

OASC TREASURER REPORT**9/15/2024**

Beginning Bank Balance		\$ 8,718.23
Donations:		
5th Tradition (Joplin)	\$	-
But Do it (Joplin)	\$	-
Breaking the Cycle (Nevada)	\$	-
Clean and Serene (Galena)	\$	-
Just for Today (Webb City)	\$	60.00
Living Clean (Pittsburg)	\$	40.00
No Matter What (Miami)	\$	20.00
Spiritual Principles (Joplin)	\$	-
Straight Line (Grove)	\$	20.00
Stray Katz (Joplin)	\$	50.00
Survivors (Joplin)	\$	20.00
Traditional Recovery (El Dorado Springs)	\$	10.00
We Do Recover (Joplin)	\$	22.00
Funds from HOLP	\$	91.00
Total Donations & Deposits:		\$ 333.00
Adjusted Balance:		\$ 9,051.23
Expenses:		
Freedom Voice	\$	31.88
Total Expenses:		\$ 31.88
New Balance OASC:		\$ 9,019.35

AASC TREASURER REPORT**9/15/2024**

Beginning Bank Balance		\$ 4,590.01
Deposits:		
Total Deposits:	\$	-
Adjusted Balance:		\$ 4,590.01
Expenses:		
Check 1045 Roaring River Bunk houses	\$	135.00
Check 1046 OASC	\$	90.00
Total Expenses:		\$ 225.00
New Balance AASC:		\$ 4,365.01

Hello Ozark Area I'm Rufus an Advisor
serving as newsletter chair. I'm excited
to announce we now have an ALT newsletter

Chair Sandy B; we were really
put together a Board member of
a newsletter this month. Eight
pages of good stuff with the

Theme of Sponsoring.
If you have any topic, poems
ART, CARTOONS or other NA Related
material you would like to see
next month send it to

Ozark Area @ gmail.com



I'm loving source
Rufus P.

Hello Ozark Area my
name is Jacob an Addict
Serving as HdI Chairperson.
We are currently going into
5 facilities hosting around 21
panels a month. We will be
hosting another learning day
Oct 5th 1pm right here
at House Flyers are made
& Available to take back to
your home Groups. Also
we have a \$180 donation
that will be given to
Annee this week by Ginette
G. In Loving Service Jacob C.

I'm Jimmie I addict
serving as aase chair
we got the chill cookoff all
ready with sandy B as the speaker
because no will not be in town on
Nov 9 we talk a bit about
The new year a event we
still looking for a vice chair
for the commet. 2 Year. Clean

~~ALL~~
THANK
FOR LETTING
ME SERVE
JIMMIE W

9-22-24 Public Relations

Hello Ozark ASC,

The Helpline and Website are still in the process of being transferred to Regional Services.

Our Helpline received 8 calls with one transfer to a volunteer.

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Shortest report ever!!

Grateful in Service,

Jessica
PR Chair

* Meeting schedules are located on the ledge

Nevada Breaking the Cycle N.A. group
~~initially~~ has been averaging 7-8 members
a meeting still having 2 meetings a
week on Monday and Friday at 7pm.
having our meetings at the Nevada Alamo club
301 S. Pine St Average donations have been \$7 a
meeting

Rob

Hello Ozark Area! My name is Crystal C
Serving as GIR for Just For today Group
We meet Thursday nights At 24706 Hwy 171
Web City Mo We have Harlow celebrating
6:30 to 7:30 1 yr. Areal 1 yr. Anne A. with 8 yrs
Tiffany M. was 2 yrs Dave G with 1 yr.
And Malighia with 1 yr. We have
A Fall Festival Oct. 12th 6pm Bonfire
Speaker Hot Chocolate Bar & Snores.
Bring A Chair And A New Cone
2276 W. Fountain Rd
We have a 60¢ donation

In Loving Service
Crystal C.

But Do I meets at 6:30 every Wed
at 414 Virginia in Joplin. The ^{and}
Wed after ~~hard~~ from living clean. The
~~last~~ a week is birthday night. This
month Papa will celebrate 18 months
& I will celebrate 30 years. W a ~~big~~ ^{big} ~~brat~~
by \$14 destination

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Monday 1/23

Halt Organ Area!

