



# Experience, Strength, Hope

WRASCNA NEWSLETTER

September 2012

## Special points of interest:

- Welcome to the first issue
- Upcoming activities and events
- Home group highlight
- Call for submissions

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## Welcome...With Love and Respect

My name is Lauren, and I am an addict.

It is a pleasure to present the first 2012 issue of the WRASCNA Newsletter. Our primary purpose is to carry the message of Narcotics Anonymous through the development and publishing of a newsletter for the Western Reserve Area. We will distribute the newsletter monthly as a service to our members and as a way to generate unity within the area. It is also our goal to keep WRASCNA members informed of the events and happenings in our groups, area, region, and around the world. Our sincere hope is that you find this newsletter both inspiring and informative.

Our wish is that this newsletter will serve as a space to share our members' personal stories of recovery, creative writing, reflections on NA literature and principles, and also recovery artwork.

Any recovering addict with a desire to submit something should feel welcome to do so. Our 12th Tradition tells us that "we are equal in NA membership." (*It Works*, p. 215) You may wish to

include your first name and last initial or you may choose to remain anonymous. However you decide to share your experience, strength, and hope, it is welcomed and encouraged.

We only hope that you DO share it. *The Basic Text* says, "In the Twelfth Step, we practice the spiritual principles of giving the NA message of recovery in order to keep it. Even a member with one day in the NA Fellowship can carry the message that this program works." (p. 50, 6th Ed.) This newsletter will only function if NA members help us to carry the message.

We look forward to receiving submissions and feedback. Any suggestions you may have for how we can best serve our primary purpose are welcome.

In loving service, Lauren D.



Literature Quotes.....

"We enjoy the color, the compassion, the initiative, the rough-and-tumble liveliness that arises from the diverse personalities of our members. In fact, our diversity is our strength. We find that the stronger our individual members are, the more strongly united our fellowship becomes."

*It Works: How and Why*, p. 215-216

# WRASCNA HOME GROUP HIGHLIGHT

## Start to Live NA

Fridays, 8:00 PM

Open ~ Floating Format

Emmanuel United  
Church of Christ  
1480 Eastwood Avenue  
Akron, OH 44305

Also known fondly as  
"Candlelight," Start to Live  
NA is one of the oldest  
meetings in WRASCNA.

Currently, this meeting is  
in need of support and in  
need of willing trusted  
servants.

When you are looking for a  
Friday night meeting, keep  
Start to Live NA in mind.

This is our first WRASCNA  
Home Group Highlight. Each  
month, we will highlight a  
different home group from  
within the area. If you are  
interested in highlighting your  
home group, just send an  
email to:

[wrascnanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wrascnanewsletter@gmail.com)

Groups will be highlighted in  
the order they are submitted.

You will be notified of the  
month in which your group  
will appear in the newsletter.



## 4th Anniversary Magic City Recovery

- ◆ October 6, 2012
  - ◆ 7:00 PM
  - ◆ Community Holiness Church  
299 Frank Avenue  
Barberton, OH 44203
- Bring a covered dish to share!

## 7th Anniversary By Any Means Necessary

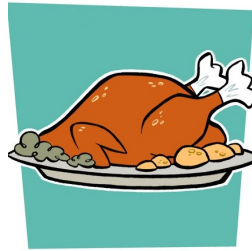
- ◆ October 30, 2012
  - ◆ 6:00 PM, Speaker 7:00 PM
  - ◆ Trinity United Church of Christ  
150 E. North Street  
Wooster, OH 44691
- Sloppy Joes/hot dogs provided;  
Bring a covered dish to share!

# Thanksgiving Marathon

The time is near for the 2012 Thanksgiving Marathon. This is an important opportunity for recovering addicts to come together and share in our gratitude for recovery and for Narcotics Anonymous.

The marathon begins at 9:00 AM and continues until 9:00 PM with a meeting held every hour. More details about service opportunities such as chairing meetings will follow. However, anyone who is

willing may consider bringing a food donation. They would be greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there.



