had accumulated some debts for a buffet supper we served on the group's first anniversary, so recent collections at meetings have been used for that.

Our real concern, of course, was not for the money that was stolen, but for the guy who stole it and returned to drugs. He is only 17. Someday, perhaps, he will return to the program, if he survives. This is real heartache, and I'm sure that all of you have experienced it.

I'm a writer --- a newspaperman --- and I've offered to help anybody in the groups who wants to tell his or her story for inclusion in the forthcoming Big Book. We have one girl in particular whose story I'd like to see included in the book. She is only 16 now, and has been clean for 15 months. Her story is a real nightmare, and anybody reading it would have to feel hope.

Don't forget to include the two groups on your mailing list, as I requested in my Feb. 19 letter. And drop those 100 copies of the N.A. booklet in the mail as soon as you can. Send them to me at the address below. As I told you in my previous letter, I'm an A.A. member and sponsor of the groups.

Sincerely,

Don R. Landgraff
Apt. 20
630 N. Eighth St.
Sunbury, Pa. 17801

May, 20, 1973

World Service Office
Narcotics Anonymous
2335 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90016

Dear Friends:

I wrote to you on Feb. 23, enclosing a check for \$20.00. This included \$10.00 for 50 N.A. booklets and a \$10.00 contribution to the World Service Office from the Williamsport and Lewisburg, Pa., N.A. groups.

I have the cancelled check, but we are still waiting for the 50 booklets. We really need them.

As I have mentioned in previous letters, I am a recovering alcoholic, a member of A.A. and the sponsor of the Williamsport and Lewisburg N.A. groups.

According to by-laws recently adopted by the two N.A. groups, each group must send a monthly contribution to the World Service Office, and the minimum contribution will be 25 per cent of the amount in the treasury on the last meeting date of each month.

We are holding contributions for WSO for the months of February, March and April. The two groups feel that my letter of Feb. 23 should have been acknowledged, and that the contributions which we are holding should not be sent until some acknowledgement, and the 50 booklets, are received.

In the two groups, we now have 20 members, and these young people are making it. Six of them will soon have two years of sobriety.

We would like to know that somewhere out there, there is a World Service Office in need of our support.

Incidentally, I sent you a check for \$10.00 on Feb. 19 for 50 booklets, and these booklets were received.

Please send the 50 booklets ordered and paid for on Feb. 23. We are desperately in need of them.

Sincerely,

Don R. Landgraff
Apt. 20
639 N. Eighth St.
Sunbury, Pa. 17801

MAY 5, 1974

Dear Members of the Fellowship:

HI! I'm Ray T., Secretary of the Philadelphia Area Intergroup. I was going through some of our papers and noticed an old U.S.A. Narcotics Anonymous Meeting List. We thought it would be really great to try and get in touch with other people in the program. We sometimes feel like we're the only members of N.A. around. We have had a lot of trouble getting a response from California, which we were led to believe is the main headquarters for the program. We are really interested in communicating with N.A. members all over the country. Please write us and let us know if your meetings are still in existence, or if you can give us any kind of leads to N.A. activities of any kind.
ONCE AGAIN ! PLEASE WRITE.

Very truly yours,

Ray T.
Ray T.

SEND RESPONSE TO :

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HELLO!!

This letter is to introduce you to Narcotics Anonymous. We are addictive people recovering from our addictions through a program of recovery borrowed from Alcoholics Anonymous. Our primary purpose is to stay clean from all drugs (including alcohol) and to help the suffering addict. Our membership consists of men and women for whom drugs have become a major problem. We meet regularly to share our experience, strength, and hope with each other in order to stay clean and help the new person find a drug free way of life.

We are not affiliated with any political, religious, or law enforcement agencies. We are under no surveillance at any time. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using drugs. As mentioned above our chief means of maintaining recovery and our primary group purpose is to help the suffering addict. It is in this respect that we are seeking your help.

Recently through our group contributions we have been able to obtain a telephone number with an answering service. This number is being made available to you with the hopes that we may in some way be able to help if you have a person who wants help with his or her drug problem. If you wish information concerning our program, call the number at the bottom of the letter and leave your name and phone number with the operator; members call in regularly to the service and answer any calls as soon as possible.

It is our sincere wish to be of service; if any questions arise in response to this letter, please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any help.

Gratefully yours,

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
(N.A.) PHILA., PA.

The number you can contact us at is 276-2703

Dear Friends

We are sending this letter in reference to phone call made in May, concerning communication problems between us and G.S.O.

We talked to Debbie D. about these problems. She said to write a letter with all our questions and problems and said we would definitely get an answer this time.

① We were wondering why in the last 6 months we have written many times asking various questions and never received any answers.

② We have started a N.A. intergroup and would like to know difference between ^{our} intergroup and G.S.O. If any

③ We were wondering if literature that we make out here should be sent to you for approval before we distribute it. we

July, 1979

To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
From: NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

The purpose of this letter is to provide your organization with information about the program of Narcotics Anonymous. The following is a brief outline of our basic principles:

We are a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We meet regularly to help one another remain clean and sober from drugs. We are a non-profit organization, declining outside contributions, supporting ourselves by passing the hat to cover our minimal expenses. We are a spiritual program, yet we are not allied with any particular sect or religion. We encourage members to develop a belief in a Higher Power as they understand it. We are non-professional, relying solely on the bond of our common experience and our shared strength and hope. We have no leaders, though each group elects members to serve the group and handle any business the group may have.

Narcotics Anonymous has been active in the Greater Philadelphia area for the past seven (7) years. Our membership has been growing constantly, and we now have many active members in the area. One of our basic beliefs is that we continue to derive strength by sharing our message with the addict who still suffers.

Enclosed you will find literature entitled, "How It Works", which provides more detailed information on our program as a whole. A list of specific times and places of NA meetings is also enclosed.

We hope this information gives you some insight to the program's primary purpose and method of operation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at our 24-hour service hotline number,

(215) 276-2703

or write us at:

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