

—WORLD BOARD— **NEWS FLASH**

NA Way Articles Needed

You are The NA Way! Material for the magazine comes from NA members. We need your help to write articles for the magazine, and/or to encourage other members you know to do so, especially someone you know who has a great story to share about one of the upcoming themes. *The NA Way Magazine* is a broad-based recovery and service magazine for the NA member. Editorial content ranges from personal recovery experience (including humor or nostalgia) to opinion pieces regarding topics of concern to NA as a whole, plus standard reports from world services. Regarding the tone of an article, we look for a spirit of unity and mutual respect. We don't back off from controversy if a constructive solution is offered. We accept submissions in the same languages we publish *The NA Way*: English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish. Here are the themes for the next four issues of the magazine, October 2001 through July 2002. Note that the deadline for each issue is actually three full months in advance due to the production schedule of the magazine.

October 2001 *NA Way*—Theme: “Regardless of age...”—Youth in Recovery Deadline (manuscripts in to World Service Office): 1 July 2001

- ❖ What is your/our experience with sponsoring young addicts?
How have you/we confronted issues that may not be problems for older addicts (i.e., parental control, grounding, conflicts with teachers and parents, peers, etc.)?
- ❖ Who do you listen to when your sponsor and your parents are not in agreement?
- ❖ Do you need a sponsor that is older than you, younger, or does it matter?
- ❖ What do you, as a youth in recovery, bring to NA?
- ❖ What is your home group doing to welcome the youth into NA?
- ❖ In the past, youth in NA have sometimes faced prejudice from other members. How can “older” members welcome “younger” members to NA? As a youth, do you feel more qualified to be a member if you have been in jail, lived on the street, or have a family that you left behind?
- ❖ As a young person, how do you want to be treated? What do you want *your* Narcotics Anonymous to look like, sound like, feel like...what can NA do to make you feel welcomed?
- ❖ How young is “young” in NA?
- ❖ Does focusing on youth in recovery create separation?

January 2002 *NA Way*—Theme: Consensus and Group Conscience Deadline (manuscripts in to World Service Office): 1 October 2001

- ❖ Compromise; surrendering your opinion for the good of the group.
- ❖ How does the fact that you might be right prevent you from compromise and/or interfere with group conscience?
- ❖ How does your group work with strong opinions in reaching consensus and group conscience?
- ❖ How does your group allow a Higher Power into its processes?
- ❖ With the exchange of ideas between opposing sides, how can you/do you stay spiritually centered?
- ❖ What is your understanding of consensus? Uniformity; unanimity; etc.? Give some examples.
- ❖ Do you think group conscience helps to build the foundation for unity? Your experiences with consensus building.



April 2002 NA Way—Theme: You and Your Home Group
Deadline (manuscripts in to World Service Office): 1 January 2002

- ❖ What does your home group mean to you? Can you have more than one home group? What are the benefits of having a home group?
- ❖ How do you get support if your home group really needs it?
- ❖ How do you get members to fill positions at a group and/or area level? How does your home group contribute to the unity with other groups or the area?
- ❖ How does group autonomy apply to your home group?
- ❖ What do you consider your home group's primary purpose? Is there a secondary purpose?
- ❖ How does your home group deal with disruptive/violent members? What are some of the things your home group does to contribute to an atmosphere of recovery?
- ❖ What about children at your home group?
- ❖ What format is your home group or what works for your home group?
- ❖ Does your home group participate in area and region? Do the members in your home group take interest in the World Service Conference and/or the *Conference Agenda Report*?

July 2002 NA Way—Theme: Uncovering the Nature of Anonymity
Deadline (manuscripts in to World Service Office): 1 April 2002

- ❖ What is anonymous? Dictionary definition versus NA's definition. Does it mean we are a secret organization/society?
- ❖ Does it take away our individuality?
- ❖ Why is it stated that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions?
- ❖ Why is it so important to NA?
- ❖ Why is it important "at the level of press, radio, and films?"
- ❖ What does "principles before personalities" mean to you?
- ❖ Does anonymity apply to those members doing service?
- ❖ When do we have a choice to be anonymous? And is anonymity a requirement?
- ❖ When is anonymity "broken?"
- ❖ How can we carry the message, both as individuals and as a fellowship, and still maintain our anonymity?
- ❖ Why do you/we care so much about our identity now that we are in recovery, while when we were active there was no discretion with our using?

Remember, you don't need to be a great writer to share your experience, strength, and hope with the fellowship. If you have a great experience to share, feel free to contact the NA Way Editor in care of WSO. All manuscripts are subject to a review and editing process and must be accompanied by a copyright release form (available on request). The various sections of the magazine are as follows: feature articles (up to 2,500 words) personal sharing (500 to 2,000 words); letters to the editor (up to 2,000 words) parables; humor; and our "Picture This" feature (photographs of NA group meeting places).

Thank you for your help developing articles focusing on these themes, or recruiting other members to do so.

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