

# THE KANSAS CITY PIPELINE

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## UNITY PURPOSE:

To enhance communication and outreach among diverse elements within the fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous in the interest of carrying the message to the addict who still suffers and promote unity.



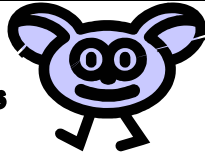
The Editor

### “Lazy crazy days of summer”

Well, my fellow CA'ers the World Service Convention is behind us. That was fun, wasn't it? It marked the beginning of the summer ahead. Did you meet some new friends? Did you grow spiritually? Did you take some memorabilia? I had the opportunity to meet one lady who says she has been to all 23 World Service Conventions. I thought what a novel idea!! So let's start saving our money for next Memorial Day weekend. The 24th Annual World Service Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, UT.

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### **Overheard at meetings**



"I had 10 years off crack, then I thought I could sell it".

*"I am thankful that God's grace has kept me alive."*

*"These meetings soothe me while I am going through something."*

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### News to Use

*July 28th Working With Others 14th Anniversary at 3101 Troost*

*August District Picnic at Swope Park Shelter #10*

*Next Area Meeting September 16th Columbia Mo*

*Midwest Regional Convention Ot 27-29th, Itasca, IL*



### Step This Way:

STEP 3 "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of *God as we understood Him*"

Faith is the principle of Step Three but I've learned that trust is as equally important. Faith was not much of a problem to me. I had faith that God was all things, could do anything, and so on but I didn't know how the trust factored in. I also wasn't convinced that even though I had faith, it would do much for me. Here is the way someone explained faith and trust to me and I never forgot it. She asked, "If we put a thin wire over the Grand Canyon and gave your Higher Power a wheelbarrow, do you have faith that your Higher Power could safely walk that line?" "Yes", I said, "because I have faith in my Higher Power." "Okay," she said, "sounds like you have faith. Now here is the trust. Would you get into the wheelbarrow?" I've been placed in the "wheel barrow of Life's stuff" on a regular basis in the past year and after searching for the answer to "the stuff", and because of Step Three (Made a decision to turn our will and our life over to the care of GOD as we Understood him); I've resolve to trust my Higher Power to see me through this one, and that one, and so on.....and believe it or not he (GOD) just "shows up and show out". Today I thank my GOD for his mercy and grace and for granting me a "way out".

Without Step 3, my mind would be carrying around a whole lot of "baggage".

I pray that my recovering sister and brothers could/would grasp hold to Step 3 and run with it.

May God Continue to keep you steadfast in your Recovery!

Carla G.

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### The Glum Lot



"Q: What are the first five words a crackhead in a three piece tailored suit hears?

A: "Will the defendant please rise"

Q: How can you pick out the tweaker in the grocery store?

A: He is the one with his cart flipped upside down fixing the wheels!



### Traditions Corner

**"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon C.A. unity."**

"The moment this Twelfth Step work forms a group, another discovery is made – that most individuals cannot recover unless there is a group." p. 130 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

Now the question is: Are you a PART of your group? Do you show up only when YOU need a meeting, or are you there to help the new man? Are you part of the informed group conscience? Are you part of the "problem", or part of the solution? Do you show up consistently, and so help both by being there physically, and financially? If circumstances make it so that your

## WHO HAS RECOVERED

### CTC

Archie J- 3 yrs  
Melvin S-3 yrs  
Viola L -5 yrs  
Duog K- 2 yrs  
Jeff F -7 yrs

### Minn Ave

Ricky- 1 yr  
Hope- 1 year  
William- 8 years

### Free At Last

Jeff M. 11 years  
Dennis W. 6 years  
Janette W. 6 yrs  
Mikka A. 1 yr

### R.O.C.

Donna 6yrs

### WVO

Pearl-13 years  
Emily 9 years  
Marcella 11 years  
Jose 14 years

### Nrthlnd

Rod - 12 years  
Jahi - 19 years  
Amanda - 2 years

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Convention quotes

"What I took from the 07 World Service Convention - lots of fun to be involved in and serve on the committee but boy oh boy am I glad it's over! Can't wait until the next one!" **Amanda**

"Believe it are not, this was my first experience at a convention. Although I was there Thursday night only, the feeling was electric. I now understand the meaning of FAST FRIENDS mentioned in the Big Book!!" -**Still Johnny**

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attendance is not as frequent as it once was, do you continue to send financial support or do you depend on other group members to pick up the slack? Do you participate in business meetings consistently, or only when an issue that you are interested in is on the table? Are you familiar with the twelve traditions, which are our guides to group unity, growth, and discipline? Are you sponsoring new members, both in steps and service? Some of the questions from CA's Traditions Group Inventory regarding Tradition One are as follows: Do I refrain from talking about people behind their backs? Do I walk away when others begin to gossip? Do I focus on my own program of recovery? Am I patient and tolerant of others who offend me? Do I encourage and support harmony within the group? Do I attempt to change my behavior when I notice it conflicts with the traditions?

The following are excerpts from the CA World Service Manual:

"The importance of the Group, what it constitutes and its functions cannot be stressed enough. Maintenance of our recovery depends on the sharing of our experiences, strength and hope with each other, thus helping us to identify and understand the nature of our disease. Most addicts in C.A. achieve and sustain their recovery as a result of their participation in the activities of the Group. The Group is the heart of Cocaine Anonymous and it is vital to the new member. It is equally important to those who have achieved recovery as a result of the program. They may continue to participate and receive assistance from the Group." We often refer to the principles behind the steps, but there are also principles behind each tradition. The principle behind Tradition One is...you guessed it...UNITY! Now keep coming back....more will be revealed!

Submitted: Anonymous

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"The most fun?"

All of it! It's hard to say...the fellowship is always good, it is wonderful to see people come together from all parts of the world...and for me personally, to put names with faces I have had correspondence with over the years because of my involvement in the OSA (Online Service Area). Also, spending a couple of days prior to the convention with most of the trustees was a total BLAST! I literally hurt myself laughing! :) Spending one-on-one time with the speakers after having been in contact with them throughout the year was also a special treat.

I was very proud of the job that everyone in the Greater Missouri Area did to pull this thing off...it was a FANTASTIC committee, and also was great to see some new people really step up to the plate, especially in the areas of security and registration. One last thing, a trustee gave me a banquet ticket to give to someone and I spotted a guy with about 60 days that I was able to pass that on to. The million dollar smile that I saw when I gave it to him made the work over the last three years totally worth it!!!" **ELLEN**

Being a part of the CAWS 2007 convention was one of the best experiences I have had in recovery. The best part of being the registration chair is that I got the opportunity to talk to and meet a lot of people when they came to register or pick up their packets. If given the opportunity to do it all over again YES!!! I would love to." **DARCI**

"I went to one of the marathon meetings and I got a chance to hear people share from other states" **LISA W**

"I had an opportunity to see recovery in its diversity at its very best" **JERRY P**

"I had a sense of belonging. It was like a sense of accomplishment and it was awesome being a part of something big like that" **TONY C**

"I learned that God is in control and it is His will, it will be done successful" **BARBARA S**

