



# 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.*

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKED & ARTSYNESS NEEDED!

2018 World Convention Update

To all those out there in the fellowship crowd who consider themselves part of a not-glum lot, the entertainment roster for the 2018 HA World Convention has been solidified! On Friday night we will have a DJ DJ-ing, on Saturday night there will be comedians comedian-ing (that's a word), and there will be exclamation points everywhere!!!

If you were holding off on buying your entertainment tickets thus far because you wanted to know what you were paying for... Good for you. That's a smart move. But, now that you know for certain what we have in store for you, kindly shut up and give us your money!!!

If you are not yet of service to the World Convention and would like to be, we are calling all artists! A Convention Design Team is needed. We need one or more people with skills in Adobe Creative Suite, basic knowledge of print production, and creative project management. Essentially we're looking for an organized and creative person with time and willingness. This subcommittee will be responsible for the creation and printing of programs, fliers, badges, signs, and banners.

Any and all are welcome to volunteer. Suggested sobriety requirement 1 year. Sobriety resume not necessary, simply email [haconvention@gmail.com](mailto:haconvention@gmail.com)!!!

Thank you,

Anthony B.

HAWC18 Committee Member

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## THE IDAHO 13

### Meeting Spotlight – Boise, ID

It started when my sister got clean. We had both moved from Arizona to Boise, Idaho in 2017, and she was having a hard time identifying and finding a place in the recovery community. I told her about my previous experiences with Heroin Anonymous in Arizona, and what an impact the HA community there had made upon me. I thought to myself, I wish there was an HA meeting we could go to. At that time, there were no HA meetings in our state. That got me thinking and a seed was planted.

I began making phone calls and eventually found my way to the HA website where I requested a meeting start-up kit. Another addict and I began making flyers and canvassing the city, talking to anyone who would listen to us about Heroin Anonymous and the meeting we hoped to start. Our flyers and messages found their way into drug courts, probation offices, treatment centers and detoxes. We couldn't wait for the first meeting.

The night of the meeting, there were only three of us in the room, and it was scheduled to begin in ten minutes. I was so worried no one would come. Five more people came into the room...then another two or three...and then two or three more. In total, 13 people showed up that night. None of them had ever been to an HA meeting before besides me. It was a little awkward and most of us were nervous but

one by one we went around the table and said out loud, I am a Heroin addict. The power in the room was overwhelming and I fought back tears most of the meeting. There was a bond and a connection that was formed and we were all a part of something bigger than ourselves. That something was a power that I call God, who has solved my suffering from heroin addiction. That night, in that room, as we joined together, Heroin Anonymous was born in the state of Idaho.

Since that time our group has grown, bit by bit. We have an average of 16 people each week. We recently had our first business meeting where we elected service officers. We are working on community outreach opportunities to share what was so freely given to us. When I see my fellow addicts sharing and laughing and growing together in a meeting that did not exist just a few months ago, I am humbled by God's power to truly work miracles in our lives. To be in a place in my recovery where I can be a part of God's work is my newfound purpose and joy. If you are ever in the Boise area, look us up. We would love to see you at the Wholesale Miracles meeting of Heroin Anonymous.

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## 32 SECONDS OF CLEAN TIME

Personal Story: Eric G. – San Diego, CA

I was born into addiction. The moment I found out I no longer had to feel, it was on. I'm 32 years old, and up to this point in my life, would never have expected to have 32 seconds of clean time. I started smoking at 13, and by 14 it was all about the needle. My parents were never around, and when they were, it was because they were trashed. I started selling dope to support my habit. I was never accepted until I had what others wanted, and I felt important for once.

As life moved forward, I spent many of my days in jail, and was usually running from the law when I was out. I've lost every friend I've had to death from the drug or because I bottled up my feelings. Finally the day came when I lost 5 years of freedom to a bad decision. I wanted money and no longer cared what happened to me or anyone else.

After those five years, I was released healthy. I stayed clean, got a job and had my own place. One day, a car hit me as I was walking home. I woke up four months later with one brain surgery down and two more to go. I finally got out the hospital and come home, only to be told I can't stay by the one person I thought would never turn on me; my mom. Now I'm pissed off, and even with the knowledge that a meeting is

only 5 min away I chose to pick up. Three months and 18,000 dollars later, I'm homeless and broke again.

I decided at that moment I was done. I went to detox and once again, once the fog cleared that feeling of misery came on thinking about all the people I had harmed. I had put family, friends and myself through hell. But...I put together my first 32 seconds of clean time...and then another 32 seconds, and another, and another.

Today I am coming up on two years. It is still an every day struggle for me, but who I am today is someone I thought I could never be. I am someone people enjoy being around. I am someone people no longer run from. Yes, I am a heroin addict, but I can no longer hide from my feelings and emotions. I've found peace and happiness with what I've learned from working the steps with a sponsor, going to meetings and being an active member of the fellowship that saves my life today, Heroin Anonymous. I couldn't face this alone, so I looked for help and surrendered myself to the program.

Eric G.  
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*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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