



REST IN PEACE

SKIP B. - 9/15/1963 - 12/2/2014

“During this season of Gratitude, I am most grateful for my friendship with Skip in Casa Grande. He was one of the few who called me on my bullshit! He was a great friend and warrior of the fellowship of CMA. My prayers are with his family. Skip was one in a billion! While we cry here on Earth the Angels celebrate in heaven.” - Clifford Mc.

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GRATITUDE PICNIC UNIFIES AREA CMA ARIZONA BUILDS FELLOWSHIP WHILE RAISING FUNDS

Crystal meth addicts from all over the state joined in fellowship Thanksgiving weekend, coming from as far way as Safford to attend a Gratitude Picnic sponsored by Arizona Area Crystal Meth Anonymous.

The afternoon event in Casa Grande drew a crowd of approximately 50 - including many newcomers - for a cake walk, bake sale, speaker meeting and coffee drinks sold to raise money for the nascent Arizona Area service body created two years ago.

The Area body was formed out of what are now the three Districts it serves: Southern, Central and Northern Arizona. Those Districts gained autonomy by restructuring while strengthening their connection with the General Services Conference.

In March of 2015, our Area delegate will travel to the General Services Conference in Marina Del Ray, California to represent the the voice of Arizona Area within the consciousness of CMA as a whole.

The picnic sought to raise funds for the delegate travel fund as well as a local web hosting package for CMAAZ.org, which is currently provided by a Minnesota fellowship member. This move toward self-sufficiency will allow our webmaster to expand site functionality, offer the District fellowships their own pages, and more.

Area Secretary Clifford Mc. stated that the most gratifying moment was “seeing people from all over the state unifying as an area” and that the crowd seemed to enjoy the “old-fashioned wholesome fun” of the cake walk the most.

The event raised over \$450 and was considered a smashing success. The planners wish to thank everyone who attended and hope that your holiday season continues to be a joyous one filled with gratitude.

As of press time, there was talk of another gathering in the Spring, but no details had been confirmed.



THE SASSY SPONSOR

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO SASSY@CMAAZ.ORG

Dear Sassy Sponsor,

My sponsor wants me to go to a meeting EVERY DAY. That seems a bit excessive, don't you think? I was thinking of going, like, 3-5 times a week.

- On the Go in Glendale

Dear Go,

My dentist wants me to brush my teeth EVERY DAY. Can you believe it? The key to your dilemma lies in your last sentence: You've been thinking. Stop! Take your sponsor's suggestion, sweetie. Leave your brain out of things for now -- at least until you work your steps and sanity has returned.

- Sassy S.

Dear Sassy Sponsor,

I am having trouble with the God part of the program. It drives me crazy when people say that AA/CMA isn't a religious program -- umm, hello? The word "God" is all over the place!

- Searching in Scottsdale

Dear Searching,

The "God" part? What else is there? Don't sweat the G word, the Big Book offers plenty of alternatives, including: Universal Mind, Spirit of Nature, Realm of Spirit, Great Reality, Infinite Power and Love, and Sassy's personal fave: "Spirit of the Universe".

Pick one of those or one of your own and get going.

- Sassy S.

GRATITUDE JAR PARTY

HOPE DEALERS OFFERS FREE EVENT

While many fellowship members are looking forward to the signature event hosted by the E&F committee as reported in the last issue of The Pipeline, the Hope Dealers homegroup has stepped forward with a solution for those who cannot afford the ticket price.

From 8pm to Midnight on New Year's Eve, the group will host a Gratitude Jar Making Party for those on tight budgets to participate in an arts & crafts style activity centered around the spiritual principle of Gratitude.

Throughout the year, addicts are invited to write things they are grateful for on slips of paper to drop in their jars; at next year's party, we open them up to reveal what a wonderful year we've had!!

This year's party will begin with a Gratitude Reflection CMA meeting at 8pm in lieu of the opening of jars; then will proceed to decorate our jars from 9pm to Midnight. Food will also be served.

The event will culminate with a spiritual principles countdown at midnight. The location is Casa de Cristo, 1029 E Turney Ave.

CELEBRATE
SERVICE

H&I JAIL CORRESPONDENT

GARTH K. SPEAKS OUT ABOUT HIS SERVICE WORK

This month's service spotlight is on the Hospitals & Institutions committee and its Jail Correspondent, Garth K. The Pipeline caught up with Garth in the middle of picking up another service commitment. As a well-known service junky, Garth was happy to share his thoughts.

The jail correspondence program has existed for a couple of years, during which Garth has been spearheading its implementation. The program seeks to offer sponsorship via mail using a model developed by AA.

One of the position's greatest challenges has been getting the word to those on the inside. Because of the restrictions on internal communication, committee members are not able to pass information to inmates during the regular meetings conducted in jail.

Many of the members of H&I who carry jail badges for meetings are also prohibit-

ed from sending mail to inmates because of them. This has hindered the initial growth of the program. But it hasn't stopped the program from growing by word-of-mouth.

According to Garth, who has corresponded with a number of inmates, there is already one request already for an actual sponsor, and he is looking for somebody to take on that role. He is hoping that over time, with persistence the word gets out both inside and outside of the jails so that he is able to connect sponsors and sponsees through the program.

"If anybody knows anybody inside, tell them to write to the PO Box," he said. Inmates may write to Crystal Meth Anonymous at PO Box 38243, Phoenix, AZ 85069. We can also provide literature by mail to inmates upon request. On that note, remember to pass the H&I basket at your next homegroup meeting.

The 12th Step instructs us to put our principles into action by carrying the message of recovery to the addict who still suffers. The CMA Service Structure provides opportunities for accomplishing this. Come to a committee meeting and find one that's right for you!!

Hospitals & Institutions, 1st Tues., 7pm
Public Info & Outreach, 4th Tues., 7pm
Communications, 4th Tues., 5:30pm
Jerry's Restaurant, 2323 E Thomas Rd
Events & Fundraising, 1st Wed., 7:30pm
Fellowship Hall, 12428 N 28th Dr