

PROSPERITY TIMES

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Enroll in the University of DA!

This year's Do DA Day will be held on the campus of San Francisco State University. Many of us may have taken an Economics course in college. Since then our experience with debt – getting into it, and our recovery from it – has taught us many lessons not included in that old course!

On this day, we will join together to share our experience, strength, and hope, to teach one another how we've used the tools and steps of the program to accept and pay off our debts without letting them dominate or diminish our lives.

Our vision is to use the abundance of room and time available to create a safe and inspiring place for people to work through blocks and enrich their programs.

- Bring your records, your spending plans, so that we can share notes and inspire one another.
- Develop your visions with the help of Treasure Mapping – a great place to bring all those old magazines cluttering your place.
- We will do our best to arrange PRGs, and urge you to consider getting and then giving a PRG.
- Have an idea for a subject you'd like to see presented by a panel or workshop? Let us know and help us put it on.

We invite all DAs – newcomers and old-timers – to join us in teaching one another the lessons we've learned. Debt has forced us to go back to school, but we've found that lifelong learning can be a joy and can set us free.

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Share your ideas: email us at: dodaday05@ncdawebsite.org. For announcements as we continue to develop our vision for this day, subscribe to our e-list at <http://www.ncdawebsite.org>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Do DA Day 2005

Lifelong Learning at the University of DA

September 10, 2005
9 AM-4 PM

Seven Hills Conference Center
San Francisco State University

Tuition: \$15 with pre-registration • \$20 at the door

Work-study option: If you can't contribute cash, sign up to volunteer (refreshments, registration, cleanup, PRGs)!

No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Give-to-Get Pressure Relief Meetings • Workshops • Speakers • Spending and Earning Plans • Treasure Mapping • Recordkeeping

For more information call David F: 650-857-9053

Look for the flyer on our website: <http://www.ncdawebsite.org>!

2005 World Service Conference Fellowship Day

Saturday, August 27th, 1:00-5:30 PM

Radisson Hotel, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey

Download the registration form from

<http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/events/events.htm>

Intergroup thanks the following groups for their 7th Tradition donations over the last three months. These donations make this newsletter, our phone line, website, and events possible: *Sunday*: Berkeley, San Rafael, Vallejo; *Monday*: Oakland; *Tuesday*: San Francisco, San Rafael; *Wednesday*: Berkeley; *Thursday*: Berkeley, Corte Madera; *Friday*: Burlingame; *Saturday*: San Francisco. Way to go! Much appreciated! Hip, hip, hooray!



Your Program in Action

Service is Vital to Our Recovery

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 has been so generously given to us.

SERVE On A Personal Level

If you have a sponsor and are working the steps, you can be of great service to yourself, another D.A. member, and the fellowship as a whole by sponsoring another member of D.A.

SERVE Your Local Meeting

Welcome newcomers, set up chairs, volunteer for the role of secretary or treasurer, or sit on another D.A. member's Pressure Relief Group (PRG). While some positions have abstinence requirements, many do not. So hold up your hand—your fellowship will thank you and you'll feel great!

SERVE as an Intergroup Representative

D.A. Intergroup is a group of representatives from D.A. meetings throughout Northern California. The mission of Intergroup is to carry the message and to serve these meetings. Intergroup meets on the 4th Saturday of each month, except in November and December when the meeting is held on the 3rd Saturday.

Intergroup currently meets at the main branch of the San Francisco Public Library (across from the Civic Center BART stop) in the 3rd floor conference room. The meeting begins at 10:15 am and ends at 12:45.

SERVE as a General Service Representative (GSR)

General Service Representative's main functions are to carry information from the World Service Office to local meetings and vice versa, attend the annual D.A. World Service Conference and work on Conference committees. Visit the next meeting and find out more. Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 at the San Francisco Public Library Main Branch (across from the Civic Center BART stop) in the third floor conference room.

NEED TO SEND OUT YOUR GROUP DONATIONS?

It is suggested that each group, after meeting its own needs and establishing a prudent reserve, send a 7th Tradition donation to:

☛ 45% to local Intergroup

NCDA Intergroup

PO Box 31224

San Francisco, CA 94131

☛ 45% to General Service Office

General Service Office-DA

PO Box 920888

Needham, MA 02492-0009

☛ 10% to local General Service Representatives

c/o Susan S., Treasurer NorCal DA GSR

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San Francisco, CA 94142



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Email: registrar@ncdaweb.org

Mail: NCDA, PO Box 31224, San Francisco CA 94131

Attention: Prosperity Times Editor

Send by: Sept 10, for inclusion in the October–December 2005 edition

Include: Your first name, phone number and email address, in case we need to contact you for further information.

The Twelve Steps

Step One – Possibility of God Things

Blissful in my ignorance, sometimes called denial,

I spend my hard earned monthly wage,
Spend on things I think I want
Software, hardware, guitar strings,
Magazines and other things.

But comes the day, and comes too soon,
When food and shelter's what I need.
Write those numbers down they say,
And so I will some other day,
Keep the numbers, keep the numbers,
keep them far away from me.

Hock the camera, sell the sax,
It's not enough to pay the tax,
Auditors extend their grasp from office
towers far away,
Garnished wages disappear.
Damn those taxes, long ignored, blissful
in my ignorance.

Bewildered by the sudden turn,
Somewhere in me starts to burn
The lonely and despairing thought
That maybe I just can't be taught.
Keep the numbers, keep the numbers,
keep them far away from me.

Woe and tortured thoughts abound,
Round the first step tightly wound.
Powerless and scared to look, life
unmanaged, life askew,
Always on the razor's edge, teeter-
totter this way that,
Vision blurred and starkly grim.

Futile, desperate and confused,
Quest for balance goes unmet,
Brittle hope and murky faith are all that
knit the safety net
Let go, the anxious poet writes, be at
peace and be serene,
Let go and let the God you know.

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Does your meeting have a meeting number? If not, you need to register with the DA General Service Office. Make sure you tell them you're affiliated with the NCDA Intergroup!