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Los Angeles Prepares for 2019 WSC

Here is the major news for this year's World Service Conference (WSC) in Los Angeles. The Fellowship Day schedule is approved, the spending plan is finalized, and the registration packet has been released.

Fellowship Day on Saturday, August 10, 2019, will be an all-day event in a bid to attract D.A. members from California, Arizona, Nevada, and all over the world. Seven meeting rooms will host speaking panels, interactive workshops, and vision board workshops for a total of 49 topics. That's more than 100 speakers! Sessions will be conducted in Spanish, German, French, Russian, Farsi, and two more languages to be decided. If you speak a non-English language and/or would like to volunteer, please contact the Host Committee at: DAwsc2019LA@gmail.com.

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Service on the 2019 Host Committee

In June of 2017, a friend forwarded me an email from the GSB seeking bids from Intergroups to host the 2019 World Service Conference. I immediately replied, "I think we should try to host it in Los Angeles. How would we even start the process?" And so began a two-year journey into the great unknown.

It took us (SoCalDA Intergroup) about a month to prepare our bid for the GSB. During that time, we formed a solid core group that eventually morphed into the L.A. WSC Host Committee. As you all know, "It takes a village!" We created a bid package including a PowerPoint presentation.

At the 2017 WSC in Dallas, the GSRs on our Host Committee formally pitched the Conference Selection Committee to host the 2019 WSC. On August 28, 2017, we were overjoyed to hear that Los Angeles had been officially selected.

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE 2019 WSC

**Wed—Sun, August 7-11, 2019
Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel**

**Register as a Delegate or Guest,
Apply for a scholarship (by Apr 15),
Reserve Hotel Rooms, and
View the Fellowship Day schedule:**

www.debtorsanonymous.org/2019wsc

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LOS ANGELES

"Spotlight on Service"

World Service Conference Articles

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The Host Committee is planning an outreach effort to underserved communities as well as healthcare professionals who may refer to Debtors Anonymous. Note that delegates are only able to attend afternoon sessions. Speaker shares will be recorded in the first four rooms.

This Fellowship Day will mark the first participation of Debt-Anon, a 12-step program for those affected by people with compulsive debting behaviors. Friends and family are welcome to attend Fellowship Day, which is an open event concluding with the Gala Dinner, talent show, and dance. For more information, please see page 16 of the WSC Registration Packet at: www.debtorsanonymous.org/2019wsc

More than 20 years have passed since Los Angeles last hosted the World Service Conference. It took a lot of effort during contract negotiations to keep costs down for this event in a hotel where side salads cost \$25 and guest rooms are over \$300 in the summer. This year’s room rates are \$149 (not including taxes), and registration rates are comparable to past years: \$675 for early registration (for delegates only) and \$55 for the Gala Dinner (open to all). Guests may also register for \$45 to attend the Fellowship Day keynote luncheon (which is included in the delegate meal plan). There are almost 100 meetings in Los Angeles and perhaps 1000 local members, so do register early to get a seat.

The deadline for GSRs and ISRs to apply for the John H. Scholarship Fund is April 15, 2019. If your D.A. meeting would like to send a representative to attend the World Service Conference as a delegate and vote on motions affecting the Fellowship as a whole, visit www.debtorsanonymous.org/wsc.

All contributions received by the John H. Scholarship Fund by March 31 will count toward the 2019 World Service Conference. (See the announcement on page 9 of this issue of *The DA Focus*).

If you live outside of North America, you can still participate and even serve on a WSC Committee and Caucus for the 2019-2020 term by registering as a Remote Trial Participant. Virtual technology will allow for GSRs and ISRs in countries outside of North America to attend the Conference and even vote at Convocation—the General Assembly sessions where the largest group conscience of D.A. is reached during live votes. If interested, please contact WSC2019rpt@gmail.com right away since this program requires a minimum number of participating delegates in order to take place.

It’s particularly helpful for D.A. projects to gain the perspective of delegates outside the U.S. If meetings are the heart of Debtors Anonymous, then the Committees and Caucuses are the spine of service at

the World Level. During monthly meetings, GSRs, ISRs, and GSB liaisons develop programs and policies with one goal: to reach the debtor who still suffers—our primary purpose.

