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WSO News

\$7 for the 7th



Dear Fellow Travelers,

The WSO Board of Trustees would like to extend its sincere hope that this letter finds every member of the Fellowship safe and cared for during this global pandemic.

Every January, ACA celebrates its birth in 1978 as a Twelve-Step fellowship for those who suffered childhood trauma. To honor ACA's 43rd anniversary, I am humbly asking you, if your finances can support it, to join me in chipping in \$7 for the 7th Tradition. More than ever, your contribution can bring others the gift of recovery that we ourselves have received.

In many ways, 2020 highlighted the importance of carrying the ACA Message of hope to adult children who still suffer from the fear, shame and abandonment that comes from growing up in an alcoholic or dysfunctional household. In the midst of a global pandemic, ACA's worldwide service bodies stepped up their efforts to maintain virtual access for newcomers when most in-person meetings are unavailable.

2021 brings with it growing opportunities to spread the message of recovery. Virtual meetings, workshops and playdates will continue to bring recovery to adult children around the world. WSO, partnering with global service bodies, will be expanding its literature publishing and distribution channels around the world. We're currently working with members in South Africa, India and Japan to make ACA literature affordable and readily available.

WSO will also be redesigning and upgrading our existing website to offer more Fellowship-driven, diverse content. We will be adding more online tools so that groups, Intergroups and Regions can keep meeting information current.

These initiatives, and many others, require more resources than were needed in the past. We cannot depend solely on profits from book sales to keep up with the growing need. We need assistance from members to fully support our rapidly expanding Fellowship.

ACA's birthday, celebrated the last Saturday of January, is a great time to renew your commitment to carrying the message. Making a contribution of varying amounts is easy and can be done [online through our shopping site](#). To use Venmo or other methods, please see the 7th Tradition section of this newsletter.

A \$7 for the 7th contribution represents a spiritual gift that can help carry the message to those who are on the verge of giving up hope because they don't see a way out of the pain and trauma caused by the abuse, shame, abandonment and neglect they suffered as children. ACA can be there for them. We ask your help in making recovery available to everyone who needs it.

Sincerely and on the behalf of the WSO Board of Trustees,
Bill D., Treasurer

Concept Study Group (Service Network Committee) - Service Announcement

Interested in ACA Service? On January 17, 2021. at 3:00 pm (EST), Rich R., Trustee Member of the WSO Board, will lead a Concept Study discussion on Concept I, followed by group sharing. This event will be offered via ZOOM.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Sponsorship Committee - Service Announcement

The Sponsorship Committee seeks shares on Sponsorship and Support for possible inclusion in the document we are writing. [Click here](#) for an excerpt of the draft called "Connections: Giving and Receiving Support in ACA Recovery" posted on the WSO website by the Sponsorship Committee:

[Click here](#) for more details

For more information contact literature@acawso.org

Information Technology Special Worker

WSO is in search of a self-directed and experienced part-time Webmaster/Web Developer/IT Specialist to manage our websites and other technologies. [More details on the position can be found on our website.](#) If you possess the necessary skills, please send your resume, a link to your portfolio (if available) and salary requirements to webservant@adultchildren.org.

2021 ABC Ballot and Town Halls

The ABC Ballot will be sent January 8th to meeting, Intergroup and Region contacts. Town Halls will be held to give submitting groups time to discuss their proposals. [Click here for more information.](#)

Commitment to Service Meeting

New Meeting: Commitment to Service (#WEB0393) - We meet Wednesdays at 12:30 pm (EST) via ZOOM to share ESH on what healthy service in the ACA fellowship may look like. For more information about this meeting, please email commitmenttoserviceaca@gmail.com

[Click here for the meeting link](#)

Public Service Committee - Service Announcement

The WSO Public Services Committee needs support. This is an excellent opportunity to carry the message of ACA to people that may not be aware of the program.

email pscchair@acawso.org with any questions

[Click here for more information](#)

Nominating Committee - Service Announcement

Request for Action by All ACA Members. The Nominating Committee is committed to nominate four new Board members and diversifying the Board. **The deadline for applications has been extended to January 15, 2021.**

Please submit an application to Greg R at chairnomcom@acawso.org

[Click here for more information](#)

Featured Meetings & Events

New Year's Day Zoom Speaker Meeting

January 1, 2021 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (EST)

[Click Here for Details](#)

ACA New Year's Eve and Day Phone Meeting Marathon

January 1, 2021

[Click Here for Details](#)

Starting Again at Chapter 1 – A New Hope ACA Beginners Meeting Handbook

January 3, 2021 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (EST)

[Click Here for Details](#)

Quarterly Speaker Meeting

January 9, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:30pm (PST)

[Click Here for Details](#)

Concept Study Group

January 17, 2021 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (EST)

[Click Here for Details](#)

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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 [Find a Meeting](#) page on adultchildren.org to search for a meeting, or for more detail on specific meeting types, visit the [Meeting](#), [Phone](#), and [Online](#) meeting information pages.

WSO Board of Trustees Teleconference

The ACA WSO Board holds its monthly teleconference meeting on the second Saturday, of each month, using Zoom, at 2pm Eastern Time.

Zoom Meeting ID: 228 809 511 **Passcode:** 90755

For more information, including agendas, previous minutes, the Zoom meeting ID, and telephone access numbers, please visit the [ACAWSO.ORG website](#).

7th Tradition

The flyer titled "[Where the Money Goes](#)" shows we utilize your contributions to carry the ACA message around the world. Please consider making a monetary contribution to help the next ACA receive the gift of recovery. Contributions can be made using any of the following options:

- [Online by using this link](#)
- By Venmo using @acawso
- By calling 562-595-7831

- By mail, payable to ACA WSO, PO Box 811 Lakewood, CA 90714

WSO appreciates all contributions no matter the size.

Twelve Concepts of Service - Concept #1

"The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for ACA World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship."

You can find the [12 Concepts of Service here](#).

ComLINE

Adult Children Sharing Experience, Strength, and Hope

The ComLINE is a quarterly publication from ACA WSO where members from throughout the fellowship share their experience, strength, and hope on the 12 Steps, Traditions and Promises. [View current and back issues here.](#)

Daily Meditation Emails

ACA WSO also publishes a daily email with the Meditation of the Day from the book "Strengthening My Recovery". You can sign up to receive the [meditation email here](#). You will need to sign up for this separately from The Traveler Newsletter email.

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 of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families.

For more information visit:

www.adultchildren.org



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