



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

"Rush of Recovery" Group –Keyport, NJ

Keyport, New Jersey's first meeting of Heroin Anonymous started November 10, 2014 with 10 homegroup members. The meeting began as a speaker discussion format every Monday night at 7:30 pm. As it grew we implemented a bi-weekly change of speaker discussion and speaker/step discussion out of AA's *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We have also started a Friday night 7:00 pm speaker/literature discussion meeting at the same location.

Recently, our group has participated in two Town Hall meetings held by the prosecutor's office to raise awareness of the heroin epidemic. We also have a commitment to attend H&I meetings at local rehabs four times a month. Two rehabs in the

area bus in 15-20 addicts per meeting each week. Our group is also in the process of obtaining two more H&I commitments.

The group has grown due to the overwhelming problem with heroin in the area and the solution found in the message of Heroin Anonymous. Our homegroup is now up to 15 active members and our Monday night meeting has seen upwards of 60 people in attendance! November 9th, 2015 will be our one year anniversary which will be an extended hour and a half meeting with refreshments and a male and female speaker. All are welcome to join us and we appreciate your support.

- Joey V., an HA member in Keyport, NJ

HAWWS BULLETIN NAME CHANGE

The Heroin Anonymous World Services Monthly Bulletin, while being a very useful vehicle to share information with our fellowship around the world, is also a mouthful. With that in mind, we would love to give a name to the bulletin, and we want your suggestions! If you can think of a great name for our bulletin (think AA's "Grapevine"), please [follow this link](#) and answer a few questions. The bulletin committee will pick a handful of finalists for final voting next month. Thank you all in advance!

Contact HAWWS Bulletin:

All correspondence will be filtered by our HA bulletin committee at: haworldbulletin@gmail.com.

We can also be contacted through our web site at: www.heroinanonymous.org.

HAWS OPEN SERVICE POSITIONS FOR NEW COMMITTEES

Service junkies of the world, grace us with your voice! We recently voted to establish two standing committees that need your expertise. First, we are seeking individuals interested in chairing the Structures and Bylaws Committee. This committee will be responsible for writing a world service manual! Second, we are seeking a chair for the HAWS Conference Committee. We foresee a conference being the next big step for the fellowship of HA as a whole. Unlike the HAWS

Convention (San Diego, 2017-mark your calendars!), a conference is a medium for HA group representatives to gather and create a group consensus through discussion and deliberation of topics pertaining to the future of HA. It should be noted, these commitments require a considerable amount of time and effort.

To nominate someone, please send their service resume to HAWS and indicate the committee of interest. If you have any questions, please contact us

and we'll point you in the right direction. Service resumes should be submitted no later than 11/30/2015. At the December HAWS meeting, the board will elect the two chairs. Then, the chairs will begin building their respective committees.

If you wish to participate but do not want to be the chair, please let us know and we will forward your interest to the newly elected chair.

- HAWS Board

THE 7TH TRADITION OF H.A.

Every H.A group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

"We recently started the first area meeting in south Florida and without the 7th tradition, we would not have been able to make the meeting what it is. Watching us become self-supporting, slowly but surely, was amazing. At first, we were barely able to afford our own rent, but as more people came and put that essential dollar in the basket we were able to not only pay rent, but buy the things that we needed for our meeting like literature, chips, and other supplies.

The importance of the 7th tradition for me goes beyond just rent, literature, and chips, though. It has enabled us to form a fellowship here in south Florida by giving the meeting what it needs to function properly. That's why we have found it so essential to give when you can, support your home group, and all of Heroin Anonymous."

- Jenna D., an HA member in West Palm Beach, FL

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!

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