Projects in the pipeline include the Basic Text aka the “Big Book” of Debtors Anonymous, a Fellowship-wide Step Study Guide, and a Meditation Book being developed by the Literature Committee. The fulfillments of these projects are sure to have a major impact on our Fellowship as they have in other 12-step programs. The Public Information Committee discovered D.A. public service announcements and are making plans to distribute them nationally while the International

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World Service Conference Articles

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Caucus assists the GSB with much-needed literature translations. The Internal Operations Committee is working to streamline and possibly relocate the General Service Office. Contributions are up this year thanks in part to the Resource Development Committee.

Every Committee and Caucus plays a vital role in the spiritual and financial health of Debtors Anonymous, and every member in service has a role to play.

We hope many of you will consider joining us this August in Los Angeles as we trudge, swagger, and sashay along that road of happy destiny. Whether you participate as a delegate among delegates being guided to a group conscience in the General Assembly or as a guest among guests during a very ambitious schedule of events for Fellowship Day—you are welcome.

— Tom B., GSB Conference Support Committee

2019 FELLOWSHIP DAY SCHEDULE

August 10, 2019, at the World Service Conference in Los Angeles

Open to All D.A. Members (Delegates may attend after 12pm)

Morning sessions — \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door*

Afternoon sessions — \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door*

*No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

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| | Room 1 The Twelve Steps <i>(broadcast via teleconference)</i> | Room 2 Helping Debtors Recover | Room 3 Helping Professionals Refer to D.A. | Room 4 Intro to D.A. in Seven Languages | Room 5 Experiencing the Steps <i>(interactive workshops)</i> | Room 6 Vision Board Extravaganza! | Room 7 Debt-Anon Panels and Workshops |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Steps 1-3 | Practicing the Twelve Traditions | Who Can Benefit from D.A.? | Intro to D.A. in Russian | Surrendering Steps 1-3 with Written Exercise | Why Vision Boards Work | Closed Leader Meeting |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Steps 4-9 | The Sponsor/ Sponsee Relationship | Understanding the Disease of Debting | Intro to D.A. in TBD | Steps 4 & 5: Healing the Past to Heal the Present through Family Tableaux | Vision Board free time | Intro to Debt-Anon |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Steps 10-12 | How to Deliver a PRG Guided by HP | D.A. and BDA: How the Program Works | Intro to D.A. in TBD | | Vision Board free time | Debt-Anon Steps 1-3 |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch with Keynote Speaker (\$45) | | | Room 3 World Service Panels | | | | |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Steps 1-3 | Working the Twelve Tools | Reaching Debtors through P.I. | Intro to D.A. in German | Using Art to Express Steps 6 & 7 | How to Build a Vision as a Group | Debt-Anon Panel |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Steps 4-7 | Recovering in Business through BDA | Balancing Socio-Economic Diversity | Intro to D.A. in French | Experiencing Steps 8-10 via Role Play | Vision Board free time | Debt-Anon Steps, Trads, Tools, Keys, + |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | Steps 8-10 | Numbers: The Spiritual Tool of Record-Keeping | Balancing Spirituality with Capitalism | Intro to D.A. in Farsi | 11th Step Guided Visualizations | Vision Board free time | Debt-Anon Steps 4-11 |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. | Steps 11 & 12 | How Being of Service in D.A. Helps Recovery | Reaching Debtors through HIP | Intro to D.A. in Spanish | Step 12: Using Your Voice to a Bigger D.A. Life | Vision Board share meeting | Debt-Anon Step 12 |
| 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Gala Dinner with Keynote Speaker, Talent Show, and Dance (\$55) | | | | | | | |

World Service Conference Articles

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A few months earlier, I had casually volunteered to chair the Host Committee and now it was really happening! What did I get myself into? A year and half later, here is what I know

I would never have volunteered if I had not already had the experience of 11 years of service at various levels in D.A. from the meeting level to Intergroup to GSR. I knew absolutely that SoCalDA Intergroup had the numbers, the experience, strength, and hope to pull this off. Everywhere I looked in Los Angeles D.A., I saw Higher Power made manifest.

