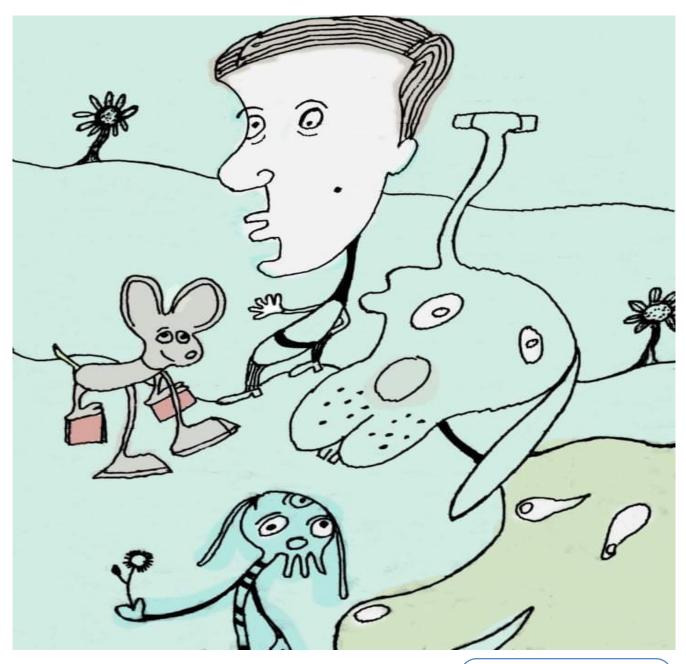
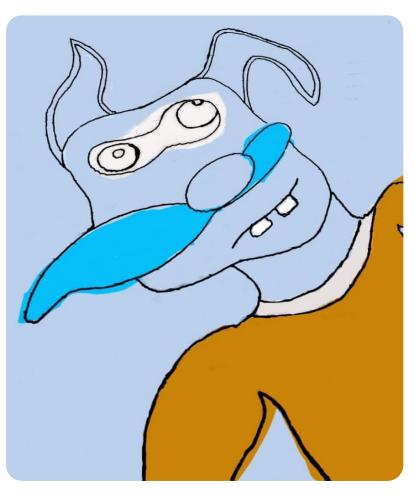


#### The Newsletter of Southern California Debtors Anonymous

Our primary purpose is to stop debting one day at a time and help other compulsive debtors to stop incurring unsecured debt



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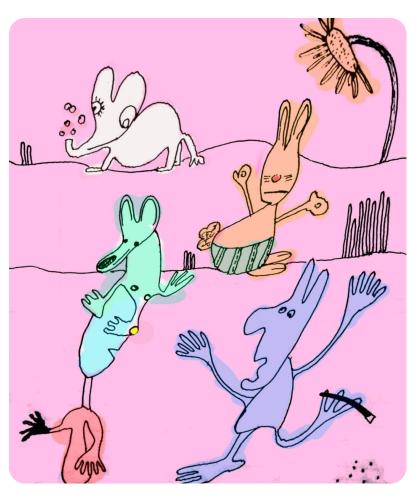


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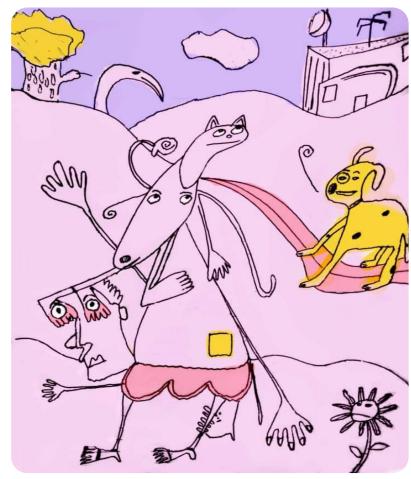


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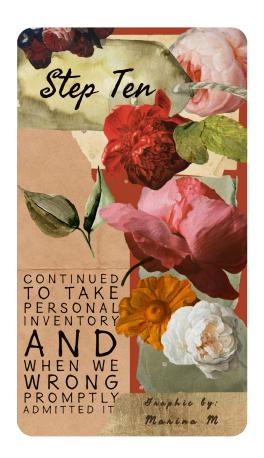
l love myself.



Online meetings practically 24/7.

You can drop in on meetings anywhere in the world.

Links right on the home page: socalDA.org



#### Gratitude Corner

Thank you to my co-pilot and amazing
Chris M including magical Grace in
bringing our 9.11 Business Plan Roadmap
Workshop to LIFE.

The workshop was enriched with 38 DA fellows present.

Looking forward to the next presentation of this workshop.

-Alexander, Burbank/LA Workshop Chair

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#### **ACTION GROUPS**

Declutter and Work at Home the DA Way on Zoom!.

Work at home in the company of other DA members.

Mondays 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Zoom ID: 891 8553 7163 Password: gr8rewards

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Zoom ID: 892 6286 5328 Password: Action

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Please share with all your meetings

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

### September 24, 25 & 26

### **SCDA Visions Retreat**

2021 SCDA Visions Retreat - Voicing Your Vision: Staying Rooted in Recovery During The Pandemic Three days (September 24, 25 & 26) Let your DA recovery and your visions support you during challenging times by listening to speakers, sharing in breakout sessions and creating vision boards!

Bring magazines, notebooks/journals, pens and your Higher Power!