11-22-2024

Our meetings are doing well.
We have 25-30 people most every
meeting. We meet on Tuesday, & Thursday
at 6:30. We are looking into having
giveing a place for our Halloween
Duch. More will be revealed.
Making a 25.00 donation.

Am Doing Service
of anyone

Spiritual Principles

Hello Ozark area,

I'm Joe C. an addict serving as
GSR for Spiritual Principles group

We Meet every Sunday at 9:30am

at 1800 e 30th st Joplin Mo 64804.

We Average 38 attendees per meeting,

this is no change from last month.

We currently have no events planned.

\$ 487. still not at prudent reserve

Bought literature to refill racks.

In Grateful Service

Joe C.

816 977 1605

Soullessone2@gmail.com

Hello Ozark Area

I'm a addict named Paul & CSR
for living Clean

We meet Monday Tues Wed Sat @
3111 N Michigan St. @ The Oak Center...
Meetings Start @ 6:30pm

Mon - Candle light meeting } Discussion

Tues - Open Meeting

Wed - Book Study - Basic Text

Sat - open Meeting - Discussion

Thursday Friday an Sunday @ 3003
N Joplin St @ Homer Cole -
Meetings Start @ 6:30pm

Thurs - open

Fri - open

Sun - open

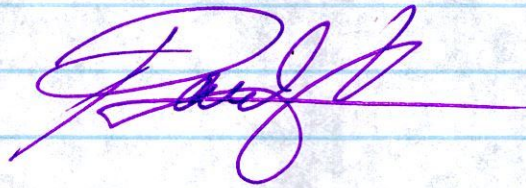
} discussion


We have 10-30 people at our Meetings

The last Friday of the month
is our birthday night

We have a \$40 donation for
Area

in loving Service

A stylized handwritten signature in purple ink, possibly reading 'Paul J.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

We Want to thank everyone
that showed up for
our fish fry!!
A simple hand-drawn smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

9-22-24

My name is Albert
I am an addict serving
as GSR for no matter what
we meet on Tuesdays and
~~fr~~ Fridays 7pm 20-30
addicts attend we need
donations for raffle
and have a \$20 donation
this month in loving
service Albert B.

oh and our
function is on ~~the~~ 19
of October 2127 N Main St

Hello Ozark Area, 9/22/23

I'm an addict named Jennifer, serving ^{as} a GSR for Straightline Group. We meet at 1600 W. Harbor Rd, in Grove, OK. We meet on the following days ³ times:

Mondays - 9am, 7pm

Friday - 7pm

We are averaging ⁵⁻¹⁰ ~~about~~ addicts per meeting. We celebrate birthdays on last Friday of the month, ³ we have 9 birthdays in September. We have a \$5 donation today.

In loving service,

Jennifer M.

* Straightline 15th Birthday celebration on 11/7/24 at Crossroads Cowboy Church in Grove. Bonfire, speaker, food & fun Sp- 10pm

Hello Ozark Area.

My name is Jerry Seivick as
GSR for Survivors Group. We meet
at 501 S. Pennsylvania, Joplin Mo. on
Mon, Tues, and Sat at NOON and Friday
nights at 6:30. This month we have
a 20.00 donation. Thank you for letting
me be of service. TERRY ~~SEIVICK~~

9-22-24

Hello my name is

Steven St. and I am the assistant

ASA for Stacy Katz in Well City. Our location
is at 10th and Osage St. We have meetings on Saturdays

at 6^{PM}, with the attendance of 40 to 45 people, and

book studies on Mondays at 6^{PM} with the attendance

of 15 to 20 people. We have 3 Birthdays this month,

~~David I with one year~~, Larry J. with 24 yrs, and

John S. with one year. We do not have a donation

at this time, Thank you ^{IN LOVING} for your service!

We have a Predecessor Event next month

on the 19th from 2-7!