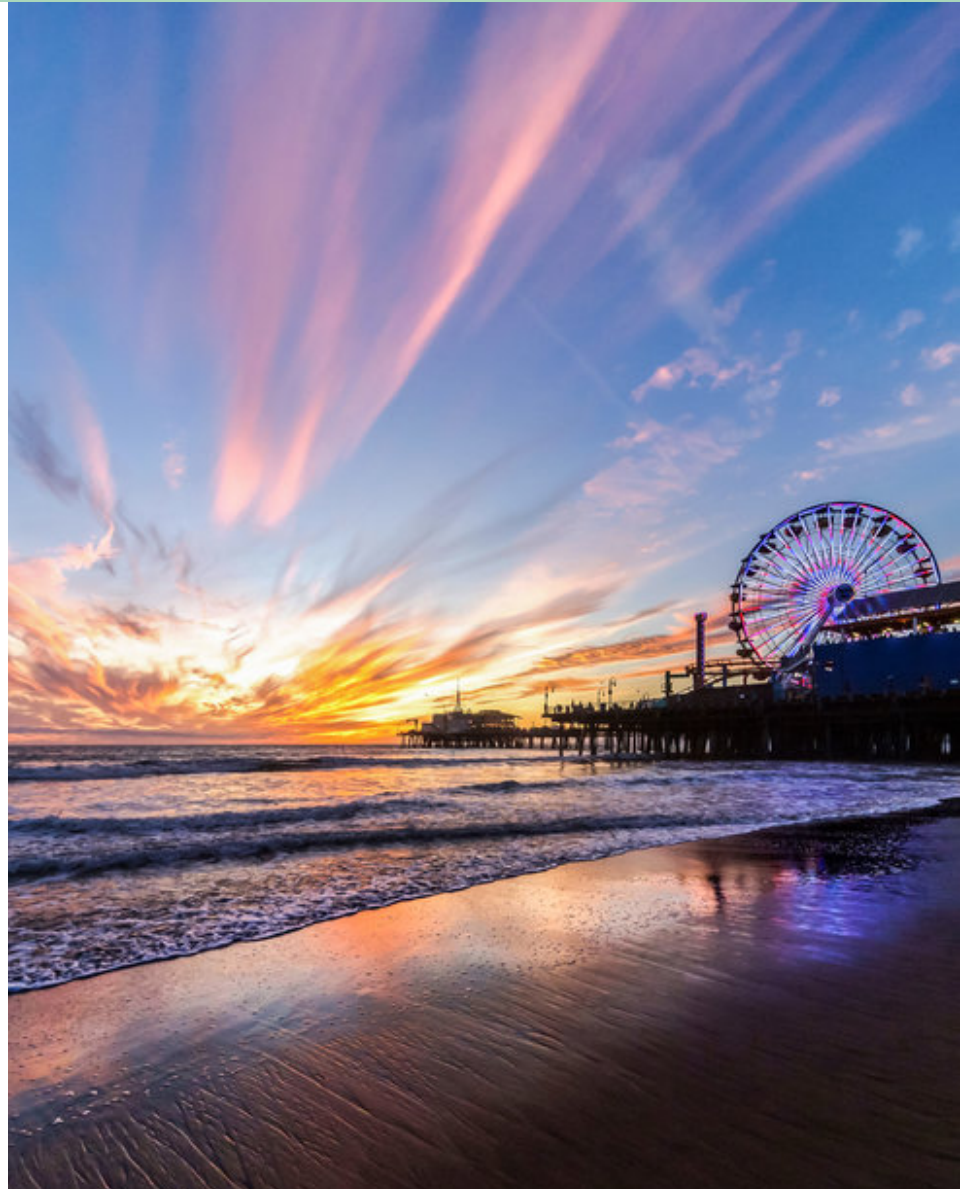
For me, it’s all about the people. Working in service with my fellows in Debtors Anonymous is what gives me my greatest joy. Nobody gets paid. Nobody gets a medal. Nobody becomes famous. Nobody gets anything other than recovery when giving service.

