



HEROIN ANONYMOUS WORLD BULLETIN

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AREA SPOTLIGHT

Austin, TX

Heroin Anonymous began in Austin, TX about seven years ago. For four years H.A. struggled to get off the ground. In May of 2013, however, the change began. Two heroin addicts, Dillo M. and Mark R. had a conversation about the need for a reemergence of H.A. in Austin. Mark R. contacted H.A. World Services and ordered a meeting start-up kit. As soon as it arrived, the ball began to roll. The new meeting was named "Paint It Black". Today, it has a regular attendance from anywhere between 50 and 60 people! Since that ground-breaking

meeting began, three other meetings sprouted up in Austin, one of which is a women-only meeting called

"Heroin Chic".

One member of H.A. in Austin estimates approximately 100 active members who regularly attend these four weekly meetings.

Today, H.A. members in Austin

are working to create an area meeting to help support the current meetings and to advise new meetings on how to get up and running. H.A. in Austin is alive and well!

If you would like your meeting featured in The Bulletin, contact the HA bulletin committee at: haworldbulletin@gmail.com

H.A. WORLD CONVENTION, 2017

As established in the recently published Bidding Guidelines, any groups submitting a bid application for the 2017 H.A. World Convention should deliver it to H.A. World Services by **July 22nd, 2015**. Therefore, the due date is right around the corner! If your group needs assistance in assembling the bid application, the previous convention committee is available to share their experience. To contact us, please e-mail

haconvention@gmail.com.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE H.A. WORLD SERVICES BOARD

Recently, it was brought to our attention that listing member's phone numbers on the H.A. World Services web site may pose some difficulties to our fellowship. Some of these include:

- a) The jeopardizing of a member's anonymity.
- b) The inability for HAWS to know whether or not a number is still active or if the member is still active in H.A., and
- c) Ambiguity in whether or not the listed number has

been approved by a group to represent itself.

However, we have also heard that the phone numbers listed are beneficial because a suffering heroin addict can directly call a member of H.A. providing a good opportunity for immediate service.

Some groups have partially solved these issues by creating hotlines or e-mail addresses which are attached to service commitments defined by the group's conscience.

We would like to hear what you think! Do you think a member's phone number ought to be listed on the HAWS web site? Can you think of other ways to solve this problem? Before making a final decision on this issue, we strongly encourage our fellowship to give us input. After all, many of you volunteered your numbers to be on the web site. If you have input, please reply to the e-mail you received which contained this bulletin.

THE 2ND TRADITION OF H.A.

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority- a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

When I think of the second tradition, two points come to mind. First, it lets me know that there are no presidents in HA. No one person can pass down any orders or dictations. Since our ultimate authority is God as he may express himself in our group conscience, I know that all decisions are made by the group as a whole. This gives each of us an equal voice in the direction our group or fellowship follows.

The second point that comes to mind is that our trusted servants are not an authoritative governing body. In my early experience as a trusted servant, I thought this position gave me some sense of power over the group. This type of ego inflation is poisonous to me and bothersome to the rest of my group. Upon learning more about the 2nd tradition, I got off of my high horse. I realized that I have been given the opportunity to maintain my sobriety by being of service to the group conscience. Today, I strive to be an "elder statesman", not the "bleeding deacon" I once was.

In loving service,
Brent B. of HA in Birmingham, AL

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