9-22-24

Hello Ozark Area, my name is Kayla, I'm serving as GSR for Traditional Recovery of El Dorado Springs, located at 300 S. Main. We meet on Sunday and Wednesday at 7 pm; Sunday is an open meeting and Wednesday is a closed meeting that alternates from book study to candle light meeting. We average 10 to 15 addicts each meeting, with the message being carried. This month Nikki celebrated 1 yr clean. We have a speaker once a month, this month Crystal C. of Joplin will speak on Sunday the 29th at 7 pm. We have a \$10.00 donation today. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Kayla Woodruff
(417) 296-4538

kayla.ncarpenter2002@gmail.com

We Do Recover GSR Report 9-22

Hello Ozark Area

My name is Ryan X. Johnson

GSR for We Do Recover group

We hold 15 meetings a week at 829 Main St. in Joplin. The 2nd Friday of the Month is B-day night.

We Do not have any Donation at this time.

Birthdays
this month

Aeriel 1yr

Manny M. 1yr

Tiffany R 3yr

Shannon R 1yr

Cody D 1yr

Martha V 1yr

Maleigha M 1yr

Mikala 18mon

Dave B. 1yr

BedRym 30 yr

Andy E. 3yrs

Courtney R 2yr

Ozark Area Motion

Date: 9/21/24

Motion #: 20240921-2

Name: Adhoc Committee

Area or Office:

The motion reads as follows:

To change current guidelines which states:

6.1 (2) Interim Elections: Nominations may be closed, and candidate(s) voted on at the same meeting provided the Groups have had at least one monthly ASC cycle to view a resume and discuss the candidate(s) qualifications.

To now say the following:

6.1 (2) Interim Elections: In the event that a vote of confidence is not reached for any given election or position, the position will remain open until a new nomination is made and approved. Nominations may be closed, and candidate(s) voted on at the same meeting provided the Groups have had at least one monthly ASC cycle to view a resume and discuss the candidate(s) qualifications.

Intent:

To ensure guidelines reflect course of action should vote of confidence not be met.

Action: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____

PASSED

FAILED

TABLED

AMMENDED

Ozark Area Motion

Date: 9/21/24

Motion #: 20240921-1

Name: Adhoc Committee

Area or Office:

The motion reads as follows:

To change current guidelines which states;

Prudent Reserve shall be evaluated annually and adjusted to reflect the ASC's current service obligations and shall be no more than 100% of approved Administrative and Subcommittee budgets.

To now say the following:

Prudent Reserve will be discussed and set for the upcoming year in New Business of each annual November OASC meeting. Prudent Reserve will be calculated by including the total amounts for any "hard line" budget items (hard line budget items are defined as any OASC expense that is paid on an annual basis and must be paid in its entirety on a given date. I.E. the OASC P.O. Box, Website, Phone Line, etc.) as well as the combined 6-month total of all approved yearly administrative and sub-committee budgets.

Intent:

To add clarification to current guidelines to ensure we are following our traditions by honoring our financial obligations, continually carrying out our primary purpose, as well as ensuring we are passing the proper amounts up our service structure to support other aspects of future and ongoing Regional and World NA business.

Action: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____

PASSED

FAILED

TABLED

AMMENDED

Ozark Area Motion

Date: 9/21/24

Motion #: 20240921-3

Name: Adhoc Committee

Area or Office:

The motion reads as follows:

To change current guidelines which states:

6.1 (1) Scheduled Elections:

- A. The Vice-Chair and Alternate Treasurer shall be elected in the month of October to serve through the following October (per term length) meeting of the ASC. Upon completion of those service terms, Vice Chair and Alternate Treasurer, will then assume ASC Chair and ASC Treasurer service positions, if approved with a vote of confidence by the ASC body at beginning of new business.
- B. The RCM-Alternate and Alternate Secretary shall be elected in the month of May to serve through the following May (per term length) meeting of the ASC. Upon completion of those service terms, RCMA and Alternate Secretary will then assume RCM and Secretary service positions, if approved with a vote of confidence by the ASC body at beginning of new business.
- C. Sub-Committees will submit to the ASC their Vice Chair nominee resumes in September for group conscience vote to be tallied at the October ASC and will assume position at start of new business. Unless waived by a 2/3 vote of the ASC, nominees must have 2 years of continuous clean time. Upon completion of those service terms, Vice Chairs, will then assume Chair service position, if approved with a vote of confidence by the ASC body at beginning of new business.