From the start of our Host Committee work—finding the venue for the Conference, creating a logo, attending our monthly meetings—through the recent planning of Fellowship Day, I have learned that people perform their best service when they know that others are working alongside them. Having a cohesive team makes all the difference. I love teamwork!

The 11th Tool in D.A. is Service: “We perform service at every level: personal, meeting, Intergroup, and World Service. Service is vital to our recovery. Only through service can we give to others what so generously has been given to us.”

That last sentence says it all “Only through service can we give to others what so generously has been given to us.”

By working the Twelve Steps of Debtors Anonymous, we recover from compulsive debting, one day at a time. The Steps are the inner work between ourselves, our Sponsor, and our Higher Power. For me, service is the



A former GSR will host a Friday night beach meeting near the Santa Monica pier.

outer work—the glue that holds the Steps together. I don’t believe I can do one without the other.

When I get scared, overwhelmed, resentful, and frustrated with my service commitment, I remind myself that we are all on the road to recovery. Some have just started, some are well down the road, some are standing still, some have fallen behind—but we are all ON THE ROAD. It’s a glorious road, mapped out perfectly in the 12 Promises of D.A. “When we work this program with integrity and to the best of our ability, one day at a time, a life of prosperity and serenity will be ours.”

— Rob B., 2019 Host Committee Chair, Los Angeles

World Service Conference Scholarship

John H. Scholarship Fund 2019 Contributions

What Is the John H. Scholarship Fund?

Established in honor of D.A.'s founder, John H., scholarships are awarded to groups that do not have sufficient funds to cover the expense of sending their General Service Representative (GSR) or Intergroup Service Representative (ISR) to the annual D.A. World Service Conference (WSC).

During the past six years, D.A. groups have contributed a total of \$42,700 to the John H. Scholarship Fund, helping send 71 representatives to the WSC. In the 2017-18 Conference year, \$7,450 was raised. This helped send 15 delegates to the 2019 Conference in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, USA—delegates who otherwise might not have been able to attend.

How Does the John H. Scholarship Fund Work?

All D.A. groups that have a GSR or ISR but have not raised enough money to cover the cost of sending their representative to the WSC are encouraged to apply for a scholarship.

One scholarship is awarded to a qualifying meeting with the greatest financial need. The remainder of the Fund is distributed to meetings with the smallest amount needed first, followed by groups with larger amounts needed so that the John H. Scholarship Funds supports the largest number of delegates attending the WSC. Our goal for the 2018-19 Conference year is to raise \$7,500, or \$15 per each of D.A.'s 500 registered groups.

This amount will make it possible to provide support to approximately 18 D.A. groups seeking to send a representative to the 2019 World Service Conference in California, USA.

All contributions received by **March 31, 2019**, will go toward sending GSRs and ISRs to the 2019 World Service Conference.

Please Note: Individual contributions sent to the General Service Office may be tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor. Individual Donations to D.A.'s General Service Office are limited to \$12,000 per year. While individual donations to D.A.'s General Service Office are limited to \$12,000.00 per year, contributions to the John H. Scholarship Fund are separate from the limit of \$12,000.00 individual contributions per year.

Please follow the link below to download the John H. Scholarship Fund Information Flyer for distribution at your meetings.

www.debtorsanonymous.org/2019scholarship

Meet the General Service Board of Trustees

Sarah V.—Class A Trustee

My name is Sarah V, and I am a compulsive debtor, spender, and underearner in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am one of the new Class A Trustees on the General Service Board of D.A. I was the General Service Rep for my home meeting in Huntingdon Valley, PA, for three years, and blessed to belong to a large, strong, healthy, solvent group that was able to send me to the World Service Conference for three years in a row, without scholarships.

It's an amazing meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings. I am NOT a morning person. I always envied the regular attendees at the meeting because I knew their solvency was so important to them that they would get up early on a day when they didn't have to, and they would get to that meeting. You could tell that they were enthusiastic about their recovery not just because they got there at that time of the morning but because they shared about their recovery and their challenges. They did PRGs and received them. They stayed to talk with newcomers. They came early to set up. They smiled and encouraged me, made suggestions, and didn't give unsolicited advice. I wanted what they had.

