



# HEROIN ANONYMOUS WORLD BULLETIN

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*Greetings,*

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

## MEETING SPOTLIGHT

*"Up With Hope Down With Dope" Group –Warren, OH*

"Up With Hope Down with Dope" was formed in July of 2011. We had four homegroup members and an average attendance of ten addicts per week. For about the first two years we were cramped in a small back room at our local sober club in Warren, Ohio. We could barely afford rent or key tags. Losing some of our members along the way gave us a fierce drive to continue to carry the message. Today we have around 25 active homegroup members and an average attendance of

120 addicts per week. The meeting takes up the entire downstairs and upstairs of that same sober club, and we even split it into three groups for the discussion! We offer a number of service positions for members to get involved with i.e. coffee making, secretary, treasurer, chairperson, greeters, set-up and clean up. We also have started two other HA meetings on Monday and Tuesday nights as well as created an H&I Committee which is currently carrying the HA message to a local treatment facility. We

believe this meeting survived the hard times in order to fulfill the great need we have to try and carry the message to other heroin addicts. Each week we have anywhere from 10-15 newcomers that remind us why we are there and we take a lot of pride in HA and in giving these newcomers a place to meet. If you find yourself in Ohio, we invite you to come check us out. Each person there is nothing short of a miracle. We meet every Thursday at 7:45 pm. You can find our meeting listed on the HA web site.

**Contact HAWWS Bulletin:**

All correspondence will be filtered by our HA bulletin committee at: [haworldbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:haworldbulletin@gmail.com).

We can also be contacted through our web site at: [www.heroinanonymous.org](http://www.heroinanonymous.org).

## UPDATING THE MEETING LIST

It is our responsibility as recovering men and women to make the solution of Heroin Anonymous available to anyone suffering from the grip of this fatal malady. Attending an HA meeting or reaching out to a member of the fellowship is one of the many ways the newcomer may become acquainted with the 12 steps of HA. As our fellowship grows and evolves across the world, we of HAWS believe it is important to ensure our website is as up to date as possible to prevent newcomers that are seeking help from arriving at an incorrectly listed

meeting address, calling a disconnected phone number or possibly taking three buses to a dark meeting. Therefore, members of HA have been conducting a worldwide sweep on the meetings and contacts listed on the HAWS website. The experience of speaking to our friends across the country has been indescribable. Hearing the energy and gratitude buzzing from cell phone towers truly gave new meaning to, "having shared in a common peril is one element in the powerful cement which binds us. (BB PG 17)" The voices of the warriors from New Mexico

to New York gave us a high better than any bought on the street. Although some cities thrive and others are still finding their feet, we feel it is vital to convey the importance of communicating changes relevant to the [HAWS website](#). If you have been involved with a meeting that is listed on the HAWS website, or a meeting goes dark, changes addresses, or the contact phone number is no longer accurate, do not hesitate to [contact us](#). This service is our responsibility to the newcomer.

## THE 5<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION OF H.A.

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*Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the heroin addict who still suffers.*

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"Tradition five is very important. The whole key to this program is that you must give it away to keep it. What people don't understand is that you cannot transmit something you don't have. One must work through the 12 steps with a sponsor that is truly living in recovery. Then, when a person in need walks in, you can sit down and share your experience, strength and hope with them and hopefully give them a ray of light so they will attend another meeting. Also, this not only needs to happen in the rooms, but outside of the rooms as well. Are you truly living recovery outside of the rooms and carrying the message?"

- Tim R., an HA member in Naperville, IL

*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 above. Thank you!*

*Heroin Anonymous World Services Board*

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