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Monthly Feature

Highlights of the 2018 Annual Business Conference & 3rd ACA World Convention

Greetings fellow ACA members,

Adult Children from around the world converged in Toronto, Canada recently for the ABC and 3rd annual ACA World Convention. At least 10 countries were represented at the event that was rich with speakers and workshops. Below are links to purchase the speakers and workshops audio recordings as well as free links to listen to the Annual Business Meeting.

2018 AWC Workshops and Speakers from the 2018 ACA World Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

https://shop.adultchildren.org/collections/awc-2018 for AWC shop.adultchildren.org

Couldn't Be at The 2018 ABC? - Listen to the Recordings!

https://acawso.org/2018/05/11/2018-abc-recording-from-the-business-meetings/

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Please feel free to forward this email to others in ACA and to make <u>The Traveler link</u> available on your intergroup and region websites.

WSO News

Explore this Opportunity to Serve the ACA Fellowship

We are all looking forward to the 2019 Annual Business Conference and ACA World Convention to be held in Malmo, Sweden next April, however now is the time to consider hosting the 2020 ABC AWC in your city.

There's plenty of time to plan and prepare. And plenty of support from the World Service Organization. Guidelines and Checklists are in place. Just add time, creativity and volunteers. The Costs of Production will be covered by WSO – no cost to your local Fellowship. For more information, please write to abc@adultchildren.org.

ACA ComLine Newsletter Available Online

The *ComLine* newsletter is an online publication of member shares of their experience, strength and hope gained through their recovery process. Members share their experience through stories, artwork, photos, and poems. You can find the latest and past issues of the *ComLine* here

Please send your submissions to litstaff@adultchildren.org, with a scan of a completed, signed copyright release form. See http://www.adultchildren.org/comline for more information.

The *ComLine* is published quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Submissions can be up to 500 words. We are asking our global fellowship to please continue sharing with our international ACA family. Thank you all for your service!

How to Get Involved in ACA Outside Your Local Area

Committees require volunteers to help them achieve their goals. To get involved please review the various committee opportunities on the revised <u>organization charts</u> and feel free to reach out to a board or committee member. If you need assistance finding a contact for a committee you are interested in, please email <u>information@acawso.com</u> and we will forward your email to the appropriate committee contact.

Service Positions on ACA Nominating Committee

The ACA Nominating Committee offers a unique new opportunity for ACA service. Become part of the team that is defining, implementing and sustaining a new process for selecting WSO trusted servants. See https://acawso.org/category/nominating-committee/ for more

information and how to apply. If you're not ready yet, this information will give you the path to follow for future service in this committee.

WSO Lowers the Price of the 10th Year Commemorative Big Red Book to \$15

The WSO Board of Trustees has lowered the price of the Commemorative Big Red Book to move the remaining inventory out to the membership. This special edition fellowship text has a new appendix describing the 4 sides of the Laundry List, a comprehensive index, edge tabs marking the sections, and a leatherette cover with special embossing that says Tenth Anniversary Commemorative Edition. This is sure to be a collector's item as a very limited print run was done. Order yours now at Click here to order your 10th Year Commemorative Big Red Book while supplies last!

Member & Public Service (MPS) Public Service Announcements (PSAs)

The MPS Committee has completed the production of 2 PSAs that are ready for immediate distribution to radio stations and other public broadcast venues. They are completely anonymous and can also be used on any public media platform including internet websites and social media to let people know about ACA and attract them to our fellowship..

The <u>link for listening to and downloading the PSAs is here.</u>

New Website Changes for Adultchildren.org

The ACA WSO (World Service Organization) is launching a newly designed adultchildren.org website in early June. A big part of this design is a big change for the Meetings lists feature. To help ensure that the information is accurate, we are asking for your feedback on how the new site works and at the same time to also update your group's meeting list information using the new site.

With any change as big as this there will be some issues. Therefore, we ask for your patience and understanding as we work together to make the meeting lists and website better for everyone.

More information concerning website changes can be found here: https://acawso.org/2018/05/23/updated-website-and-meeting-lists-are-coming-soon/

Is Your Group Affiliated With an Intergroup?

Intergroups often provide a website that can include a list of area meetings, announcements of ACA events, and information about committees to help spread the ACA message in the community. Your group registration on the WSO website allows your group to designate an intergroup to affiliate with. If you have any questions about this process, please send an email to information@acawso.com and it will be forwarded to the proper individual for handling. To find out more about intergroups please go here.