I started in D.A. about 1997 in New Jersey and left the rooms when I felt that I was "cured." However, I wasn't. I came back in late 2008 having retired with a reduced income, with two mortgages, with more credit card debt, and a really unmanageable life. My favorite concept in D.A. is Clarity vs. Vagueness. Coming to D.A. I learned that I had vagueness in every area of my life—not just my finances, but especially in my relationships. When I moved to Philadelphia I started attending the Saturday morning meeting; my solvency and my resolve grew. The group rubbed off on me, and I began to pass it on. I found more amazing people at the World Service Conference who wanted to carry this message of D.A. to the still-suffering debtors all over the world and who practice these principals in every area of their lives. I worked with the wonderful people on the Hospitals, Institutions, and Prisons Committee for three years, participated on the International Caucus, and found that the energy at the World Service level was fascinating and rewarding. We have a spiritual solution, and these people wanted to pass it on! I wanted to continue the work after my GSR term ended; there is still so much to do. Today I am privileged to be a worker among workers at the Board level, learning every day and praying to continue to be of service in D.A. and to become the person my HP wants me to be.

Susan A.—Class A Trustee

"I am a compulsive debtor, solvent and recovering today, by the grace of my Higher Power and the Fellowship of the D.A. program." I can't think of any better introduction of myself as the newest Class A Trustee of the General Service Board (GSB). I trust that my path to this level of service isn't especially unique, so I will sum up that path by saying that having a local face-to-face D.A. group made all the difference in helping me choose recovery.

Truthfully, when I walked into my first meeting in August of 2004 I was doubtful it was going to be any help. Even though I had been a member of other 12-step Fellowships and experienced life-affirming and life-saving results, I wasn't sure the Twelve Steps could address my money problem. Nonetheless, because of a mountain of unsecured debt, just about every relationship in my life was in a state of disrepair and dysfunction. Even though I was doubtful that D.A. would offer me anything different from my other programs, I frankly didn't see any other way to end the pain. Going to D.A. was a last resort. I came crawling into my first D.A. meeting believing that if this didn't work, I'd have to summon the courage to end my life. I am grateful today that I chose to go to a D.A. meeting instead.

I have served in many roles in my home group, including attending the World Service Conference (WSC) as the group's General Service Representative for three years. Prior to last year, I was primarily focused on maintaining my solvency a day at a time as well as giving service in my home group and Intergroup. I took for granted that the GSB didn't need a service contribution from me. However, having served on the Resource Development

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Meet the General Service Board of Trustees

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Committee (RDC) of the WSC for a year, I became attuned in a way I hadn't before to the financial health and challenges the world-wide Fellowship faced. At the same time, I was delightfully surprised by the care and resolve demonstrated by the GSB to meet those challenges. When the call went out during my RDC meeting to consider serving as a Trustee, a still, small voice in me whispered, "I could do that."

I still believe the most significant link between the debtor who still suffers and the D.A. program is the local group. However, both the increasing diversity of the Fellowship and advancements in technology are pushing us to redefine what we mean by the local group, to say nothing of how those groups are formed and supported. We are truly standing in a paradoxical moment. If the local groups are to survive and flourish, it is essential that at least some of us stand in a global perspective to authentically support the local meetings however they may form.

Dayton L.—Class A Trustee

Doing service in D.A. is a continuation of what I've always done. As a youngster, I grew up doing some sort of service to my many neighbors in my small hometown in Minnesota. Raking leaves, mowing lawns, cultivating gardens, shoveling snow—the list goes on and on. It continued on throughout my life including doing service to my country during the Vietnam War era.

After the service, I was introduced to having to make a living for a change if I expected to survive in today's society. By working at many different kinds of jobs, I was able to expand my knowledge of how those types of jobs reflected on the economy, so one could say I've been around the block a few times and consider myself a jack of all trades, master of none. I've experienced life in all its glory, both good and bad, and that helps me today in D.A. sponsoring other debtors. Doing service is vital to my recovery, not only in D.A. but in all aspects of my life.