**Thanksgiving  
Marathon**  
**1480 Eastwood Ave**  
**Akron, OH 44305**  
**9 AM-9 PM**  
**Meetings every hour!**  
**Bring a dish to share!**

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## WRASCNA.ORG...On Its Way

An new WRASCNA website is on its way and it is our sincere hope that you will find it serves your needs and the needs of the area.

On it you will find information for newcomers, an interactive meeting schedule, links to this newsletter, and other important NA resources. We will also keep an up-to-date list of WRASCNA activities and events,

as well as regional and world events. If your group would like to submit information for an event or activity, simply send an email to: [wrascnanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wrascnanewsletter@gmail.com)

We will gladly include the information in upcoming issues of this newsletter and post them to the website. There will also be a clean time calculator and a way to

submit your name and clean date for inclusion in coming issues of the newsletter.

Our plan is to launch the website by the beginning of October. If you have suggestions or feedback, please do not hesitate to send an email to the newsletter email address.

In loving service, Lauren D.

## Celebrating Clean Time!

A feature of the new WRASCNA website will be the Clean Time submission form. Recovering addicts who want to share their NA Birthday with our area will be able to fill out a simple form which will then be sent electronically to the Newsletter Committee.

Once we receive your submission,

we will include your anniversary in the newsletter. What an awesome way to show that “We Do Recover!”

If you do not have access to a computer, you may still certainly let a Newsletter Committee member know that you wish to be included and we will make sure

that you are. We plan to recognize the standard anniversaries recognized in NA....30, 60, 90 days, 6 and 9 months, 1 year, 18 months, and multiples of years.

We look forward to filling a page with NA Birthdays!





## WRASCNA AREA Newsletter

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[www.wrascna.org](http://www.wrascna.org)

**Area Minutes Website:**

<https://sites.google.com/site/wrascnaareaminutes/>

**Ohio Hopeline:**

1-888-438-4673

### Can you write your recovery as well as you can share it?

The WRASCNA Newsletter Committee needs your help! We are in need of submissions; a personal story, reflection on NA literature, creative recovery writings, an expression of gratitude, or artwork.

Do not worry if you think you cannot write well or do not understand all of the rules of grammar, we will be happy to make the necessary corrections for you. The only real criteria for submissions is that they express a clear Narcotics Anonymous message and that they use NA language.

Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, or compliance with our Traditions.

Send your submissions to the WRASCNA Newsletter committee at:

[wrascnanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wrascnanewsletter@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Looking to Get Involved??

We hope that you have enjoyed the first issue of **Experience, Strength, Hope**. If you would like to find a way to contribute, there are a few ways to get involved.

### 1. Join the Newsletter Committee:

We will be meeting monthly to plan, write, design, and publish the newsletter. Any recovering addict is welcome. This service is really a team effort and we could use support. So if you are willing to join the committee, see the Newsletter Chair Lauren D. or email

[wrascnanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wrascnanewsletter@gmail.com).

### 2. Submit an item:

We welcome submissions from any recovering addict wishing to share their experience, strength, and hope. Submissions will be reviewed by the committee to ensure that we are

carrying a clear Narcotics Anonymous message of recovery. Artwork is also a wonderful way to contribute and we would like to include it throughout our coming issues.

### 3. Mention it to other addicts:

If you know someone who has a story but who may not know how to put it on paper, suggest that they contact a committee member. We will be happy to interview anyone who wants to share, but does not know who to write it all down. The

construction of a newsletter is our service and should never hinder someone from sharing or contributing.

### 4. Read it and pass it on:

This newsletter will be accessible to all through the WRASCNA.org website, but we will also be able to email a copy to anyone who would like it. If you are a GSR or another trusted servant in a home group, please print a copy and include it on your literature table.

We are excited about this newsletter and our new website. We hope that you are too; and we sincerely hope that you will help us to meet our primary purpose of carrying the NA message of recovery.

Love and respect, Lauren D.