To now say the following:

6.1 (1) Scheduled Elections:

- A. The Vice-Chair, Alternate Treasurer, RCMA, Alternate Secretary as well as all subcommittee vice chairs shall have nominations submitted to the OASC no later than the month of July. These nominations will go back to the home groups and voted on prior to the August OASC meeting and trusted servants will move into positions at the start of new business at the September OASC meeting. Those terms will serve through to the end of old business the following September (per term lengths)

- B. Upon completion of those service terms trusted servants will then assume Chair, Treasurer, RCM, Secretary and subcommittee chair positions, if approved with a vote of confidence by the OASC body at the beginning of new business at the September OASC meeting.
- C. For all subcommittees, unless waived by a 2/3 vote of the ASC, nominees must have 2 years of continuous clean time.

Intent:

To make it easier to keep track of when elections should be happening and keep positions filled with the spirit of rotation on a consistent basis.

Action: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
PASSED FAILED TABLED AMMENDED

⚡ OZARK AREA'S ANNUAL ⚡

CHILI COOK-OFF

11.09.2024 **BRING THE HEAT!** Starts at 4:00

**RAFFLE
50/50
PLEASE BRING
RAFFLE ITEMS**

Speaker: *Sandy B.* █████ Pittsburg, KS
Homer Cole Community Center
3003 N. Joplin St. Pittsburg, KS

**\$3
PERSON/
\$5 COUPLE
NO ADDICT
TURNED AWAY**

CHILI CONTEST

\$5 TO ENTER THE CONTEST
FREE ENTRY TO THE FUNCTION
IF YOU BRING A POT OF CHILI

1ST PLACE WINNER: HALF THE \$\$\$
AND A FREE REGISTRATION TO
HIGH ON LIFE PICNIC!

PRIZES FOR 2ND AND 3RD PLACES!!!



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JIMMIE W
417-321-4676



Fall
FESTIVAL

HOSTED BY JFT
OCTOBER 12, 2024
6PM

BONFIRE, SPEAKER & HOT CHOCOLATE
BAR & S'MORES

BRING A CHAIR AND A NEWCOMER

2276 W Fountain Road
Joplin MO 64801





**5th Tradition, A New Way, Breaking the Cycle, But Do It, Clean & Serene,
Just For Today, Living Clean, No Matter What, Spiritual Principles, Straightline,
Stray Katz, Survivors, Traditional Recovery, We Do Recover**

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAVE IN

OCTOBER 4TH, 5TH & 6TH
ROBBERS CAVE STATE PARK
WILBURTON, OKLAHOMA

NO MATTER WHAT GROUP FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 19TH 1:00-5pm
SPEAKER AMANDA D
2127 N MAIN MIAMI, OK

STRAY KATZ PREDECESSOR APPRECIATION DAY

OCTOBER 19TH 2:00-7pm
710 10th St Webb City, MO

DHOMA AREA SPEAKER JAM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH 11AM-5PM
180 CLAREMONT DRIVE BRANSON, MO

5TH TRADITION HALLOWEEN BASH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH
TIME/LOCATION: TBA

31ST SMRCNA

OCTOBER 25-27
415 W. MCCARTY JEFF CITY, MO

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CHILI COOK-OFF

NOVEMBER 9TH 4PM-???
HOMER COLE COMMUNITY CENTER
3003 N. JOPLIN PITTSBURG, KANSAS

SEPTEMBER

CLEAN TIME BIRTHDAYS

TIFFANY R 1 YEAR

CODY D 1 YEAR

AERIEL

MALEIGHA M 1 YEAR

DAVE B 1 YEAR

MANNY M 1 YEAR

SHANNON R 1 YEAR

MARTHA V 1 YEAR

MIKALA (KALA) 18 MOS

COURTNEY R 2 YEARS

ANDY E 3 YEARS

BECKY M 30 YEARS

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Heart of NA beats when two addicts share their recovery.

Basic Text "What is the Narcotics Anonymous Program?"

ozark area speaks... Why Did You Pick Your Sponsor?

Her wisdom and grace!! - Luann F.