When I first discovered D.A. after reaching rock bottom due to credit card debt, my life was unmanageable. I needed help, but I struggled finding that help until someone mentioned they thought there was a group that dealt with debt. Maybe it was called D.A.

I googled D.A., and all kinds of hits happened, but mainly for District Attorneys, so I googled debt and up popped this Twelve Step recovery group called Debtors Anonymous. Lo and behold, there were meetings in my area. So I checked out the nearest one and started attending regularly.

That was 2010 and after a rocky first year, I discovered another meeting and everything about D.A. clicked and became so much clearer in my small brain. Through that meeting I discovered DA-HOW in 2011, and I've been abstinent since.

Back when I started, it was apparent that what most meetings needed was for their members to help set up the meeting, be Trusted Servant, Treasurer, Scribe, and the many other service positions. Local service is necessary to help meetings stay strong to reach the debtor who still suffers.

I fulfilled that need from the very beginning: setting up chairs, setting up the meeting, and then graduating on to more responsible service positions. Trusted Servant, Treasurer, Literature person, Secretary, etc. I had found my true calling in D.A.—service.

Having retired very early due to medical reasons, I had many more hours to perform extra service than a lot of other members. I became the go-to guy. Most members consider me to be many years abstinent, but I'm just about an 8-year recovering newcomer who has had the opportunity to do this vital part of our recovery—service—and for that I'm thankful that I could be available to help reach out to the still suffering debtor by doing service at all levels.

Remembering River, former GSB Trustee

We Honor River L.

This past January a void in the forces of nature and in our Fellowship was felt with the passing of River L., former Trustee, loved, feared, and revered member from Woodstock, New York. She will be missed greatly and remembered greatly as a powerful example of how service works in D.A. We are self-supporting through our own contributions, and some members' contributions are extraordinary.

Upon first encountering River, one might have gotten a very strong sense that she knew what was going on—both with the disease of compulsive debting and with its solution. She combined a very “tough love,” “no BS” attitude with a pure conviction that the newcomer is the most important person in the room. Asking for help from River required a fair degree of fearlessness, desperation, and humility. Receiving help from River was a remarkable, enlightening, and sometimes intense experience.

As a former D.A. Trustee (“Dafty”), River brought awareness of Intergroup and World Service to many people. She encouraged us to step up, provided context, information, history and personal experience, and showed us the immense benefits of giving service to the greater D.A. community. As a sponsor, River could be a very effective spiritual and financial mentor. She knew what it meant to be a compulsive debtor and how to live prosperously as one. To her, service was not a virtuous thing, but rather an activity that helped save her life. It was gratitude in action; something to be passed on. It could also be incredibly fulfilling.

After River suffered her first stroke, she was still

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In Memory of River L.

Earlier this month I got the news that River L, a long-time member of my D.A. home group in Woodstock, NY had died.

River was and will always remain in my memory an archetypal figure of what it means to be a recovering compulsive debtor. Of course I didn't know it when I first walked into the rooms. In fact, I was a bit afraid of her. Mostly I guess because it seemed she would have no problem smashing any of my illusions about the “specialness” of my situation. While I can't remember River ever addressing me directly with the notion that the root of my problem wasn't my situation, the root of the problem was me, I got the message when she told her own story in meetings.

Eventually I grew to see her as a source of comfort and sound guidance. There were others at those meetings, including my sponsor, who offered insight that helped to disassemble my illusions and excuses. However, I felt reassured that if River was present, the meeting wasn't likely to go too far off course from the topic at hand. Neither would the

way things played out in a regular meeting or business meeting veer too far away from the Traditions.

