



## Service in the 21st Century: A MAWS Trustee Report

Hi, my name is Mike D., but my friends call me Mikey. No, I'm not the Mike D. from the Beastie Boys, and I couldn't carry a tune if my life depended on it.

God willing, I will be clean and sober seven years on June 6<sup>th</sup> of this year. Six of those years I have been of service at the world service level in different capacities, first, as a delegate, then the last four years as a trustee, three of which as Internet trustee. Being of service has been a cornerstone of my recovery. Tools such as going to meetings, working the steps with my sponsor, and trying to live life on life's terms have helped me stay clean and sober to this day. I owe my life to this program.

During my terms of service at all levels, I have helped to facilitate the online community to become a MAWS recognized district, facilitated a chat room for D13 that now has moderated meetings every day of the week, facilitated the redesign of the MAWS website with the help of the Internet committee, implemented a blog to bridge the gap between members and MAWS, implemented a e-commerce solution for the online purchases of MAWS literature and merchandise, am presently working on a custom shopping

cart for MAWS that will better serve the needs of MAWS, and last but not least, implemented and tested videoconference capabilities for the use of international districts to participate in MAWS conferences.

This year I have fulfilled all motions placed before me at last year's conference except downloading of audio excerpts from Life With Hope due to the motion stated this year to place these clips on a copyright protected third party service to save on bandwidth costs.

A motion at this year's conference is to create a "webmaster" position for administration of the MAWS website and all technical IT tasks related to the online presence of MAWS. I feel this is important because the Internet has become more interactive requiring a higher level of technical knowledge to implement and maintain. What started out as simple web page updating tasks has now morphed into programming scripts, implementing content management systems, ecommerce troubleshooting and whatever new technologies present them to us. A dedicated, fully qualified professional level

Webmaster makes more sense today than it ever has before. Since trustee positions can rotate annually, a normal layperson wouldn't have the knowledge or expertise to handle these technical tasks, and the Internet trustee position realistically should be redefined to update website content while communicating with the Webmaster. The Webmaster could start out as the IT department for MAWS and possibly, in the future, become the IT "support" for all MA district Webmasters. Please discuss this important motion at meetings so that your delegate will carry your vote to the conference body this Memorial Day weekend.

I am very grateful for having the opportunity to serve the fellowship in the best way I can, and to nurture friendships that I have made doing this service. Service in all forms is really important in working the twelfth step. I didn't think it would be that interesting to be of service, but found it to be the most rewarding action in my life that I have ever done. Please be of service to help yourself stay clean and sober, and to help the addict who still suffers in and out of these rooms.



# a new leaf

The purpose of A New Leaf is to carry the message of recovery from marijuana addiction. It is through the written experiences of recovering addicts and their stories that we may find experience, strength and hope.

Articles submitted should reflect recovery, unity, and service.

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## Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

I started doing my 10th step about a week ago. Every evening, I sit down, think about my day and answer questions such as; was I selfish? Lazy? Self seeking? etc.

I must say I didn't often like to revisit my character defects at work on a daily basis. But then, I think I got it.

I was standing in line at the store, my cart was full. We were in a single line, crowding the only fruit aisle. I let a woman who had only a few items go in front of me, thinking about how generous I was, patting myself on the back, and so on. Then, this man came up to me, he had only a handful of green onions in his hand and he wanted to get ahead of me. I answered that I had already let this woman go and that one a day

was enough. He backed off. So I was left alone, thinking about my 10th step this evening, thinking how I could revisit this moment and feel bad about it. Right there, my decision was made. I called the man back and let him go ahead of me.

This is only a small example of the 10th step at work, but it made me feel happy. It made me feel good because I went against my natural self-centeredness.

The 10th step is not just about promptly admitting when I'm wrong, although that is an important part, too. It is about AVOIDING having to admit it, and it's also about awareness. Thank you for reading me.

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### WE'RE INTERESTED

Please keep an open ear at the meetings you attend, share a copy of A New Leaf and perhaps suggest members submit their stories. It may be that some members are shy or don't think their story is worth sharing... an encouraging word could make all the difference.

## MA Daily Meditation Book

We're looking for YOUR writing to fill a year's worth of daily meditations, focused on MA recovery from marijuana addiction. The writings should be approximately 250 to 500 words, and focused on recovery. What would you want to read every day on your sobriety birthday? Send your submission and we'll print it on YOUR

recovery birthday. If you feel so moved, send in more than one. If you need inspiration, take a look at daily meditation books from other fellowships.

Be sure to write yours now to reserve your date for you submission.

Send submissions to A New Leaf, Attention: Susan B.



## District 5 and MA WORLD Yahoo Groups Site

As Marijuana Anonymous grows it's as if we are becoming further apart. Marijuana Anonymous meetings are now in 38 States and 9 different countries (and who knows how many orphans or orphan meetings there are). There seems to be very little contact between the individual Groups or Districts.

In District 5, we are able to communicate online via a Yahoo Groups site that was set up for use by our District members. All of the members of our District are welcome to join; in fact we have many members from neighboring Districts as a part of our Group site. We use the group site to post our monthly DSC minutes and quorum counts, various District business, as well as our District's and neighboring District's events.

