

# the SCAnner

SCA NEWSLETTER

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## THE FIRST NATIONAL SCA CONVENTION IS A ROUSING, FIVE-STAR SUCCESS

The first national convention of SCA, "THE SEARCH FOR SERENITY", held over Presidents' Day Weekend (February 16-18), was an unqualified success. That means it went over like Gangbusters, guys and gals!

As you likely know by this time, it was a **NATIONAL** convention in that three "official" empowered delegates each from the New York and Southern California Intergroups met and ironed out items of mutual interest. New York was represented by Frank H, Robert K and Bob M, while Southern California's delegates were Hunt B, Maciek K and Marshall L.

The opening meeting address Friday evening was an inspiring share by Frank H, co-founding SCA member from New York. About 110 people attended that meeting, which was followed by fellowship. Saturday saw a 3-speaker meeting and workshops on a variety of issues confronting sexual compulsives. These included: The 12 Steps; The 12 Traditions; Co-Dependency and Love Addiction; Intimacy and Self-Esteem; Incest and Recovery; After You Stop -- From Sobriety to Recovery; HIV and Recovery; Abstinence (makes the heart grow fonder?) and Masturbation; Dating; Abuse; Sponsorship; and Prayer, Meditation and Spirituality. The workshops were attended by from 60 to 80 people and could be classified as running from "intense" to "a lot of fun".

The eventful day was topped off by entertainment and dancing that evening. Greg C sang "The Wind Beneath My Wings", and Doug Motel, which the New York Post

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### NEW YORK PLANS JUNE SCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The second national convention of SCA, celebrating the 8th anniversary of the Fellowship, is just around the corner. It is scheduled to be held **June 8, 9 and 10**, at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center at 208 W. 13th Street, New York City. The overall format will be much the same as the recent Southern California convention: opening meeting on the first evening, meetings, workshops, ISO meeting and entertainment on Saturday, the 9th, and lighter activities as only The Big Apple can provide on Sunday. There's a full moon that weekend, so be forewarned!

The ISO will follow up on its first convention work on SCA literature. In addition, organizational matters such as representation, who will be voting, and so forth will be discussed.

The details are being formulated, so check the next issue of the **SCAnner** for the latest.

### SCA NEWSLETTER *the SCAnner* MAKES A SPLASH!

The first edition of this newsletter, the **SCAnner**, was a great success. Primarily distributed at the SCA Convention over President's Day Weekend, it was made the "official" newsletter of the newly formed SCA International Service Organization. Copies have gone out to the local Southern California groups, and to those in

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# ISO FORMED AT LA NATIONAL CONVENTION

## A Major Turning Point for SCA

by Michael L.  
SC SCA Literature Committee

On the weekend of February 17, 1990, an historic milestone in the evolution of SCA was reached as six delegates from New York and Los Angeles, myself as facilitator, Bob L. as secretary, and several interested observers came together to take the first tentative, but all-important, steps toward the creation of a singular, unified international SCA organization.

From out of three days and nights of intensive, frequently passionate, and always heart-felt discussion, the first International Service Organization (ISO) of SCA was born. Modeled after other long functioning, well regarded 12-step ISO's, such as that of AA, the SCA ISO is similarly being envisioned as the first major pillar in a structural support system that will eventually bring together all of the heretofore individual, regionalized (not to mention isolated) SCA groups into a fraternity of bonded intergroups who share a commonality of purpose: that of freedom and recovery from our sexual compulsions.

The implications for all of SCA are widespread. It means that the lone group with one or two start-up members will no longer have to struggle alone with the difficulties and potential roadblocks inherent in the early stages of any new group's formation. Now the ISO will be there to offer guidance and support regarding such practical issues as creating a meeting format, building a treasury, and choosing literature. While every group will, in accordance with The Traditions, remain self-governing, they will nonetheless be able to benefit from the experiences and accumulated wisdom of those groups which have come before them.

The six delegates who comprise this first generation SCA ISO -- Frank H, Bob M, and Robert K from

New York, and Marshall L, Hunt B and Maciek K from Los Angeles -- have, collectively, over 30 years of recovery. Many of these men were among those founding members of SCA who were meeting and discussing issues relating to their own sexual compulsiveness long before there was an "Out of the Shadows" or "Hope and Recovery".

