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Greetings, Fellow Debtor!

Welcome to the December 2024 SoCal DA Newsletter. Happy holidays season! Decfember and January can be a time of pressure to spend, debt, and deal with complicated family and friend dynamics. Thanks to the gifts of this program and Higher Power, you are in such a good position to handle these times with clarity and serenity. Call a fellow, go to a meeting, pray and meditate. There is so much available to help you right now. Thank you again for allowing me to be of service this year.

As always, please encourage your fellow debtors at meetings to subscribe, and contact the Intergroup or your meetings' IGR with any questions.

You can also print out this newsletter to provide at the literature table at in person meetings. This month's newsletter, as well as last month's, will soon be available for download at <https://socalda.org/checks-balances/>.

News this Month

THE TOOLS GAME WORKSHOP

SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH, 2025
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Pacific time zone)

Register NOW Using This Link:
<https://forms.gle/9QQHX1Y3DKsxnNhw8>

This is a fun, 30 day recovery game played in small teams of four.

Teams work together, using DA tools, to earn recovery points for the next four weeks.

The team at the most "recovery points" after 30 days wins!

Newcomers are encouraged to attend. Old timers will get a real recovery boost!

Space is limited to the first 500 people.

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<https://forms.gle/9QQHX1Y3DKsxnNhw8>

Presenter: Chris M.

Hosted by: Kathy H.

Questions?

Contact Kathy H. at: events@SoCalDA.org



Your Recovery Voices Matter!



(BIPOC, LGBTQ+, indigenous people, immigrants, people with physical and intellectual disabilities, diverse religious/spiritual backgrounds, etc.)

Diversity and Representation

SCDA is seeking stories written by debtors of diverse backgrounds that uplift and better represent our experience, strength and hope across the fellowship.

Relatable/Empowering Stories

SCDA is looking for diverse stories that are relatable and empowering. Your recovery provides support to our new and existing DA/BDA members that often don't see themselves represented in these spaces.



DA Recovery Story Submissions

Written submissions of your recovery story are needed to continue making inclusive features in our future Checks and Balances publications and/or to be highlighted on the **SCDA** website (www.socalda.org).

Submission Information and Details

Submissions should be between 500-1,500 words. Send your recovery story submission via email to publicinfo@socalda.org. Your work will be carefully reviewed and considered by a representative(s) of the subcommittee. You will be notified via email if your submission is selected. Please allow 3-4 weeks for us to review all submissions. We are also looking for DA members of diverse backgrounds to review the submissions prior to publication.

We wish you a thriving recovery on this journey!

"Whatever your story, you are welcome in Debtors Anonymous. In D.A., we celebrate the rich, diverse experiences of people of all identities. We embrace members of any race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic status, religious, spiritual, or philosophical expression, or any other trait. Our various experiences benefit our recovery, so we encourage all members to value differences and actively participate in making D.A. an inclusive fellowship. Together, we create accessible and welcoming spaces for anyone with the desire to stop incurring debt, so that we may all recover one day at a time."

- Inclusivity Statement, 2022 Debtors Anonymous Manual of Service



Diverse Voices in DA

from fellow debtor Lynda L.

My name is Lynda L. and I'm a grateful recovering compulsive debtor. I'm also a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous People of Color) person as well. I've been in DA since 1996 and am grateful for the friends and recovery I have one day at a time. Thanks to this program, I've paid off most of my debt and don't use credit cards or payday advance at all. Plus I'm living my vision as a poet, spoken word artist and author - my book of poetry was published two years ago and I'm working on two more books! This program has also given me the gift of leadership and humility by being of service as a Service Board Member and Parliamentarian for SCDA. I take that spirit of service outside the fellowship as a board member for my neighborhood council. I love what I do, and it lights my fire!

The full story will be posted on socalda.org shortly. To submit your story to the diverse voices of DA, please contact our Public Information Chair Sandy at publicinfo@socalda.org

Ongoing Events

Numbers Day Gathering: A DA Study Hall

Let's come together on Zoom for one hour every Sunday and work on our numbers, spending plans, business plans, decluttering, visions, or whatever you'd like to do!

Zoom Information (Updated):

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88228431798?pwd=5bUN35VR3P2e2T92niWDGKukQIKKKO.1>

Meeting ID: 882 2843 1798

Passcode: 122663

Contact Lynda @ 323-683-2053 / Lyndarosela@aol.com



Attention SCDA Intergroup Reps!

Please note SCDA Intergroup Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the month. Zoom meeting number and password are sent out with the monthly reminders.

If you are new to Intergroup or not sure if you are on the SCDA Meeting Liaisons List Please contact Cathy D. At meetings@socalda.org



Have a story you'd like to share? Art related to your recovery? Cartoons, jokes, prayers?
We welcome your submissions for future newsletters!

Submit

Need help from the SoCalDA Intergroup?

You can always contact your meeting's Intergroup rep. If you'd like to communicate with a member of the service board, you can visit our website: <https://socalda.org/contacts/>

With Love and Gratitude

-Ethan

Publications Chair

publications@socalda.org

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