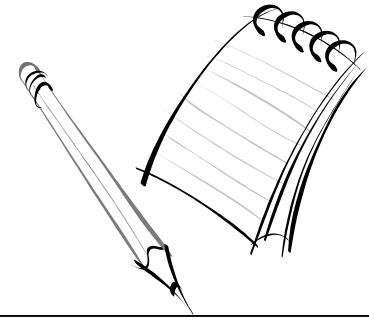
I know almost everyone in my District but really very few people in the neighboring Districts. And I'd be willing to bet that's true throughout most of the Fellowship. So this is where MA World comes in. This is a group site open to the entire Fellowship of Marijuana Anonymous; where ALL members from ALL Districts of the Marijuana Anonymous Fellowship world-wide can come together and meet one another, get to know one another and to share about themselves, their Districts and Meetings and, above all, their recovery.

MA World is a place where members can all reach out to one another, post information regarding events from the various MA Districts and Meetings, post photos from those events held by the Groups, and where member can discuss interests. MA World is a place where members can begin to get to know one another.

MA World is also a place where members can discuss the goings-on at Marijuana Anonymous World Services and A New Leaf Publications. A New Leaf is always looking for articles and stories. This might be a place where members of the Fellowship from opposite sides of the planet can work together on a story of recovery. Issues concerning the Fellowship of Marijuana Anonymous can be discussed year-round; ideas for Conference agenda items can be hatched and worked on prior to Conferences. The idea is to create a forum for ALL members of Marijuana Anonymous, worldwide, to have a place to share and to be heard.

This Group Site is in no way affiliated with MAWS or ANLP but with the Fellowship of Marijuana Anonymous as a whole, started by a member of the Fellowship of Marijuana Anonymous. This Group Site is open to ALL MA members. Anyone heckling, advocating drug or alcohol use or violating the intent of this site will be removed from the site at the founder's discretion.

Here's the link: <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/maworld/>  
Please pass this site along to all of your Fellow MA Members.  
Enjoy the day! ~ Ron L., District 5



### SUBMIT

Share your experience, strength and hope! Submit your article to your Bureau Chief or see page 2 for contact information.

One Day  
At A  
Time

### ROVING REPORTER Question for June

What tricks do you use to make yourself call others when you need help?

#### Step Six

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

#### Sixth Tradition

M.A. groups ought never endorse, finance, or lend the M.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.



# marijuana anonymous worldwide

## MA World Services

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PO Box 2012 Portland, OR 97208-2012 503.221.7007

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www.ma-online.org

### District 14 London, England

07940.503438

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www.ma-longisland.org 516-568-5883

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For a complete listing of all meetings visit [www.marijuana-anonymous.org](http://www.marijuana-anonymous.org)

## Join, Help, Carry the Message.

The annual MAWS Conference is an important business function of our fellowship and ensures that Marijuana Anonymous is well supported in its ongoing effort to carry the message of recovery. Over the past several years some MAWS Conferences were very expensive. In 2008 it was decided that a permanent Conference location be sought to help control costs. Although no decision has been made, Southern California

seems the best choice since 10 of the 12 Districts in the US are on the West Coast, 8 are in California and 4 of those are in Southern CA within driving distance of one another. The logic is that the greatest Conference expense, travel, would be reduced.

PLEASE JOIN THE COMMITTEE to help research and find a Conference venue that will enable us to do the service work of MA without breaking the bank. The 2010 Conference is already scheduled to be in Oakland, CA. Ideally, the 2011 Conference will be held in our new permanent

location. We need to get to work as soon as possible researching venues, making calls, and casting a wide net in order to make a good choice!

PLEASE JOIN IN THE EFFORT to find a cost effective Conference location! This is a great opportunity to give back to the Program that has given all of us so very, very much. You may contact the Conference and Convention Trustee through your local MAWS Delegate or by sending an Email to LB, Convention and Conference Trustee at [MAWSConference@gmail.com](mailto:MAWSConference@gmail.com). ▲

## birthdays - Celebrating 151 years of sobriety in this issue!

Want your sobriety date published? Let your Bureau Chief know or see ANL contact information on page 2. Bureau Chiefs are encouraged to submit Birthdays that, a) HAVE occurred, b) HAVE NOT been published and, c) are not older than 45 days.

### District 1

Sara K. 4/12/09 1 year!

### District 5

Mike C. 3/25/93 17 yrs.  
Diana 3/28/95 15 yrs.  
Robert 4/1/09 1 Year!  
Eric 4/3/06 4 yrs.  
Keith K. 4/7/98 12 yrs.  
Reinhard 4/11/09 1 Year!  
David 4/12/09 1 Year!

### District 5 cont'd

Charlie 4/12/05 5 yrs.  
Tom W. 4/12/91 19 yrs.  
Mike P. 4/13/99 11 yrs.

### District 6

Vicki A. 4/7/02 8 yrs.  
Dan L. 4/10/99 11 yrs.  
Chuck R. 4/15/04 6 yrs.  
Carol R. 4/20/91 19 yrs.  
Kevin B. 4/22/02 8 yrs.

### District 10

Greg S. 4/4/09 1 year!

### District 13

Chicago, IL  
Mike S. 4/5/05 5 yrs.  
Vancouver, WA  
Dawn K. 4/12/09 1 year!  
Angleton, TX  
Maurice R. 4/17/06 4 yrs.  
New Jersey  
Veronica 4/29/09 1 year!