

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS

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Minutes of: March 15, 1998

1. **Opening:** Joe S, Chairman, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
2. **Introduction:** introductions were made with 23 people in attendance.
3. **Traditions:** Jack C read Tradition #3.
4. **Chairman's Report:** as previously stated in the February 15th meeting, the responsibility for recording meeting minutes will continue to be a rotated duty until we get a secretary. Hew L volunteered to record minutes during the next meeting. No other items to report.
5. **Secretary's Report:** Joe S read the minutes of the February 15, 1998 meeting, which were approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Phil P gave the Treasurer's Report and issued a newly formatted "Fiscal Year to Date Financial Statement" showing all individual group contributions from November 1996 through September 1997. The current report showed an ending account balance of \$728.01 as of February 28, 1998. The account has been reconciled with the bank statements. Joe thanked Phil, on behalf of the meeting, for the reconciled report and for the new format. Phil also prepared a letter of explanation to be distributed to the secretaries of each group along with the statement.
7. **Committee Report:**
 - A. **Public Outreach, Communications, Hospital and Institutions** - Mary D gave a recap of her opportunity to participate in an Iranian hot line/call in radio talk show. The show's host interviewed Mary about Nicotine Anonymous and translated her answers into Iranian. Mary said they also intend to translate Nicotine Anonymous literature into Iranian.

Mary gave an update on the National Oncology Convention, which will be held May 16th through 18th at the LA Convention Center. Nicotine Anonymous will have a booth at the convention and will distribute literature. A banner is being prepared for the booth by Mike K. All literature will be supplied by John N from Nicotine Anonymous World Services in New York.

Wilson was contacted by the Long Beach Community Health Department and was asked to arrange a panel to speak at two meetings on March 26th. Wilson asked for 3 or 4 other volunteers to join him.

Jacquelyn will be participating in an all day Health Fair on April 22nd held by the Tarzana Hospital in San Fernando Valley.

- B. **Register/Meeting Directory** - there were no additions or deletions to the current list of 62 meetings in the LA area.
 - C. **New Meetings** - Sandy did not receive any calls for new meeting Starter Packets. Sandy gave Joe a sample to review of one of the Starter Packets she will be preparing herself (as approved in the February SCINA meeting). She currently has enough funds to make up 20 Starter Packets.
 - D. **Literature** - Wilson had chips and pamphlets for sale; the Nicotine Anonymous books are on back order. There was a request to have chips with pre-drilled holes and chains. Joe instructed all those interested in researching alternative chip suppliers to coordinate efforts with Wilson. Kristen will research local manufacturers; Robert or Robin will get pricing and a sample chip from Crossroads in Pasadena.
8. **Old Business:**
 - A. **1998 National Conference** - Bonnie gave a recap on the particulars of the Conference, which will be held April 20th through April 26th in Irving Texas (just outside Dallas). Events will include the selection of the year 2000 Conference site and the election of "NAWS" Conference officials. Bonnie said to see her for additional information and flyers.

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B. 1999 National Conference - a motion was made and passed to have the first Steering Committee meeting after today's Intergroup meeting to discuss general event information and the schedule for future meetings. Per the February Intergroup meeting, Phil volunteered to be the treasurer and Doug was asked to be an advisor to the Steering Committee because of his experience as chairman of the 1993 Conference.

C. New Location for SCINA Monthly Meeting - Jim said the Friendly Hills Medical Center will be moving to 3rd and Bixel after April; Jim will know more about the move by the end of April. The next SCINA meeting will still be at the current location. Per the February Intergroup meeting, Phil volunteered to look into the following: (1) contacting the new owner about staying at the current location and (2) possible places for future meetings which are centrally located.

9. **New Business:**

A. Mail - Phil reviewed the mail and found two items addressed to unknown individuals, G. Matthew Fick and Kristy Swanson. The decision was made to return the items to the senders.

Thanks: **Matt T** for acting as secretary last month, **Jack C** for Tradition 3 and **Hew** for refreshments.

Next Meeting: John will read the 4th Tradition and Lynn will bring refreshments (Note: Expenditures for refreshments are reimbursable up to a limit of \$20.)

March Birthdays: there were no birthdays.

10. Closing: the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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