River never seemed at a loss for words in expressing her opinions as well as her deep gratitude for the program of Debtors Anonymous. One thing I do remember River talking about when she shared her story is how she came to realize that compulsive debting is a spiritual problem with a spiritual solution. This was especially apparent in her commitment to protecting the use of the Steps and Traditions. While River was truly one of the people in my life who was a spiritual guide, she

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Remembering River, former GSB Trustee

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100% River, but some of her cognitive abilities had been affected or lost. Members of Woodstock D.A. suddenly were offered a rare opportunity to help the person who had helped them (and so many others). With a noticeable sense of gratitude, we drove her to meetings, took her to lunch, sorted through papers, kept her company, chopped and stacked wood. It was quite clear that River's connection to spirituality was not affected by the stroke in the least—in fact it had been rarified. Conversations most often turned towards the topics of gratitude, humility, faith, and most of all service.

As River's ability to deal with numbers was lost (a tremendous loss of a tremendous ability indeed!), she displayed a humorous and profound amazement at how well she had taken care of herself financially—bursting with gratitude as if some other person had taken great steps to provide for her. She made it very clear that it was not she who did this, but rather D.A.

As River's contributions of service ceased, many members noticed a sharp downturn in the strength and vitality of the Woodstock meeting. Attendance dropped, service commitments went unattended, and personality conflicts arose. A sense of uncertainty and impending closure took hold. It seemed that the group was going through a long, major transformation in response to the loss of River's contribution. But

perhaps what River gave to this fellowship will never leave. The group has indeed transformed and become strong again. River's examples of recovery and service are still with some of us, and we are passing them along to new (and returning) members. In this way we honor and remember River, her love, her fire, her spirit, and her extraordinary service.

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would be the first to say that the path to addressing the disease was anything but esoteric or as she would say, "woo-woo." In fact, she was extremely pragmatic. This was especially apparent in her willingness to talk about the use of the Twelve Tools as a means to get rid of vagueness, especially around numbers.

River clearly articulated her thoughts on giving service in the program. She taught me the value of being of service on the group, Intergroup and World Service levels. During most of the time I had the privilege of knowing her, I was able to see how she contributed to the recovery of the many individuals on the local level. It took some years in my recovery to realize she was also somewhat of a legend in the World Service arena.

I miss River, but I am forever grateful to her presence in my life and her willingness to share her experience, strength, and hope. I have no doubt that for one such as me, she was and continues to be—though she has left this earthly plane—a unique and unrepeatable gift.

An Important Message from the Debtors Anonymous General Service Board:

Over the last several years, expenses for the General Service Office, the Board, and other administrative requirements have increased, while contributions and literature sales have remained basically the same. This has resulted in a deficit, which the General Service Board has met by using a small portion of our prudent reserve for the past two years.

To avoid using more of our prudent reserve, the Board is asking all D.A. groups and individual D.A. members to **consider increasing contributions to Debtors Anonymous.**

Some D.A. members may not know that, in addition to putting funds in the basket at their D.A. meetings, they can

also make direct contributions to D.A. to help cover the expenses of the Fellowship as whole.

Any amount that fits into your spending plan is welcome. A contribution of even \$5 or \$10, made every month, can make a big difference.

Regarding Seventh Tradition contributions from groups, D.A. members can remind their Treasurers that their group's commitment to regular contributions is a part of their group's commitment to support the Fellowship.

Thank you for your continued support.

The General Service Board of Debtors Anonymous

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★ D.A. Anniversary Appeal! ★

An Opportunity to Celebrate D.A.

*An Important Message from the
2018-2019 Resource Development Committee Of Debtors Anonymous:*

Each year, D.A. groups and members are encouraged to commemorate D.A.'s birthday with contributions of financial donations and service. These gifts ensure that D.A. continues to grow by carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering debtor.

These contributions support the needs of the D.A. Fellowship in the following ways:

- Developing Fellowship-wide communications
- Publishing, distributing and translating D.A. literature
- Organizing public information activities
- Maintaining and upgrading its website at debtorsanonymous.org
- Staffing and managing the World Service Office
- Answering D.A.'s telephone support line
- Outreach to international groups

Financial Gifts

Instructions for making financial contributions to Debtors Anonymous electronically or by mail can be found online via the **CONTRIBUTE** page located on debtorsanonymous.org. Ways to contribute include:

- Making an individual contribution to the General Service Office
- Passing a special D.A. Birthday Basket in your group each week for a month
- Conducting a fundraising event and donating the proceeds to D.A.