While this initial ISO includes representatives from only NY and LA, it has the endorsement of other SCA intergroups who were unable to send delegates to this first meeting, but who have consented to the formation of the organization. Within a short time, we should witness procedures being established for the direct representation of all SCA intergroups.

The first major issue discussed by the ISO was the creation of ISO-approved "core" literature. A bi-directional procedure for the creation and approval of such literature was established. And a major hurdle in the establishment of our first piece of core literature was surmounted as the six delegates meticulously combined elements from the LA and NY handbooks to come up with the first SCA ISO-approved handbook.

It was the melding of these two booklets over the course of that rainy weekend which perhaps most significantly symbolizes the spirit of unity and brotherhood felt by all who participated in that first ISO meeting. By working through our differences, there was the unspoken acknowledgment that the ties that bind us are far greater than any one issue which may divide us. Now that the foundation has been laid and the door has been opened, SCA for the first time has the potential to flourish; not just on an intergroup level, but to be there for the sex addict -- whether still suffering or in recovery -- on a national and international level as well.

This signals a truly exciting new era for our organization.

To live and let live, without  
clamor for distinction or  
recognition; to wait on divine  
Love; to write truth first on the  
tablet of one's own heart -- this  
is the sanity and perfection of  
living, and my human ideal.  
-- Mary Baker Eddy --



## THE LATEST NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO

There's a lot going on in the way of recovery in San Diego! George M reports that a third meeting, recently graduating from meeting in a private home, has gone public. It meets on **Saturdays** at 8:00 PM at the UCSD Medical Center Cafeteria (one of the small dining rooms), 225 Dickinson Street. It's an open meeting, so all are welcome.

This meeting is in addition to the 8:00 PM **Tuesday** meeting (gay and bisexual men only) at the Alano Club, 4th Street near University, and the 8:00 PM **Sunday** open meeting at 3780 5th Avenue. All the meetings are enjoying a lot of support, so drop in to one of them the next time you're in San Diego.

George also reports that the San Diego SCA Intergroup has formed and is getting itself organized. One of the first functions is a planned retreat sometime in May. More details later. The Intergroup was formed as a matter of practicality, since there are a fair number of miles between San Diego and LA. George greeted the news of the newly formed SCA International Service Organization (ISO) with enthusiasm, and is looking forward to the San Diego Intergroup becoming involved with it. That would add even more strength to the sexual recovery movement and would be most welcome!

### NEW SCA MAILING ADDRESS IN LA

There's a new Southern California SCA mailing address to make a note of. It's: **SCA, 4470-107 Sunset Blvd., Suite 520, Los Angeles 90027**. This replaces the mailing address indicated on the yellow brochure and in the blue recovery booklet.

The three Southern California answering machine help lines are: In LA, (213) 859-5585; in Orange County, (714) 664-5105; and in San Diego, (619) 528-9888. All three need help from volunteer answerers who are well-based in the Program. If you're interested, leave your name and number on the appropriate line listed above. This is yet another way to end our isolation!

## RELAPSE & RECOVERY SPECIAL GROUP MEETS IN NEW YORK

There's a specialized SCA meeting going on in New York which could be food for thought for other areas, or perhaps for a meeting once a month or so within one of the existing groups. It's called **RELAPSE & RECOVERY**. "Relapse & Recovery is a meeting for SCA members who have found the program difficult and are seeking a more intensive approach to sobriety. It is not a beginners' meeting. Our purpose is to create a supportive atmosphere for working through our common difficulties. We acknowledge the progress we have already made and the impact it has had on our lives."

Relapse & Recovery has its own **SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS**, which are:

1. We feel a deep sense of shame and find it difficult to share about slips in meetings.
2. We are reluctant to count days of sobriety.
3. We have a resistance to getting a sponsor and writing a sex plan.
4. We have difficulty staying on our sex plans.
5. Our sex plans tend to be unrealistic; we ask more of ourselves than we are willing to give up.
6. We tend to compare ourselves with others in the program and feel we have fallen short.
7. It bothers us that we have been in SCA for a long time and we feel we should be doing better.
8. We are hesitant to call for help when we feel a slip coming on.
9. We have difficulty sharing our secrets with our sponsors or others.
10. We tend to be rebellious and resist authority.
11. In times of crisis we abandon ourselves.
12. We sometimes lack the willingness to recover.