European ACA Website

The European Committee has a website for European ACA information that is updated

frequently. Please go here to view the website: European Committee website

Intergroups - 30% Literature Discount and Lower Intergroup Order Minimum

Reminder that the WSO Board of Trustees has lowered the Intergroup minimum literature order amount from \$630 to \$100. In addition to registering your Intergroup with WSO, please remember to enroll your intergroup into the 30% discount program. For more information please contact us at information@acawso.com or click here to download a pdf of the enrollment form.

Regions Updates

The latest news about ACA Regions can be found by clicking here: ACA Regions

International and Other ACA Resources

Did you know that ACA Literature is available in 26 European countries via **Amazon UK**?

Amazon.UK customers with a mailing address in Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Ireland, Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Sweden can now order ACA books on Amazon.UK without incurring additional shipping fees.

The ACA Big Red Book is now available in **Spanish** and can be ordered here at https://shop.adultchildren.org/collections/translated-materials

ACA Launches New Improved Repository

The ACA WSO Website and Database Committee has made the new repository live at http://www.acawso.org. The old repository has been deactivated.

Audio recordings (MP3) of previous Annual World Convention speakers and workshop presentations are now available for purchase and download at https://shop.adultchildren.org/collections/audio

e-Books of some of our titles are available here: https://shop.adultchildren.org/pages/e-books

Resource Spotlight

Join the Service Structure Committee! Something Nice Might Happen!

The Service Structure Committee is looking for



volunteers from diverse nationalities, ethnicities and backgrounds to help us achieve our goals. As a committee of the ACA WSO, our purpose is to research the service structures of other global fellowships in order to recommend how ACA should best organize its service structure to serve its growing fellowship nationally and globally and facilitate networking and communication.

We meet for about 90 minutes every other week - Mondays 7:30-9pm (Eastern Time). We stay in touch on Slack in between meetings. During our meetings we respectfully allow each other to give input and ask questions. If you are interested, either go to the svc_struc_ur_questns channel on Slack or send an email to SVC@acawso.org asking to be a member.

Featured Meeting & Events

ACA SHARE A DAY – WEST NECK, LONG ISLAND NY

Saturday, June 9th from 9:30am - 4pm

United Methodist Church

180 West Neck Rd, Huntington, New York

More information can be found at https://acawso.org/2018/05/16/june-9-2018-aca-share-a-day-west-neck-long-island-ny/

ACA 12 Steps and "Loving Parent / Inner Child Non Dominant Hand Writing"

June 2, 2018 - 9am - 4:30pm

Crossroads Community Church

520 S. Oakland, St., Green Bay, WI

To reserve your seat RSVP to: readysetgogb@gmail.com

3rd Annual ACA Retreat
The Steps We Take - towards a better life
Focusing on "The Solution" in the Big Red Book

June 22, 23, & 24, 2018

Lake Benet, WI

For more information email: webmaster@westgreatlakesaca.org

"Overcoming the Anger of the Inner Child"

Recovery Weekend - September 7- 9, 2018

Star Lake Conference Center Lodge
268 Macopin Road, Bloomingdale, New Jersey 07403
For more information: www.recoveryweekendnj.org

SEE ALL CURRENT EVENT FLYERS HERE

See all the event flyers by clicking here

Meetings - ACA WSO maintains a World Meeting List of registered ACA meetings that take place in person, over the phone or online, which is updated monthly. Visit the <u>Find a Meeting</u> page on adultchildren.org to search for a meeting or for more detail on specific meeting types, visit the <u>Meeting</u>, <u>Phone</u>, <u>Skype</u> and <u>Internet</u> meeting information pages.

Events - For the latest list of ACA Events in North America sponsored by registered ACA Groups or Intergroups see the <u>ACA Events</u> page on adultchildren.org

About Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)

ACA is a worldwide 12 Step / 12 Tradition program of recovery dedicated to people who were raised in dysfunctional families. ACA does not seek to assign blame to parents or caretakers, but we seek to understand the reality of how family

dysfunctions affected us as children and still affects our adult behavior today.

Family dysfunction can include alcoholism, abandonment, neglect, or any type of addiction or abuse. ACA is synonymous with ACoA; Adult Children Anonymous; & Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families.

For more information visit: www.adultchildren.org



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