When I moved, it was a recovery changing deal. Turned my recovery upside down. Long distance sponsorship wasn't working for me. I needed someone in my area, and I believe GOD put a man with only 5 years clean in my life. It was humbling asking him to be my sponsor because I thought I should be sponsoring him. I saw this guy half my age was living the program with applying spiritual principles in his life and some things that weren't so spiritual, and his honesty of his recovery attracted me. He had great knowledge of the basic text and used the literature to help others. It's working out very well.
- Ed H.

I felt bad for even going to my first meeting. Rufus wasn't my sponsor yet, but he made me feel welcome at my first meeting. Asked me if I wanted some coffee or a cookie. When they gave out keytags he said I should go get a white keytag. When I was told I should get a sponsor he was the first person I thought of.
- Michael F.

Well I Picked My Sponsor Because His Story Was Similar To Mines And He's Trustworthy, He Listens, He Answers Questions That I Don't Understand, He's Loving Caring And He's My Guide To Recovery And Helped Me To Work The 12 Steps Honestly and Thoughtly - Prevence B.

It was national sponsor day. I was getting a sponsor and the guy I was going toward was walking out and my sponsor stood up in front of me and I took my Higher powers direction at the moment. I didn't choose my sponsor. My HP did. -James W.

I choose my sponsor for her wisdom. She not only understands the addict in me, but my codependent side as well. We've attended meetings together and I've loved listening to her talk about the topic and then bring her current life into the topic. She not only knows the literature, but she's also vulnerable and open. She never judges me, but gently guides me into figuring out my own path while looking at the possibilities that could occur due to my decision making. I love her and respect her. She's also had significant clean time and a relapse followed by more significant clean time. All of this has allowed her to be a great mirror for me and to be able to relate to her on a deep level.
- Kelly H.

Why did I put my sponsor okay question hey knows where I'm coming from He's easy to talk to and we get along so well He's carrying person and he has a heart of gold - David M.



OZARK AREA "QR CODE"
links to our website!



SPONSORSHIP DAY

IS DECEMBER 1ST, 2024!

THANK YOU SANDY B. - ALT NEWLETTER CHAIR

TOPIC: WHAT DO YOU APPRECIATE ABOUT YOUR SPONSOR!

I asked addicts in recovery ... in person, via text, and at meeting level ... to give me a line or two answer to the question: "What do you appreciate about your sponsor?"

Here's what a few had to say ...

"I appreciate my sponsor most because of their honesty. They make common sense, and I can apply that to my recovery." ~ Maria M.

"I appreciate his honesty, and his talk and walk match; but most of all how he gives me suggestions, not demands" ~ Keith M.

"My favorite thing about my sponsor is her life's experience and how she shares it with me. I also appreciate her dedication to service and NA as a whole." ~ Raci K.

"I appreciate my sponsor's experience and empathy." ~ Kathi H.

"My journey and hers have been similar with regard to familial trauma and mental health issues. I appreciate that she can say what worked for her and what didn't." ~ Gale W.

"Besides being a true example of the basic text, my sponsor has been here for me through everything good and bad. She even stood by me through my prison time, and not only sponsors me, but also helps me to guide, lead, and be of service to my family. She is my Genie in a bottle." ~ Pam B.

"My sponsor is always real with me, always with profound experience, strength, and hope. No BS, but lots of love, too." ~ Sandy B.

**MY GRATITUDE SPEAKS...
WHEN I CARE AND WHEN I SHARE
WITH OTHERS THE N.A. WAY!
KEEP COMING BACK!**

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12 steps of NA

T G S V W B X D V H L F S N O I T I D A R T A S
 B Y B M S D O G O T D E T T I M D A Z G W Z L S
 R X W Y S P I R I T U A L A W A K E N I N G Z E
 P J S E L P I C N I R P S Y K R O W P E T S R L
 X I P L S C C H A R A C T E R D E F E C T S U R
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admitted we were powerless
 spiritual awakening
 admitted to god
 twelve steps
 principles
 surrender
 humility
 honesty
 hope

take personal inventory
 character defects
 came to believe
 unmanageable
 acceptance
 powerless
 addicts
 amends
 god

restore us to sanity
 carry the message
 just for today
 Traditions
 step work
 recovery
 sponsor
 unity

ozark area speaks... Why Did You Pick Your Sponsor?

