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INTERVIEW WITH AN OLD-TIMER

Step 9: “Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

Rich: Thank you Joe for doing this.

Joe: My pleasure.

R: You’re the lead for the CMA step study meeting “Position of Neutrality” Thursday nights at Studio 164, 7:30pm, right?

J: Yes.

R: How long have you been doing that meeting?

J: 13 years.

R: You’ve done it the whole time?

J: Yes.

R: So, give a brief summary of step 9...

J: It’s the freedom step, the fitness step. The ability to treat people kinder than we think or feel is a demonstration to us, through us, of our changed nature.

R: Freedom?

J: The fear is falling from us. I came to know new freedom. I was under less mental attack. I think I can

control and enjoy my thinking, but attacks on my thought life are continual. If I don’t get free of them, I am never free of my addiction.

R: What quote impacts you the most with step 9?

J: P. 83, the big book, first paragraph, last sentence “...that our creator show us the way of patience, kindness, tolerance and love.”

R: Hardest amends to make?

J: Yes, some approaches are harder than others; gaining access to power to treat people with kindness demonstrates the love of God in the world.

R: What would you say to the newcomer that sees this step on the wall when they first start coming?

J: ...Stay in the step you’re in. The answers for you are in you.

R: Lastly, favorite 9th step promise?

J: “We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.” I realize this more and more as I go along



THE SASSY SPONSER

Dear Sassy,

I'm a newcomer still dealing with feelings of shame and remorse for some of the things I've done. Since many of my shameful actions involved family and loved ones, I'm eager to just jump to step 9 and apologize to the world! Is there a requirement that I work through steps 1 through 8 before doing that?

Signed, Sorry Sam

Dear Sam,

I'm new to homebuilding, and I'm eager to move into my new place asap! Is it OK if I skip preparing the site and constructing the foundation and move right into framing it? Is there a requirement that I prepare the site and construct a foundation before doing that?

You get my point. As people in the rooms like to say, "The steps are in order for a reason." Is there a requirement that you work 1 through 8 before 9? Umm, no, I guess not. But do so, in the same way that you wouldn't change up the order of the steps to building a house. It's cool that you are eager to apologize, but those apologies may have little or no lasting effect if you don't properly lay the foundation of your recovery. So get to work!

--Love always, Sassy

Send in your questions to Sassy.

E-mail sassy@CMAAZ.org

CMA EVENTS

Kamikaze Karoke: August 25th 6:00pm
1010 E. Alice Ave., Phoenix,

Kamikaze coffee, 50/50 raffle, dress up as your favorite artist and win a prize.

Cosmic Volleyball: September 15th 6:00pm
2601 E. Paradise Ln. Phoenix

5-person teams, \$25 Speaker: Stephan T.

CMA Gen. Service Conference: Nov. 1-4
Denver, Colorado

Registration: \$150

Host Hotel: The Curtis by Doubletree in Denver
<https://cma-conf-2018.eventbrite.com>

SAVE THE DATE

September 22nd- Art of Recovery Supports

October 13th-Tweakers Hunger Games

March 8-10, 2019: 12 Steps in the Pines

If you have an announcement that you would like to have published in next month's bulletin, feel free to contact John E. at jjnomo7517@gmail.com

Authority vs. Fellowship

Tradition 9: Our groups ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Many people do not trust authority. This is true of those who want to become sober. Going to a professional counselor is different from going to a group of others who are in recovery. CMA is different from professional recovery services, offering support that the members feel in sharing and listening to each other's stories. There is no authority the member can rebel against.

In the real-world, businesses and other groups are "organized." There is a hierarchy of authority established so that some members of the organization have the authority to "direct" the actions of others.

But, in CMA no one has this kind of authority. The groups are a "fellowship of equals." Decisions are made by the group as a whole and not by one or a few members.

With authority comes agendas; and the beauty of

recovery is that each individual has the authority over their recovery. What might be one person's Higher Power is not the same as another person's Higher Power.

By creating and maintaining this atmosphere of "true fellowship," CMA ensures that even the newest members can quickly gain a feeling of "belonging."