Contact Lynda, Kathy & Sally at visionsretreat@socalda.org for more information

Registration Closes September 20th

Donation \$40 Please email proof of payment to visionsretreat@socalda.org

#### Saturday, September 25

#### SoCal DA Newcomers

DA Newcomer's Orientation Learn more about the DA program and how it works in this 60 minute introduction intended for newcomers or returning friends.

Workshop: 4p.m. - 5p.m. Zoom ID: 811 6512 7592

### Saturday, October 9

### **Burbank Workshop**

Spirituality...in DA (Finding Your Higher Power)

The Relationship with your Higher Power | Spirituality in the DA Universe | Serenity in Financial Freedom Suggested donation \$12 No one turned away for lack of funds.

Contact Alexander: burbankworkshops@socalda.org

Registration: 12:45 p.m. Workshop: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Zoom ID 447 695 7824 No password needed.

#### Saturday, October 16

### SoCal DA Service Board & Intergroup

Service Board Meeting (9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.) & Intergroup meeting (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) with DA representatives from all over Southern California. Learn what is going on at the regional level! Virtual meeting to be held over Zoom. Meeting ID will be posted on the SoCalDA website. All are welcome to participate, only Service Board Members and Intergroup Reps can vote.

### Saturday, October 23

## Los Angeles Workshop

The Miracle of a Vision Board in DA Take this opportunity to harness your vision and formulate them to a visual, tangible roadmap to make your dreams come true. This tool becomes the catalyst for higher power to know and understand your wants and desires. Suggested donation \$12 No one turned away for lack of funds. Contact Alexander: burbankworkshops@socalda.org

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## **RESOURCES**

During this difficult time, here are some great links to help you stay in touch with members around the world. Sign up for emails and check out podcasts, phone meetings and other resources

List of SoCal DA workshops/events <a href="http://socalda.org/events/">http://socalda.org/events/</a>

Speaker MP3 Podcasts Available at: <a href="http://socalda.org/category/podcast/">http://socalda.org/category/podcast/</a> Get inspired.

#### Meeting List on the SoCal DA WEBSITE

Find pre-sorted meetings available by Time (morning, afternoon & evening) and by Day (Mon, Tue, Wed...), as well as a downloadable PDF of the current month's meeting grid. Check it out at <a href="http://socalda.org/meetings/?tsml-day=any">http://socalda.org/meetings/?tsml-day=any</a>

Phone & Internet Meetings

Phone meetings are linked here:

http://socalda.org/phone-meetings/

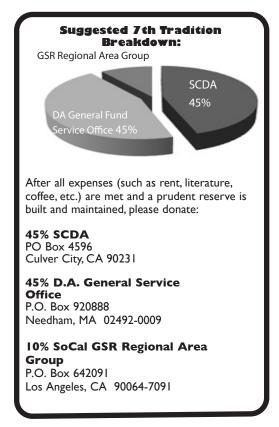
Internet/Virtual meetings are linked here: <u>virtual-meeting-guide-link</u>

#### Resources

Intergroup maintains a resources list, updated regularly. Members who wish to add themselves as speakers, or sponsors, or will take outreach calls, or give PRG's, please send email requests to resource@socalda.org. Need someone for a PRG? Check out the list. Your Intergroup Rep should have one, or email Tom K <a href="mailto:resources@socalda.org">resources@socalda.org</a>

## Regional Area Group (RAG) of World Service Representatives

The Southern California Region of World Service meets monthly. General Service Representatives (GSRs) elected from each Debtors Anonymous group coordinate service for the international fellowship of Debtors Anonymous. Monthly meetings of the Southern California GSRs take place on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:15 a.m. Join Zoom Meeting



DONATIONS Each meeting is autonomous, and undoubtedly donations will be down as we shelter in place and meet from home. Each meeting should decide whether to open accounts with venmo or another payment form so that online participants can contribute.

eNEWS! Sign up to receive special announcements from D.A. here: <a href="www.debtorsanonymous.org/eNews">www.debtorsanonymous.org/eNews</a>

#### **NEW TO DEBTORS ANONYMOUS?**

Are you struggling with money and debt? Do you think you may be a compulsive debtor? Then you have come to the right place. Debtors Anonymous can help you. We offer face-to-face, telephone, and virtual meetings,

We suggest attending at least six meetings to have an opportunity to identify with the speakers and become familiar with D.A. before deciding whether or not this program is for you. If you identify with some or all aspects of compulsive debting, we hope you will join us on the path of recovery and find the joy, clarity, and serenity that we have found in Debtors Anonymous.

#### YOUR SoCal DA SERVICE BOARD

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The governing body of SCDA is the Intergroup. Each meeting is urged to send a representative to the Intergroup meeting, the third Saturday of each month. Currently these meetings are being held on the Internet, via zoom.com. The Service Board exists to carry out the policies determined by the Intergroup. The Service Board is also responsible for maintaining the nonprofit. The Service Board requires a quorum of 8 members to be present. Without a quorum, the Service Board cannot carry out its functions. Therefore it is very important that members support a full Service Board of 12 and that those on the Board are committed to being present at meetings. Duties on the Service Board are generally not burdensome and we are all aware that we are recovering debtors and try to treat each other with understanding and love.

#### **VACANT SERVICE POSITIONS**

If you are interested in performing SoCal DA Board Service, please contact David M. at chair@socalda.org.

## DA Tool #11 Service

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 so generously has been given to us.



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Balances via e-mail to: publications@socalda.org. Share your experience, strength and hope! We accept DA recovery stories up to 1000 words.

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