

Fall 2020 - September, October, November

# PIPELINE

COVERING NEWS FOR SCTA OF COCAINE ANONYMOUS

San Antonio Austin Laredo The Valley Kerrville Cedar Park



## PREAMBLE

**Cocaine Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from their addiction. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using cocaine and all other mind-altering substances. There are no dues or fees for membership; we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. We are not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. We do not wish to engage in any controversy and we neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free from cocaine and all other mind-altering substances, and to help others achieve the same freedom.

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# HOTLINE INFO



These phone numbers are available to anyone with questions about recovery.

If you would like to be added to the hotline phone list, please contact:

**[hotline@ca-scta.org](mailto:hotline@ca-scta.org)**

San Antonio – (210) 232-6382

Kerrville – (830) 719-4889

Austin (512) 339-4357

The Valley (956) 255-2576

Laredo (956) 413-6588

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# GROUP DONATIONS

## Area

Drop Kick Rocks \$100 / Area

Step Sisters \$55 / Area

CA 183 \$25.73 / Area

CA 183 \$551 / Area

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Hey Friends! WHEW!!! It has been a whirlwind around the CAWS 2020 convention and the world, in general. First and foremost, thank you all for continuing to support CA by hanging with us, attending meetings online and making your online donations. What a long strange trip it's been!

Today, an amendment to the CAWS 2020 contract has been fully executed and we can officially announce that CAWS 2020 has become **CAWS 2020!** There were many moving parts involved and the Trustees have done their absolute best to see that CA as a whole doesn't suffer. Not everyone will be happy with the changes, but we need you to know that we understand. However, we are so grateful to be able to continue to work and bring forth an epic World Service Convention for y'all!

The actual dates are **May 27-31, 2021**. All registrations will be transferred over the new dates. Cvent will be updated and new registrations will be accepted. The current rates will remain in place until February 28, 2021, after which the "on site" registration price will go into effect.

The Hyatt will cancel all rooms in our block. If you are booked outside the block, you will need to cancel them yourself. Below is the link for the reservations for the new dates.

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/AUSRA/G-ECWS>

People of Earth (as Cliff would say), we are beyond grateful. Please book your rooms and plan on joining us next May. We will be sooo ready to have you in Austin and we, as a fellowship, will be eternally grateful to be able to be together.

If you need any information or just want to talk, you can reach me at 512.699.8002 or [susan.calkins@gmail.com](mailto:susan.calkins@gmail.com).

If you have any registration questions and wish to speak to Jane, our Registration Chair, please feel to reach her at 512.801.8010 or [janebinaustin@gmail.com](mailto:janebinaustin@gmail.com).

On behalf of the entire Steering and General Committees for the **CAWS 2020!** Convention, we thank you. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Stay recovered.

In love and service,  
The Steering Team

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# AREA NOMINATIONS

There are currently no nominations for area chairs, but we encourage you all to come to an area meeting and learn the business side of CA!

Please visit [www.ca-scta.org](http://www.ca-scta.org) to view the Structure requirements.

We hope this is helpful and please consider stepping up for our area.

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# UNITY EVENTS

Hello fellow CA members!

It feels incredible to be able to say this- the CA camping trip is ON for this fall! Come join us November 6-8<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Camp Riverview. Camp sites are free, please bring your own camping gear. Or you can contact Camp Riverview to rent a cabin. Located on the scenic Frio river, I don't think we could have picked a more beautiful location to fellowship, eat delicious food, and roast s'mores by a fire. As always Mark N. has done an amazing job pulling this together, we hope to see you there!

For reservations contact Mark N, at 512-217-4724, or email [marknewmanconst@yahoo.com](mailto:marknewmanconst@yahoo.com)

In the meantime, some meetings are opening back up. As tradition four states, "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or CA as a whole." In that spirit, each group will be making their own decisions on how to open up safely.

If you are struggling, or cannot get to a meeting, our website has resources and links to meetings that are held online. You are not alone, we may largely be together virtually, but we are still very much connected and unified.

Thank you, and until we meet in person again, I hope you continue to find ways to stay unified with your fellow CA members.

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# SUBMISSIONS

## Experience, Strength & Hope

Letter from the Editor:

Hello fellow CA members! As we are all adjusting to the new normal I've decided to ask folks about serenity, and what that means to them. One of the greatest gifts of this program is no matter what is happening in the world around us, we have a way to tap into a force that gives us serenity. I've been grateful for that many times over the past few months. Hearing my fellows experiences with this is a topic which never fails to bring me joy, I hope you feel the same.

-Lily M.

Serenity to me means having a sense of love for myself and others. When I can let faith run my life instead of fear that's when I know I'm living in serenity. Serenity to me is a peace so surreal that I can only feel it surrounded by the presence of God. It is the ability for me to connect with others and the world around me. It is the happiness I feel in my soul when I can help others. Serenity is sitting with myself in silence and being okay with that silence. It is trusting that my Higher Power will do for me what I thought drugs and alcohol could achieve. Living with the undeniable and everlasting love in my heart given to me so freely by God and the choice to give that to others is how I see serenity working in my life today.

-Madison A.

To me, serenity means peace. Being able to breathe without a drink or a drug, not fighting the plan God has put in front of me, and accepting the world as it is.

-Lela M

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When, upon awakening or it could be at the end of my day, I thank God for giving me all that I have this day. Without God as my Higher Power, I would be nothing. To me, there is no greater peace and serenity to know that fact- each day and every night.

Susan L.

Serenity is a loaded word to me. You hear it thrown around a lot in the rooms. We say it in prayers and we share it in the gospels or our recovery. I had this expectation serenity would feel like utopia, heaven on earth, like a scene from a movie where everything is too perfect and you just want to vomit because you know it isn't real.

Serenity doesn't feel the way I expected it to, very much like how my recovery doesn't look the way I expected it to. In my addiction, I was this shape shifter, and now I am at peace to just be here and now as who I am- and who I am destined to be.

Serenity to me is something that has become less and less abstract and more something I have found in practice. Serenity isn't something I can wrestle out of my day, it's something that comes and goes, waxes and wanes. I just have the awareness now to be present in the waves of it as they flow in and out of my life. The greatest paradox is that if you give it all up, you can have it all (this is credited to an Instagram post, I'll give credit where it's due). Is there anything more serene than that? Surrendering and gaining a life you never envisioned, but one that is worthy of your own potential?

I'll end with a random fact: serenity comes from the latin word meaning "clear".

-Steph C.

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