I picked my sponsor because she is spiritual, but not in the traditional sense. She is hilarious and I feel like I can truly be myself with her. And she loves me unconditionally and fully. - Ali C.

I needed a no-nonsense person who didn't co-sign my BS. Lol - Ryan XJ

He has qualities that I'd like to have. Optimism, compassion, peace, and a strong relationship with his HP are just a few. I also saw that he consistently practiced spiritual principles daily. - Matt L.

The one I have now I picked because she felt like a loving mom who understands and I thought she worked the steps with me but our schedule never worked out so I have been praying about it and hopefully I can make a connection with someone who can do that with me - Mindy F.

I generally pick sponsors based on how they "appear" to live their life. Is it with integrity? Do they walk what they talk. My perception can change with time and familiarity, then it's up to me to examine the relationship, my expectations, my understanding of the truth. It could all be in my head - Colin F.

She seemed to be completely at peace, no matter what she was going through at the time. I could relate to a lot of her story, as well. And she had 37 years clean and that was awe-inspiring to me 😊 - Jennifer M.

I needed to make amends and honestly the timing couldn't of been more perfect! Because she was the person I needed to make an amends to and she was the only female who raised her hand that night at my first meeting clean. - Brittney W.

Simple. I admired his spiritual connection with his higher power and the love he has for the program. - Mikey M.

The same reason I've picked every sponsor. They have something I needed in my recovery. - Dan H.

She actually was a mutual friend of mine and a man who was like my uncle (knew him since I was 😏) He actually told me to get connected with her, and for some reason I was being pulled in the direction to her the night I asked her. Funny thing is, I didn't even realize she was the lady he was talking about till after. - Ivy C.

I met my sponsor a months before I got clean and she never once judged me. She wanted to help and be a friend. A month after I got clean and been talking with her at meetings and going to lunches with her. we built a really strong bond through connecting with the similarity in the story we both had. - Becca S.

I picked my sponsor because he had what I wanted to have. He was kind and courteous and I could tell that he was all in on his recovery. I felt like he really had his act together and was experiencing joy along the way. - Olen S.

I picked my sponsor because he was doing the things I know I wanted in life staying clean, running his own business and riding motorcycles. I also knew that I had to have a sponsor because without one this program wouldn't work for me. - James C.

I picked my sponsor because I wanted what he had. He was happy, successful, and had many years clean at the time. I knew my sponsor from before he got clean and I could definitely see that the program had worked for him. If it could work for him then I knew it would work for me. - Michael T.

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I picked my sponsor because she had what I wanted. She had fun in recovery. She was fiery, direct, a little intimidating and honest in her approach to recovery. She loves to laugh and has empathy for others. She takes the good with the bad and still stays clean. She has strength and isn't afraid to tell me what I don't want to hear. - Tabitha W.

I picked my sponsor because I seen how kind he was to others and I knew he worked the steps and had a sponsor so I asked him. - Bearek F.

Because he carried the strongest message, that struck the deepest chords in me, that made me feel like working these spiritual principles & steps in my life, was ACTUALLY possible. And BE JOYFUL DOING IT. - Jody S.

I picked him for his devotion to NA. He is so involved and works and lives the program. When I see it I am drawn to it. He stays busy throughout the day and always answers his phone. He has helped me work all 12 steps and is an asset in my life. - Tommy E.

I picked my sponsor after a grueling interview process in which I asked her several questions about how she sponsors women. I actually asked several women the same questions and I liked her answers the most. My previous sponsor assisted in the hiring process of picking my current sponsor. Hahaha Ultimately I chose her after sitting on her front steps talking about life and I realized I felt connected to this person and I went with my gut. It's almost been 2 years now. I'm grateful for the one I got. Shout out G! P.S. we almost broke up once because I'm an asshole, for the record. - Shelby P.

I met my sponsor while I was in active addiction and I knew he wouldn't make it easy on me. He had some deep seated resentments. That I had earned, I respected the friendships that he had, including with his Sponsees and his wife, and I wanted these things.

