



THE MAINLINE

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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.

A REMINDER FROM THE HAWWS CONVENTION LIAISON

HAWWS is accepting applications for the 2018 World Convention. If your area is interested in submitting a bid, please download the application and guidelines from the Convention section of the HAWWS web site. Also, you can e-mail us with any questions or comments at haconvention@gmail.com.

ONE HEROIN ADDICT'S STORY

My name is Leticia P. and I am a heroin addict. I will share with you what I was like, what happened and where I'm at now. I will start with my experiences as a child. I was one of seven siblings. My oldest sister was a full blown alcoholic. I remember being a young girl and seeing a lot of dysfunctional activities like domestic violence, mental and emotional abuse. When I became a teenager I ran away from

home with my sister and brother because we did not want to live with our crazy family. One thing I remember about my alcoholic sister was that she was always happy when she would have her alcohol. She was a happy drunk. As a young girl I would say to myself that I want to be just like her. I became just like her except that I used heroin and she didn't. At nineteen years old I hung out with older men and

women that were using heroin. When I first used heroin, I didn't like it. I tried it for the second time and I have to say that once I started using it I never realized that I would become addicted. I started to sell my body for heroin. I went to jail. I stole money from my mother. I did anything for heroin. I went with strangers and woke up in ugly places. I did two prison terms due to heroin. I was 26 years old when I was introduce

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to Narcotics Anonymous in prison. I must say that was the best thing that ever happen to me. Years later, I was asked to speak at an H.A. meeting and it felt good to know that I had 28 years when I first walked into a meeting of H.A. I had heard of H.A., just never attended. I just celebrated 29 years clean. I have been attending an

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H.A. meeting with 8 regulars with a total of 155 years of clean time. I really want to become more active in H.A. due to the heroin epidemic. I work in treatment and I have seen so many young kids strung out on heroin and pills. The brother I mentioned that I ran away from home with died of a heroin overdose at 21 and

my sister the alcoholic died of alcoholism at 62. I hope that I was able to help you, the reader, by sharing my story. I am so grateful to the twelve steps that have changed my life. I know that H.A. is going to grow. I love who I am today: a person who gives back to addicts that don't know there is a way out, that there is a better way of life.

-Leticia P, an H.A.
Member in Tijuana, Mexico

HAWS BOARD ELECTIONS

The positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and five "at-large" voting board positions are up for reelection in February. Therefore, the HAWS board is accepting service resumes for these positions. We strongly encourage you to take this information to your respective home groups for discussion and seek the group's nomination, before volunteering individually. Although a home group's nomination is not a prerequisite this commitment, we suggest this in the spirit of our second tradition. For more information, please contact the bulletin committee and they will point you in the right direction. Service resumes for this position are due by January 7th, 2017.

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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