This very special group meets **Thursdays** at 7:30 PM at St. Jean's, Lexington Avenue at 76th Street.



## GET YOUR 'ROUND THE WORLD SCA MEETING INFORMATION

I am writing this rather early in the morning just before leaving for Atascadero to check out the construction of my new home there. I just talked on the phone with Brian K in New York. He's very heavily involved in coordinating nationwide and worldwide SCA information for the New York Intergroup, and now, for SCA as a whole.

One piece of information I wanted to pass on is that he keeps very current on SCA meetings around the world and around the US. He will research and furnish such information to SCA member travellers who call the New York help line at (212) 439-1123, leaving a message to that effect. Or write **SCA New York**, P.O. Box 1585 Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10011.

There are also meetings of SLAA and SAA in many areas of the world, so if there are no SCA meetings where you're going you could write to these organizations to get meeting lists. SLAA's address is: The Augustine Fellowship, Fellowship-wide Services, PO Box 119, New Town Branch, Boston, MA 02258. SAA's is: National Service Organization of SAA, PO Box 3038, Minneapolis, MN 55403; Phone: (612) 339-0217.

Things are really happening! With SCA, with recovery, with Spirituality, **WITH EACH OF US.** It's a great time in history -- we're so very fortunate to be a part of it. Join in. IT FEELS GREAT!

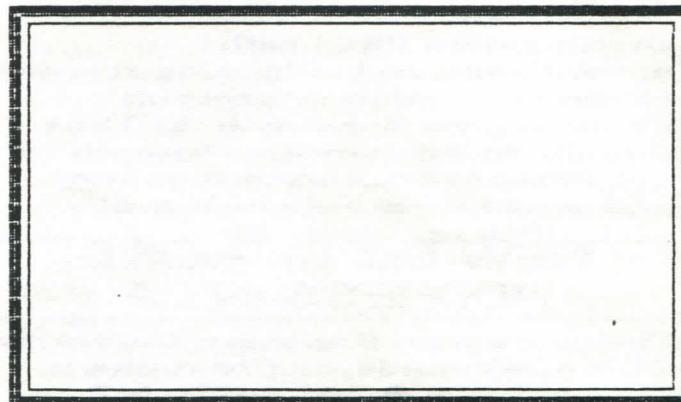
-Richard K

## CAUTION! BLANK SPACE BELOW

So much of the time, these days, we are bombarded with words -- words on the radio, in the newspaper, spoken by those around us, in books, on signs, on TV, on tearoom walls! Even here in front of you! Words, words and more words.

In recognition of our need to get away from words for awhile -- even for a short while -- we magnanimously give our readers the golden opportunity to quiet their inner selves, relax, look at the page (or at least a part of it) **AND SEE NO WORDS!** All this at no extra cost.

So now, will you sit or lie comfortably, relax, relish the silence which is a quality of life rather than the absence of noise, clear your minds of all that mind chatter and visualizations of the living, breathing beauty who just walked down the street and..... focus on the blank space below! Take your time; notice the texture and color of the paper; savor the light on the page; just sit and look and smile to yourself:



## LOVE

There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer;  
No disease that enough love will not heal;  
No door that enough love will not open;  
No gulf that enough love will not bridge;  
No wall that enough love will not throw down;  
No sin that enough love will not redeem.  
It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble,  
How hopeless the outlook,  
How muddled the tangle,  
How great the mistake;  
A sufficient realization of love will dissolve it all.  
If only you could love enough you would be the happiest and most powerful being in the world.

- Emmett Fox



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touted as a rare comedian in the mold of Whoopie Goldberg and Lily Tomlin, performed his play, "Mind Salad". Dancing afterward was DJ'd, if there is such a word, by Doug D

Sunday featured a spiritual workshop at the beach, facilitated by Scot W and Tom T, and the delicious fund-raising brunch at Michael M's house, attended by about 80 ravenous members.

Throughout the weekend the national delegation met; it's first function being the official formation of the **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION (ISO) of SCA**. This body beautiful will be an ongoing entity working with the SCA intergroups to facilitate a truly unified fellowship.

