



Greetings,

We write to 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 country and world.

Bulletin Summary

This month we have attached a few fliers to the bulletin. We have one explaining the reasoning behind the new HA literature, the new HA reading, HA Convention registration sign up sheet, and a banquet info sheet.

HA World Convention

Likely, you have already heard about HA's first ever World Convention. It celebrates the 10 year anniversary of HA. Hosted by HA World Services, the convention will be held in Scottsdale, AZ, from August 8th - 10th, and HA members are traveling from all over the country to attend. Now that we are approaching the date of the convention, we ask those of you who are planning to attend to please purchase your airfare while it is still cheap, book your rooms, and preregister. The hotel has informed us that within 30 days of the convention, room rates may increase, although we do not anticipate too significant a change. In addition, we encourage your attendance at the banquet. For your convenience, we have attached a general convention flyer, a registration form, and a banquet flyer. Please distribute them!

If you would like more information or have any question at all, please visit www.heroinanonymous.org/HAconvention1.html and contact us at haconvention@gmail.com

Meeting Spotlight

Our meeting spotlight falls upon "Junkie See Junkie Do" this month. This group has grown from a handful of less than ten people in February 2013 to over 70 every week! They meet in Tempe, Arizona and have a speaker / discussion meeting every Thursday at 8PM. "Junkie See Junkie Do" can be found at The Pigeon Coop (4415 S. Rural Rd. Tempe, Arizona 85203 Suite 8&9) and is an Open meeting. If you would like your meeting featured on the bulletin, please email the HA bulletin committee (haworldbulletin@gmail.com).

Contact Us:

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

We can also be contacted through our website at
<http://www.heroinanonymous.org>

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Sincerely,

Heroin Anonymous World Services Board

A note from the HAWS Literature committee:

We have recently received many inquiries about why we are creating new readings. We'd like to clarify these actions and invite members' opinions. As our fellowship has been experiencing an incredible amount of growth, H.A. World Services has been growing in parallel. Supporting H.A. groups is the ultimate purpose of H.A. World Services.

It was brought to our attention that we may not have permission from A.A. to use and adapt readings like "How it Works" and "A Vision for You" in our meetings. In the spirit of cooperation, we reached out to A.A. on this matter and they informed us that while they cheerfully grant us permission to use and adapt the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, we do not have that same permission to adapt and reproduce their readings to suit our fellowship. Other fellowships that have asked permission to do the same have consistently not been approved. Their response, in short, was that these actions may dilute the credibility of the material and may confuse the reader, especially one who has read the original version of the readings published by A.A. (i.e. we adapt "How it Works" to say, "our description of the heroin addict, the chapter to the agnostic, and our personal adventures...", without actually having a chapter to the agnostics and personal stories. That is A.A. material) Although A.A. World Services was careful to say that they do not police such issues, we decided to write our own readings which groups may use as an alternative. With "A Way Out", we think we've made a good start while still capturing the essence of "How It Works." We are also currently editing an alternative reading for "A Vision For You," and would welcome any suggestions or ideas. Our ultimate goal would be to have a variety of readings written by H.A. members and made available to the fellowship to choose from.

In observance of traditions two and four, we only *suggest* that groups attempt to cooperate with the boundaries of other fellowships. We hope this clarifies this issue and welcome your correspondence. "A Way Out" is attached to this bulletin. Please feel free to contact us at h.a.w.s.literature@gmail.com.

A Way Out

Many of our members have gotten sober lots of times. Our challenge was *staying sober*. We were able to stop using for days, months or even years, but we could not find a permanent solution. Eventually, we wound up in rooms like these. If you are a heroin addict desperately searching for a way out, we found one that's working for us.

We all had our own ideas on how to stop using. These methods didn't work for long. If these approaches were successful, we would have quit a long time ago. Holding on to these beliefs was futile and until we were able to let go altogether, we could never be free.

We discovered a better way to live. We saw others who no longer struggled with heroin addiction and even seemed happy! They encouraged us to go through the Twelve Steps like they had. By applying these principles in our daily lives, we found a new freedom, a new happiness and a new way of living.

We have found that successful recovery is dependent upon completion of all Twelve Steps. If you want a way out and are willing to work for it, then you are ready to begin.

Here are the steps we took:

1. We admitted we were powerless over heroin - that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, *as we understood Him*.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with *God as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to heroin addicts, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

When we sincerely applied the 12 steps to our lives, we found long-term success in sobriety. We are not asked to do this perfectly; we strive for progress, not perfection. We have found a way out of our suffering and simply wish to share what worked for us. In our fellowship you will see heroin addicts helping each other, freely passing on their experience to those who are desperately searching for an answer to their own heroin addiction.



We invite you to join us for the first Heroin Anonymous world convention. The convention will be held August 8th-10th, 2014, at the beautiful Double Tree resort located in Scottsdale, Arizona. It is our goal to bring heroin addicts, from all over the world, together to celebrate in recovery, while strengthening the connection with our fellows and a Higher Power. Activities at the convention will include a multitude of fun and spiritually enhancing experiences including: marathon meetings, workshops, amazing speakers, fellowship, dances, meditations, and much more. This is something you will NOT want to miss!

To register, fill out the bottom portion of this form and send it with payment to:

**HAWS
5025 N. Central Avenue - #587
Phoenix, AZ 85012**

Or register *online* at www.heroinanonymous.org/HAconvention1.html

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2014 Heroin Anonymous World Convention Registration Form:

Name: _____ City and State: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Homegroup: _____
 Email: _____
 Date: _____ I am willing to be of service at the convention

Do you need any special assistance? If so please explain: _____

Registration costs for the HA world convention August 8th-10th:

Before May 8 th -----	\$20
May 8 th - August 1 st -----	\$25
August 2 nd - August 10 th -----	\$30

(Hotel room and Banquet dinner not included)

Mark the appropriate boxes and fill in amounts paid:

Registration (See Above): ----- \$ _____
 Banquet (\$65): ----- \$ _____ (must be registered to attend banquet)
 Scholarship Donation (Help a Newcomer): ---- \$ _____

Total Amount Paid: \$ _____

Hotel information:

Hotel Name: DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley - Scottsdale
 Hotel Address: 5401 N. Scottsdale Rd.
 Scottsdale, Arizona 85250-7090
 Phone Number: (480)947-5400
 Earliest check-in: August 4, 2014
 Latest check-out: August 12, 2014

To book a hotel at a special room rate, complete the following steps:

1. Go to www.heroinanonymous.org
2. Click the "World Convention" link
3. Click the link to book the hotel
4. Continue with resort web-site instructions

If you have questions, contact:

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2014 Heroin Anonymous World Convention Banquet Information

There are a limited number of seats available!

BOOK YOURS NOW

at <http://www.heroinanonymous.org/HAAconvention1.html>

Price: \$65.00

When: Saturday at 6:00 pm.

Perks:

- Closest seats to the 8:00 pm main speaker
- Participation in the live auction
- Dinner served by the DoubleTree Resort

Attire: Formal