Service Gifts

Service is the lifeline of Debtors Anonymous, from attending an in-person or telephone meeting to participating in D.A.'s annual World Service Conference. All of your efforts support the sustainability and prosperity of Debtors Anonymous. Service opportunities include:

- Sponsor a newcomer
- Participate in a Pressure Relief Group (PRG)
- Become an Intergroup Service Rep (ISR) or General Service Rep (GSR)
- Start or adopt a new group
- Organize, conduct, or volunteer at an event: debtorsanonymous/guidetospecialevents
- Participate in a D.A. Fellowship Wide Conference Call
- Explore 50 Ways To Be of Service flier on the DA website: debtorsanonymous/50ways

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Contribute online via a debit card

<https://debtorsanonymous.org/onlinecontribution>

**Mail Contributions To:
Debtors Anonymous General Service Office
P.O. Box 920888
Needham, MA 02492-0009**

Make Your Check Payable to "DA-GSB" and Write "World Service Month" in the memo field.

For the Good and Wellbeing of the Fellowship

The General Service Board seeks qualified trusted servants to fill a number of service positions. The positions are non-paying. Positions include Trustees and Appointed Committee Members. For details, email: office@debtorsanonymous.org

Have you signed up for **eNews**? Has your group?

Get connected to D.A. worldwide.

Receive newsletters, announcements, event info, and more.

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Share your personal story in **Ways & Means**, our meeting in print!

Have you been of service to a meeting by giving a **lead share**?

Write it down, send it in: communications@debtorsanonymous.org



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ANNOUNCEMENT CORNER

Here are possible announcements for members—especially General and Intergroup Service Representatives (GSRs & ISRs)—to make during D.A. meetings:

1. The 10 D.A. pamphlets translated into Spanish are now available for purchase as eBooks (along with **A Currency of Hope** and the **12 & 12 & 12**); visit the official D.A. online author page: www.debtorsanonymous.org/ebooks
2. Fellowship-wide Calls use the U.S. call-in phone number: 1-605-472-5540, access code: 617093#. International phone numbers (and online access) are available at www.debtorsanonymous.org/call-in-access. Let members know to mark their calendars for the upcoming live Fellowship-wide Calls:
 - Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time, titled **"The Power of PRGs,"** presented by the WSC Resource Development Committee (RDC)
 - Saturday, March 23, 2019, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time, titled **"Attraction Vs. Promotion,"** presented by the WSC Public Information Committee
 - Sunday, March 24, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, titled **"Ask-the-GSB: Service,"** presented by the GSB Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
 - Sunday, March 31, 2019, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, titled **"A Spiritual Approach to Growing your Business: The Tools of BDA (Tools 10 - 12),"** presented by the WSC Business Debtors Anonymous (BDA) Committee
 - Sunday, April 7, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, titled **"What is Spiritually Sustainable Earning?"** presented by the Spiritually Sustainable Earning Caucus
3. Listen to free recordings of speaker shares from Fellowship-wide Calls on the D.A. website at www.debtorsanonymous.org/podcasts
4. Registration is open for delegates to attend the 2019 World Service Conference from August 7-11 in Los Angeles, and for D.A. members and guests to attend Fellowship Day on August 10 in Los Angeles. Download the registration packet at www.debtorsanonymous.org/wsc
5. Non-US delegates to the World Service Conference may serve throughout the year on D.A. Committees and Caucuses by registering to attend the World Service Conference as a Remote Participant.
6. Seeking D.A. members with special skills to serve in the new position of Project Contributor to assist D.A. Board Committees in specific projects for short-term commitments: www.debtorsanonymous.org/projectcontributor
7. If it fits in your spending plan, please increase your 7th Tradition contributions!
8. Let your meetings know that members may sign up to receive eNews about D.A. by email at www.debtorsanonymous.org/enews, or U.S. members may text "DARECOVERY" (DA Recovery as one word w/o spaces) to 22828.
9. Share your story in *Ways & Means*—the recovery magazine of D.A.—or share an article about service in *The DA Focus* newsletter.

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