The major topic of discussion for this convention was the literature used by each intergroup, with the object of making SCA literature consistent throughout the organization. The status of "borrowed" literature, such as that of AA and OA, was also discussed. The goal is to come up with SCA-specific literature, with references made to that of the outside organizations. Although more work is to be done, it's likely that the revision of NY and SC SCA's recovery booklets will be a joint one, containing literature originated within SCA. Several groups are already working on, or proposing to work on such subjects as RELAPSE AND RECOVERY, CHARACTERISTICS OF SHAME, SLOGANS and GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORS. There's a lot to be done, and a lot of enthusiastic people ready to pitch in.

All reports on the convention have been very positive and supporting. Frank H, NY SCA delegate, said he felt really great about it; he felt warmth and genuine welcoming, and it was good to see so many wonderful people. That's what fellowship is all about.... and it's wonderful being a part of it!

A huge vote of heartfelt thanks goes out to those dedicated people who put so much time and effort into making the convention such a great one. Special

recognition goes to Stan C, Rob W, Bob L, Jim R, Carol N, Doyle S, Bill McC, Brian J, Scott C, Michael M, and numerous others, including the many workshop facilitators. And a special vote of thanks to Winchell's Donuts for supplying half-price donuts.

**THE BEST THING IS, THIS CONVENTION WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING! THERE'S MUCH MORE TO COME -- INCLUDING THE NEXT CONVENTION IN NEW YORK IN JUNE. IT REALLY WORKS WHEN YOU WORK IT.**

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New York, as well as to the New York Intergroup. In addition, they have been sent to groups in other US cities, as well as to Mexico, Montreal, Rome and the other overseas meetings. So the **SCanner** has become an international, as well as a national, entity!

For those of you who like to ponder things like; what kind of a setup is used to produce the **SCanner**?; here's your answer. The powerful driving force is a Commodore 64, using the PaperClip Publisher program and a Star SG-10C dot-matrix printer. How's that for up-to-date hi-tech! It does show to go you that even relatively primitive equipment can produce a readable document like this one.

Now, to keep the **SCanner** going, we need input from all the SCA groups as well as individual SCA members. News, recovery stories, poems..... anything you feel would be of interest to other SCA groups and members. Send these to SCA Newsletter, 4470-107 Sunset Blvd., Suite 520, Los Angeles, 90027, or talk to Richard K, or his funny machine, at (714) 536-4477.

We want the **Scanner** to be of service to the entire Fellowship. Only your participation can make this possible!

"....there can be no God who creates us with tendencies and impulses we can scarcely comprehend, and then eternally punishes us when we make mistakes."

- Ernest Holmes  
Science of Mind



## THE EARLY HISTORY OF SEXUAL COMPULSIVES ANONYMOUS

by Frank H., a Founding  
Member of SCA

After I'd been sober in Alcoholics Anonymous for a few years I began to be able to see the addictive nature of my sexual activity. I wanted to stop but I couldn't. I tried all combinations of sexual activities in the hope that one or another combination would "work", and that I'd be freed of the compulsion.

I talked to a couple of other AA members who shared my problem. One of these friends was Tom. We shared with one another our successes and failures. Once Tom suggested that I pray while going to and being in acting out places. This seemed to help me to accept myself as someone who couldn't stop running from one sexual episode after another. There was a part of myself that was good and virginal and another part that felt like a turd. Praying helped to let these two parts of myself come together a little bit.

About a year before the first meeting of our program, I had a sort of spiritual awakening in a bathhouse in Amsterdam. I wasn't getting what I wanted in the orgy room. But instead of going on to look for sex elsewhere, I was able, somehow, to go back to my hotel.

On returning to New York, with the support of Tom, AA and my therapist, I was able to stay on what we now call a sexual recovery plan. At this point I thought it would be great if we could have 12th Step meetings to support recovery from the craving for sex. I tried to find a meeting place in churches, a meeting house and other institutions, but had no success. I finally became discouraged and stopped looking.

In June of 1982, my friend Tom called to say that Richard, another AA friend of ours was interested in a sexual recovery meeting and that he was willing to donate his apartment for the meeting, at least for a start. On June 22, we had our first meeting. Tom, who was scheduled to

speaking, didn't appear at first. So I became the first speaker. I don't remember what I said, but I suppose I must have talked about my long history of going to tea rooms, bathhouses, trucks, and other acting out places. Then I must have said a little about my year of uncertain and shaky sobriety. Tom showed up somewhere during the qualification. There couldn't have been more than four or five people present at the meeting.