Hopefully not breaking anonymity, I asked rather chose Jeff Black. I've known him for going on close to 10 years he was my house manager at Rogers for eight months. He walks the walk and talks the talk. I see him living the Narcotics Anonymous way. I know a lot of his story. And he will soon know all of mine. And of course I love the dude! - Doc D

I picked my sponsor because she said things like "me too" when I told her some of the things that I went through in my relapse. She had also had some recovery time followed by a relapse and had come back. She became my sponsor 1/13/10. I didn't fully surrender until 6/2/10 but she stuck with me and is still my sponsor today. - Wendy D.

I picked him because he had the serenity and peace that I wanted to attain in my life and we built the relationship based on that and we continue to grow til this day. -

I chose my sponsor because he was a perfect balance of love and tough love. He saw right through my excuses and called me out when I was messing up. The whole "take it easy" approach had never worked for me, and he definitely doesn't sugarcoat anything. He tells me what I need to hear, even if it's not what I want to hear. And honestly, that's what I need as I can often be hard headed. - Linn R.

My Gratitude Speaks...

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The reason I chose my sponsor is she never gossiped, I trusted her. - Debbie S.

I pick my sponsor Kyle Bankson for a really good reason. Because he truly has a heart of gold. And he is big on staying clean. God has definitely blessed me with him and I definitely enjoy working the steps with him.

- Joseph D.

I respect my sponsor, because her actions match her words. She is a good guide through the program because she actively works it. She has Active recovery.

- Shauna C.

I picked my sponsor because of the things he said around the tables. And I watched his actions outside of meetings in the way he interacted with people. And saw that it matched closely with what he said, And decided he had the character that I wanted the pattern mine after. He had a peace and calm about him that I want it to achieve. And in talking to him Absolutely. Been learning how to get that stillness of mind. And I can talk with this man about anything. Rob T.

I picked my sponsor because I didn't feel ashamed of my relapses when talking to him. He's out of town and I didn't know a lot about him like I did most of the men I considered asking locally. I needed a fresh start and after keeping my eyes, ears and feelers open, I saw him at pig roast and I just knew he was the one. Recovery speaks for itself. Is he perfect, no. But there is a peace and stability to him. He has the ability to help me remember how to keep it simple and see things from a different perspective. After I've drove myself a little crazy first and reach out to him or course. - Tony N.

To me, a sponsor is a guide through the steps, as well as someone whose character I want to emulate. People say in meetings, if you want what we have, do what we do. The sponsor I have today is financially responsible, he's respectful and caring and has established boundaries that he rarely compromises. He has played major roles in OASC, as well as H&I, which are important to me as well. I think the biggest reason I chose him is because, I admired his honesty and wisdom of Narcotics Anonymous. He's never shy'd away from his past, and has always used it as a testimony of the incredible power that Narcotics Anonymous plays in our recovery, and our lives. - Cory F.

I picked my sponsor for several reasons. He has multiple years of recovery, his passion and willingness to help others. When he shares his ESH, I can identify with it and he explains the NA program in simple terms so it is easy for me to understand. He consistently attends meetings and he has a sponsor. In my opinion he works the program in all areas of his life.

- Keith C.

Thank you to everyone that showed up and showed out on this month's topic! In loving service...Rufus P

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NA speaks... Heard on a speaker tape....

The most useless thing is to worry.

The worst thing to be without is hope.

The deadliest weapon is the tongue.

The two most powerful words... we can.

Our greatest asset is faith.

The most worthless emotion is self-pity.

Our most prized possession is integrity.

The most beautiful attire is a smile.

The most powerful channel of communication is prayer.

Our most contagious spiritual principle is willingness.

The most effective way to share is a hug.

Our greatest joy is giving.

Our greatest loss is self respect.

Our most satisfying work is helping others.

The ugliest trait is selfishness.

Our most endangered species, trusted servants.

Our greatest natural resource is newcomers.

Our greatest shot in the arm is sponsorship.

Our greatest problem to overcome is fear.

Our most crippling failures are excuses.

Our most powerful force in the world is love.

The most dangerous weapon is gossip.

The most important thing in life is God

Cynthia W.

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