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# The Tumbleweed Newsletter

#### Step Four:

"We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves" Fourth Concept for NA Service:

"Effective leadership is highly valued in Narcotics Anonymous. Leadership qualities should be carefully considered when selecting trusted servants."

Spiritual Principles: Faith, Hope, Commitment

#### For the Newcomer

Step 4 may not be for the faint of heart. It is the courage used to face our true selves that leads to the realization that we are not that bad. We are just like everyone else and we belong to this group of people who have come before us. We are brave and do not have to face this alone. The willingness and effort put into Step 4 is the very thing that will show us that others can love us as we are, no strings attached. Step 4 leads to breaking the chains we have used to imprison ourselves and leads to self-forgiveness and self-love instead of loathing.

#### **An Honest Look**

Step 4 is taking an honest look at yourself and putting it down on paper, the exact nature of our wrongs in order to deal with them. A moral inventory is important because if we can't be honest about where we have been, how can we ever know where we are going or how to get there? —Jamie M.

#### A Note from the Tumbleweed Newsletter Staff

Every SAVANA member has a voice and can strengthen the unity & aim of the organization, no matter the stage of recovery. We encourage you to engage at various levels—from helping with activities or the newsletter, to more involved roles at the Group or Area levels of Service. Sharing in the community & working together toward a common goal is a key aspect of recovery. If you have any concerns about the way SAVANA is operating, these are avenues to bring those to light. We highly suggest getting involved and taking action as a means to effective change.

# **Helpful Information**

- 24hr Helpline661-266-2200
- 24hr Regional Hotline 800-863-2962
- www.SAVA-NA.org
- NA Meeting Search App android/ iPhone

# Monthly Service Committees

- ◆ Area-1st Sunday, 2pm 44231 Division St. Lancaster
- ◆ Activities 2nd Friday, 6pm 502 W. Ave. K, Lancaster
- H&I- 4th Thursday, 7pm 44447 10th St. W., Lancaster (Tarzana Treatment Center, front parking lot)
- Newsletter− last Friday, 6pm
   502 W. Ave. K, Lancaster

# **Upcoming Area Events**

- Spread Cook-Off, 4/13, 12:30pm, 502 W. Ave. K, Lancaster
- ◆ BINGO, 4/20, 1pm, 502 W. Ave. K, Lancaster
- S.A.V.A.N.A turns 34!
   4/27, 4-10 pm, Holiday Inn
   38630 5th St. W. Palmdale

# Happy Birthday March

Richard A.....03/05/2005
Renae S.......03/10/2005
Christine P.. 03/14/2006
Jennifer W.. 03/05/2009
Ileana D.......03/18/2009
Jerry S........03/04/2010
Karli..........03/23/2010
Rose F.........03/21/2014
Chris H.......03/30/2014
Cal W........03/02/2017
Wellington. 03/08/2022
Benny C.......03/23/2022
Justin M......03/23/2022

# For Next Month: What Spiritual Principle do you associate with Step Five?

Submit your response to a member of the Newsletter Staff email:

## NEWSLETTERSAVANA @GMAIL.COM

Or reach out directly to one of our committee members

Your email implies your consent to publish your content

Faith: unquestioning belief
—Webster's New World Dictionary

## **Opportunities for Service**

Do you need to get out of "self" and into service? Here are just some of the meetings in the area that need GSRs/ Alternate GSRs: Back to Basics, Friday Night Speaker Meeting, It All Fits in the Cooker, JFT 9am, Last House on the Block, New Road Step Study, Palmdale Recovery Group, Quest for Serenity, Recovery by Choice, Saturday Morning Women's Retreat, Seriously Seeking Recovery, Sunday Serenity, Sunday Spiritual, T.R.I.B.E., Tuesday Noon. Please review the Meeting Directory for more info about any of these groups.

Commitment: the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.

—Webster's New World Dictionary

#### From the Literature

"Recovery as experienced through our Twelve Steps is our goal, not mere physical abstinence. To improve ourselves takes effort, and since there is no way in the world to graft a new idea on a closed mind, an opening must be made somehow. Since we can do this only for ourselves, we need to recognize two of our seemingly inherent enemies, apathy and procrastination. Our resistance to change seems built in, and only a nuclear blast of some kind will bring about any alteration or initiate another course of action. A relapse, if we survive it, may provide the charge for the demolition process. A relapse and sometimes subsequent death of someone close to us can do the job of awakening us to the necessity for vigorous personal action."

Hope: to cherish a desire with anticipation: to want something to happen or be true.

—Webster's New World Dictionary

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