At the third or fourth meeting, Bill L. spoke. We'd known Bill since he first came into AA. I think it was at this meeting that I learned that Bill had started the first Sexaholics Anonymous group in New York, based on the principles established by Roy, the founder of SA on the West Coast. After meeting at Bill's apartment for several months, the group had moved to St. Jean's Church. Bill felt the SA literature was overtly anti-gay and decided he didn't want to participate any more.

At that time, we also called ourselves Sexaholics Anonymous, not because we considered ourselves a part of that program, but simply from lack of imagination. We had already clearly differentiated ourselves from SA in our determination that each member would define his own recovery plan for himself. It was my feeling that each person came to the program with something that they wanted to change about their sexual behavior and that they would start their sexual recovery plan with that. In addition, the membership for at least the first six to eight months was exclusively gay men. The literature we had from the original SA seemed very homophobic to us. We were out to create a program which would support the self-esteem of gay people, not put it into question.

Almost from the beginning we had members from Al Anon and from OA. Some of the early members included George, Saul, and Bob McC. Not too long thereafter, Bob R., Robert N., Nochem and Barbara McC. began to appear.

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Most of these members are still with us, though some no longer attend meetings.

In the Fall of '82, there was to be an eclipse of the moon. A friend told me I shouldn't watch it on my roof because it would be too dangerous. I concluded that I would have to watch from the park where I'd acted out most consistently before I got sexually sober. The night of the eclipse was the beginning of a two month slip for me. I just couldn't stop. I visited temples in Bangkok and prayed for sobriety; for the lifting of the compulsion. Then I went, powerless, directly to the octagonal tearoom right outside the temple.

When I returned to meetings in New York (still only one a week at that time), I feared they'd throw me out. Here I was, a founding member back "out there" again. But no. They said keep coming back. They understood. It still makes my eyes teary to remember that I was wanted; I belonged. With great difficulty, I got sober again. It was like swimming against the current, but the fellowship sustained me.

About this time, we started talking about getting a meeting place in a public space. We had stopped meeting in Richard's and the meeting moved from place to place, making it difficult for new members to find us. We met for a while at Bill L.'s, and for a while at the Gay Jewish Synagogue. I finally agreed to look for a space again. Bob O'C. suggested that another program met at the Washington Square Community Church in Greenwich Village, and that they might be willing to give us space. I called. I talked as best I could about who we were and what we were trying to do. None of us had a lot of sobriety at this point and I found it hard to talk about sexual compulsion. It felt very much like I, a sex maniac, was asking for a place in church. I didn't see how I, or we, could be accepted. But we got the place and began to meet in a long, narrow room looking out onto West 3rd Street. I still feel so grateful to that church where we still meet on Monday nights.

It was also at the Washington

Square Community Church that our first literature committee was formed, and put together the Characteristics which have become such a keynote for us.

We were approached by SA in California and asked to change our name, since we were infringing on their copyright by calling ourselves SA and being a different program. We had a long business meeting at which I maintained that I wanted to continue to call myself a sexaholic and to have the group called Sexaholics Anonymous. I liked the name and felt defiant. But group conscience ruled after much debate that we would be called Sexual Compulsives Anonymous.

The next landmark was when Paul F. decided that he was going to start another meeting. The new meeting was to be for gay men only with no smoking and no eating. Paul wanted a meeting where he would feel safe sharing and a woman and a smoker had started coming to meetings. Neither the smoker nor the woman are still with us, but the meeting continues on. It is interesting to note that without any conscious decision, except at the beginning of that Tuesday meeting, all of our meetings have been non-smoking.

Bob R., who like many of us was finding Sundays a difficult day, located a space for a meeting on Sunday evenings at the Gay and Lesbian Community Center on 13th Street in the Village. The Center was to accommodate most of our new meetings for several years.

[To be continued...]

**THE SERENITY PRAYER**

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot  
change,

the courage to change the  
things I can,

and the wisdom to know  
the difference.



