



# THE MAINLINE

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*Greetings,*

*We write you as representatives of Heroin Anonymous World Services (HAWS). This informational bulletin's purpose is to increase communication between the groups of Heroin Anonymous throughout the world.*

## MEETING SPOTLIGHT

"Nashua Original HA" Group – Nashua, NH

Every Tuesday night a little before 7 pm, nestled in a small New England city, in a building located practically unseen in an old mill yard, you will find an odd cast of characters. Among the cigarette smoke and the vape perfumed air, men and women congregate with their Dunkin' Donuts coffees while greeters greet and talkers converse. Inside as well, people are talking and laughing as they move tables and setup chairs to get ready for a fairly new meeting that has come to our small community of Nashua, NH. It has been

nearly three months but we finally feel we have arrived.

Heroin has always been prevalent in our community and by no means unfamiliar. However in recent years it has a much greater impact and death toll which has infiltrated all classes, ages and backgrounds causing much greater attention.

With the overwhelming loss in our small communities of loved ones and friends, the realization if we do not stand together on this topic, we will surely not overcome.

For us as addicts, we felt we had to be open about

our experiences and help one another if we were ever to have a chance. Given the proven results in other anonymous programs, we searched for a way out. Other anonymous groups that deal with drug addiction – while successful- had us as heroin addicts searching for something else. We found that identifying ourselves as heroin addicts and our particular challenges, combined through the Solution presented in the Big Book, we had better

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results. Once the word that Heroin Anonymous groups were starting in neighboring cities which outlined that approach, we immediately got to work.

We meet together to decide our group conscience and started our group with 7 members filling all positions such as Secretary, Treasurer, Bookie, Chairperson, Coffeemaker, Greeter and Key-tag Person – even though we had no key tags. That week we sent out for our starter-kit and started getting the word out. We had no real expectations, but the great fact for us was that if nothing changed then nothing was going to change. We were ready to be that change.

After our very first couple meetings there was an immediate spike in attendance. From a lesser 10 attendees to 30+ people in three short weeks we

immediately recognized the need. In record time our local and surrounding communities came together in full force. With over 60 attendees on a weekly basis crowding into our cozy room, we have already out grown our expectations of attracting heroin addicts desiring a real Solution. This type of attraction comes only from the members of the group that present their overpowering desire to carry a message of hope through their words and actions.

With all that being said, we believe that our group, guided by an overwhelming God consciences to serve others, is proof of what the future is for those suffering from heroin addiction. No longer are we without hope and we found our hope in HA.

## HAWS BULLETIN NAME CHANGE WINNER!

Last month, we included a survey in our bulletin to help determine our official HA World Bulletin name. We were amazed at the amount of responses we received from 18 states across the US. The final voting was between "The Dose", "The HArtbeat", "The Rinse", and "The Mainline". The final winner, with 54% of the vote, is **"The Mainline"** (as you may have guessed, based on the first page of this bulletin). We would like to thank everyone who responded for helping us to achieve a group conscience in this decision.

-HAWS Bulletin  
Committee

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## HAWS CONTACT INFO CHANGES

Look out you rock-n-rollers, two important ch-ch-changes have occurred to the HAWS contact details in recent months. The email for the webmaster has changed and is available on the website to those who need to have a meeting listing edited or added to the site. If you have written the previously listed webmaster email without receiving a response please contact the newly updated address immediately and we will follow up with you as soon as possible.

Secondly, the HA literature at some meetings and facilities may be outdated as our HAWS P.O. box listing has moved. The physical address is now:

HAWS

24 W Camelback Rd #A

Phoenix, AZ 85013

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused some members. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us at [haworldbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:haworldbulletin@gmail.com).

## THE 10<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION OF H.A.

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*Heroin Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the H.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy*

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Glance around the room of any given meeting you may attend, and one of the first things apparent is likely to be the melting pot of personalities and backgrounds. Though our membership is comprised of countless economic, religious, political, and cultural differences, we are all able to band together in the common bond of our primary purpose. On a personal level, Tradition 10 applies not only to our world service office, but also in our own respective groups. In Prescott, AZ, we have recently begun to set up our first H&I meeting at a detox with very strong beliefs, religious and otherwise. Had we engaged in personal opinions, we would not have been afforded the opportunity to carry the message to the sick and suffering within those walls. When we let ourselves become divided in our own fellowship by outside controversy, we limit our effectiveness in being helpful and cease to exist as an entity.

-Zander T., an HA member in Prescott, AZ

*If you would like your meeting featured in our meeting spotlight, or have any other content you would like to submit, please feel free to contact us at the email listed. Thank you!*

*Heroin Anonymous World Services Board*

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