



# 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.*

## WEBMASTER CHAIR POSITION OPEN

HA World Services Board Update

Dear Fellowship of Heroin Anonymous,

The Chair position on the HA World Services Board Webmaster Subcommittee will soon be vacant. If you are interested in filling this position, please make sure you fulfill the following requirements:

- This position requires at least two continuous years of sobriety.
- As is the case with any member of the HAWWS board, an understanding of the 12 traditions and how they may be applied is important.
- Attendance is required at a monthly HAWWS board meeting. If you are not within driving distance of Phoenix, AZ, the Webmaster is required to video chat into the meeting.

The Chair of Webmaster Subcommittee is not necessarily a technical position. Although the Webmaster should have a grasp on the general structure of a website and associated online platforms to make changes, they will be expected to *lead* a committee of individuals to maintain the HAWWS website, rather than maintain it themselves.

Thus, this is a position for an organized and reliable individual with somewhat less focus on the technical aspects of a website. These skills would certainly be useful, however.

Although the time commitment varies, the Webmaster Chair spends an average of 5 hours per week fulfilling this commitment and is expected to be available for various correspondence, especially by email, and respond within a reasonable time frame. If you are interested in running for this position, please email [hawssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hawssecretary@gmail.com) expressing your interest **no later than July 9th, 2019**.

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## HAWC 2020 – “CLEANING UP THE DIRTY SOUTH”

HA World Convention Update

It's official!

**The 2020 Heroin Anonymous World Services Convention is August 28-30, 2020 in Atlanta, GA.**

The convention committee would love your support and service. The goal is to throw a convention that is a true reflection of HA nationwide. To make this possible, the host committee needs your input on speaker submissions, panel and workshop ideas, and artwork.

Please send submissions or questions to: [convention@georgiaha.org](mailto:convention@georgiaha.org)

## SPONSORING FROM THE OUTSIDE → IN

Corrections Institutions Correspondence Update

Heroin Anonymous needs willing men and women to sponsor the still-suffering addict who is behind bars via mail correspondence. It does not matter if jail or prison is a part of your story; these members already know how to be locked up. They need someone to walk with them to freedom from addiction.

If you are a sponsor in HA who is willing to be of service to the incarcerated HA member, contact HAWS at [h.a.w.s.literature@gmail.com](mailto:h.a.w.s.literature@gmail.com) with your name and region to be connected to an invaluable service opportunity.

## HAPPY ADDICTS, BEHIND BARS – A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Meeting Spotlight: “Happy Addicts” Group – Perryville Prison, Goodyear, AZ

The “Happy Addicts” group at Perryville Prison in Goodyear, AZ came to our minimum-security yard at the perfect time. The San Carlos unit has 1250+ women, but only a few have chosen to work a twelve-step program. Every month we hear of our friends, “bunkies”, or neighbors who have been released from prison, only to relapse and/or die from an overdose. This is due to a

lack of tools or proper information to remain abstinent from mind-altering substances and old habits.

Many women return to Perryville within a short period of their release with new charges related to this disease.

This meeting was started by a Heroin Anonymous member, who carries the

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message to two units at Perryville, a little over a year ago. One day, there were flyers about a HA meeting in all 10 recreational rooms. There was an abundance of women here in the San Carlos unit that were very excited and absolutely grateful for this new recovery meeting.

Today, the "Happy Addicts" meeting has about seven homegroup members. Although new members come each week, with the average attendance being 10-25 women, only few reappear. Despite the struggle with getting women to show up on time, come back after picking up a key tag, or show up in general, we keep the doors open because we would love nothing more than to see growth in the turnout rate.

The Happy Addicts group was our first experience running a homegroup business meeting. In the meeting we have learned to follow Robert's Rules of Order and have a variety of service positions that excite the women. Each month we elect a chair, co-chair, "chip chick", attendance sheet signer, welcome reader, secretary, and business chair/co-chair. Our regular meeting rotates positions monthly, and our business meeting rotates every three months. It can

be difficult to get women to maintain their service positions as incarceration comes with many mandatory commitments, such as working a job and classes, that takes away from the group. Despite our limitations, this meeting has given hope to many women. There are always people who view prison as a horrible catastrophe; for many of us, it was a blessing in disguise.

Behind razor wire and locked gates, hardcore recovery exists. Every week is a new adventure into self-discovery. The first week is a hope dealers meeting; the second week is a speaker from the "real world"; the third week is a "God Stick" meeting; the fourth week is an "Experience, Strength, & Hope" meeting with a speaker from the inside; the fifth week is a Mainline meeting.

Our overall goal is to help as many suffering addicts as possible by offering a solution, an open door, and an open heart. The twelve steps, the HA fellowship, and the Hospitals & Institutions volunteers have given us women in such dark places so much hope for a brighter future.

- The Women of Perryville Prison

## THEIR IS A NEW POSITION OPIN YOUR GUNNA LUV!

Editor Position Available – Mainline Bulletin Update

### See what we did there ^^^

That could be YOU making funny spelling/grammar jokes! If you fancy yourself a wordsmith, or simply someone who like correcting the errors of others (who doesn't), this position is for you!

There is no formal sobriety time requirement, and the rest of the Editor position's roles and responsibilities are as follows:

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- Organize RAW incoming content submissions in our Google Drive folder structure.
- Read & revise content for grammar, punctuation, and flow, and layout.
- Correspond with original authors for additional information and approval of revisions.
- Organize EDITED content and deliver to Layout Designer within Trello (project management software).
- Proof-read final, designed bulletin prior to publishing and dissemination.

The Mainline Committee is proud to be HA's most technologically advanced committee! The current team is fully remote and distributed between AZ, OR, and NY. As such, we rely on Google's suite of business tools, Mailchimp for email list management and broadcasts, and Trello for team communication and project collaboration.

Fear not! All these programs are very simple to use, and our publishing operations are easy to adopt. A computer or reliable access to one is required to be considered for this position.

If interested, simply reply to the email that delivered this month's issue, or email [haworldbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:haworldbulletin@gmail.com).

In service,

The Mainline Folks

*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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