## SCA MEETINGS

The following is the current listing of SCA meetings throughout the world. For meetings marked [CONTACT], additional information, corrections or additions, please write or call: SCA New York, P.O. Box 1585 Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10011 [212-435-1123] or SCA Southern California, 4470-107 Sunset Blvd., Suite 520, Los Angeles, CA 90027 [213-859-5585]. Meetings are a major tool for our recovery.

### LOS ANGELES - ORANGE COUNTY

[Open to all unless otherwise indicated]

Location legend:  
[1]: Methodist Church, Fountain & Fairfax.  
[2]: Atlantic Alano Club, 1936 E. 4th St.  
[3]: AT Center - Terrace Room, 1773 Griffith Park Bl., near Fountain & Hyperion  
[4]: Gay & Lesbian CS Center, 1213 N. Highland Ave.

#### MONDAY

7:00 PM - West Hollywood: [1] street-level meeting room  
8:00 PM - Pomona: Pomona Valley Alcohol & Drug Treatment Center, 1910 Royalty Dr., Room F

#### TUESDAY

6:00 PM - Long Beach: [2]  
8:00 PM - Hollywood: [4], Room 205  
8:00 PM - Garden Grove: GLCSC, 12832 Garden Grove Blvd., Ste A  
8:15 PM - West Hollywood: [1], Second floor meeting room

#### WEDNESDAY

7:30 PM - Atwater: St. Francis & St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, 3621 Brunswick, off Glendale Bl.

#### THURSDAY

10:00 AM - West Hollywood: W. Hollywood Drug & Alcohol Center, 8939 1/2 Santa Monica Bl.  
8:00 PM - Silverlake: [3] [Chips]  
8:00 PM - Santa Ana/Tustin: NCA - OC, 2110 E 1st St., Ste 120

#### FRIDAY

6:00 PM - Silverlake: [3] [Gay & Bi Men Only]  
8:00 PM - West Hollywood: [1] Street level meeting room

#### SATURDAY

11:00 AM - Long Beach: [2]  
Noon - Hollywood: [4], Room 205 [Chips]  
8:15 PM - Hollywood: [4], Rear street level room 117

#### SUNDAY

5:00 PM - Pasadena: Throop Memorial Church, 300 S. Los Robles, entrance on Del Mar  
7:00 PM - Huntington Beach: Seaciff Village, Room 16R, Goldenwest/Yorktown/ Main [SCA Identified Members Only]  
7:30 PM - West Hollywood: Plummer Park Multipurpose Room, 7377 Santa Monica Bl.

#### NEW YORK CITY

[Closed, unless noted otherwise by \*]

Location legend:  
[A] Ansonia, Apt 16-137, W 73rd St & Bway  
[B] 92 St. Nicholas Ave, Suite 1B (Near 115th St)  
[C] The Center, 208 W 13th St  
[H] St. Clare's Hospital, 426 W 52nd St.  
[L] St. Jean Baptiste Church, 76th St, east of Lexington (Stairs to basement, ring bell #5)  
[M] Cabrini Hospital, Room 340, 227 E 19th St  
[N] Lambs Club, 130 W 44th St  
[R] 242 E 14th St, 3rd Floor  
[S] St. Peter's Vicarage, 346 W 20th St  
[V] St Vincent's, 143 W 11th St, Cronin Rm 806

[W] Washington Sq. Methodist Church, 135 W 4th St  
[X] Dampsey Center, St Augustine's Church, 61 Park Place, Brooklyn

#### SUNDAY

5:00 PM - Dating Workshop [C] \*  
5:00 PM - Brooklyn Meeting [X]  
6:30 PM - Sexual Recovery Workshop [C]  
7:00 PM - Women/Men Who Love Too Much [C]  
8:30 PM - Meeting [C]

#### MONDAY

Noon - Round Robin [A]  
Noon - 4th Step Workshop [N]  
6:00 PM - Challenges In Sobriety [A]  
6:30 PM - Meeting [W]  
7:30 PM - Beginners' Step Meeting [A]

#### TUESDAY

6:30 PM - SCA-Anon (for partners of Sexual Compulsives) [C]  
6:30 PM - Topic Meeting [B]  
6:30 PM - Meeting [C]  
7:00 PM - Steps 1,2,3 [R]  
8:00 PM - 4th Step Meeting [C]