No one can force us to abide by the generally accepted principles of recovery. But if we don't, then we stand a much greater chance at suffering a relapse. This threat hangs over us with far more gravity than any punishment that might be handed out by an organized authority. For while many get back on the wagon after suffering a relapse, the sorrow we feel outweighs the guilt of admonishment by our fellows. This is reason enough to abide by the suggested principles.

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., 7:00pm

Public Info & Outreach - 4th Tues., 7:00pm
Jerry's Restaurant, 2323 E Thomas Rd., Phoenix

Central District (CADI) - 3rd Tues. - 7:30pm
Fellowship Hall, 8910 N 43rd Ave #102, Glendale

Communications - 2nd Tues., 7:00 pm
Freedom Hall, 2720 E. Thomas, Ste. C160

Events & Fundraising - 1st Wed., 7:30pm
The Solution, 4210 N Longview, Phoenix

Literature - 4th Tues., - 7:00 pm
U-Can-2, 8607 N 59th Ave #D, Glendale



Crystal Meth Anonymous | Central Arizona Meetings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:30 pm No More G The Sunset Resort 8615 E Main Street Lot F97 Mesa, 85207	6:30 pm Life or Meth Squad 9430 N 11th Ave Phoenix, 85021	6:30 pm CMA Rocks 9625 W Sahara Dr Phoenix, 85029	6:15 pm Valley of the Spun 4210 N Longview Phoenix, 85014	7:00 pm One Day at a Time 2601 E Paradise Ln Phoenix, 85032	6:30 pm Twaker's Hope 4415 S Rural Rd Tempe, 85282	8:00 am Valley of the Spun West 6609 W Ocotillo Rd Glendale, 85301
7:00 pm God Rocks 2610 W McLellan Phoenix, 85017	7:00 pm CMA In the Pit 2601 E Paradise Ln Phoenix, 85032	7:30 pm Broken Glass 1626 W Denton Ln Phoenix, 85015	6:30 pm Broken Glass 13627 N 32 nd St Phoenix, 85032	7:00 pm Twewriter for Life 4430 N 23 rd Ave Phoenix, 85013	7:00 pm Sundown Shenanigans 2610 W McLellan Phoenix, 85017	9:30 am There is a Way Out 8607 N 59 th Ave Phoenix, 85302
7:00 pm Backyard 4012 S Central Ave Phoenix, 85040	7:15 pm Branching Out 7523 N. 35th Ave Phoenix, 85051 (Women only)	7:30 pm Misfits 4415 S Rural Rd Tempe, 85282	7:15 pm Misfits 1632 E Flower Phoenix, 85017 (Open to Men & Women)	7:30 pm Position of Neutrality 13627 N 32 nd St Phoenix, 85032	7:00 pm The Trenches 545 E Palm Park Blvd Casa Grande, 85122	4:45 pm Knuckleheads 8607 N 59 th Ave Glendale, 85302
7:15 pm No Half Measures 545 E Palm Park Blvd Casa Grande, 85122	7:30 pm Spun-N-Done 7523 N. 35th Ave Phoenix, 85051	8:00 pm The Meth Lab 8910 N 43 rd Ave #102 Glendale, AZ 85302	7:30 pm New Hope 2622 N. 16th St Phoenix, 85006 (LGBT)	7:30 pm Twewriter's Paradise 2720 E Thomas Rd Phoenix, 85016	7:00 pm Fidget Spammers 143 S. Center St Mesa, AZ 85210	6:00 pm Shot Out 4210 N Longview Ave Phoenix, 85014
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7:30 pm Break the Ice 5116 E. Thomas Rd Phoenix, 85018	8:00 pm Life or Meth Squad 9430 N 11th Ave Phoenix, 85021			8:30 pm CMA Rocks Phoenix, 85013	7:15 pm Misfits 13627 N 32 nd St Phoenix, 85032	8:15 pm Cystal Clean 4210 N. Longview Ave. Phoenix, 85014
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Meeting list published quarterly. Times and locations can change without notice, please phone or visit our website for the most current details.

Website: CMAAZ.org | Hotline: 602-235-0955 | List Updated: June 16, 2018

Please email webmaster@cmaaz.org to notify the Communications Committee of any meeting changes.