#### WEDNESDAY

Noon - Round Robin [C]  
6:30 PM - Romantic Obsession [C]  
7:00 PM - Step Meeting [H] \*

#### THURSDAY

12:15 PM - Midtown Round Robin [N]  
6:30 PM - Topic Meeting [C] \*  
8:00 PM - Step Meeting [C]

7:30 PM - Relapse & Recovery (for Repeaters) [L]

#### FRIDAY

Noon - Step Round Robin [A]  
12:15 PM - Step Meeting [N]  
6:00 PM - Beginners/Int Sponsor Program [C]  
6:00 PM - Topics in Recovery [C]  
8:00 PM - Topic: Anger [C]

#### SATURDAY

2:00 PM - SOS Meeting [S]  
4:00 PM - HIV+ Meeting [V]  
4:00 PM - Women in Recovery [R]  
6:00 PM - 1st Step Meeting [C]  
6:30 PM - Meeting [M]  
7:30 PM - Characteristics Meeting [C]

#### ALBANY, NY

[Closed Meetings]

TUESDAY 7:30 PM - Discussion Meeting, Suite 206, 1 Pinnacle Place

THURSDAY 7:30 PM - Romantic Obsession Meeting, same location as above

THURSDAY 7:30 PM - SCA-Anon (for partners of Sexual Compulsives), same location as above  
SATURDAY 7:00 PM - Meeting, same location as above

#### ATLANTA, GA

SATURDAY 8:30 PM - O.A. office, Lindberg Plaza near Piedmont & Lindberg (Next to Radio Shack)

SUNDAY 5:30 PM - Same location; must alert [CONTACT] to attend

#### CHICAGO, IL

[Closed meetings, unless noted otherwise]

MONDAY 7:30 PM - New Town Alano Club, 4407 N. Clark (Northside)

THURSDAY NOON -

Same location as above

FRIDAY 7:15 PM -

Same location as above

SUNDAY 7:30 PM - 2nd Unitarian Church, back of basement, 656 W. Barry (Northside) [Lesbian, gay & straight]

#### GLEN RIDGE, NJ

WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM - Meeting, Christ Church, Bloomfield & Park [Closed]

#### MIDDLETOWN, NY

TUESDAY 8:00 PM - Meeting, Unitarian/Universalist Church Parish House, 6 Orchard St, at East Main [Closed]

#### PHILADELPHIA, PA

FRIDAY 8:00 PM - Private Home [CONTACT]

#### POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM - Christ Episcopal Church, Parish House, Carroll & Montgomery St. [Closed]

#### SAN DIEGO, CA

TUESDAY 8:00 PM - Alano Club, 4th St near University. [Gay & Bi Men Only]

SATURDAY 8:00 PM - UCSD Medical Center Cafeteria, 225 Dickinson St. [Open]  
SUNDAY 8:00 PM - GLCSC, 3780 5th Ave. [Open]

#### SANTA FE, NM

SUNDAY 7:00 PM - 109 St. Francis Dr., Room 1. [CONTACT]

#### FOREIGN MEETINGS

GUANAJUATO, MEXICO: [CONTACT]

MONTREAL, CANADA: [CONTACT]

#### PARIS, FRANCE

TUESDAY 7:00 PM - St. Joseph Church (Basement) 50 Avenue Hoche, Paris 17  
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM - 2. Blvd D'Aurelle - De-Paladines (Port Des Ternes) Metro: Porte Maillot [All French Speaking]  
FRIDAY 5:30 PM - [CONTACT]

ROME, ITALY: [CONTACT]

Looking to start a meeting in your area? Let us know -- we'll list your request! There may be a lot of people there looking for the same thing!

As children, our sexuality may have been something we feared or ignored, abused or repressed. We may not have felt at home with our sexual feelings, as if they didn't belong to us. Perhaps they were stolen from us by a person who abused us sexually.

These feelings may have made us not want to be children as they prevented us from really enjoying our childhood. As such, we came to be ill at ease with the child within us, wanting to forget, reject, and abandon him or her all over again.

But the child in us all is a living, vital, creative part of us that we need to be in touch with to feel whole again. We might want to carry a photograph of ourselves as a child so that we may be reminded of who we were and who in some ways we still are. That child needs us, and we need that child to continue to play and create and love.

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