

CAWS CONVENTION 2012...

NEWSLETTER

...IS COMING TO THE UK

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RECOMMEND A FRIEND

The CAWS 2012 speaker committee are requesting **YOU** to 'recommend a friend' to come and carry the message at CAWS 2012. So is there anyone YOU would like to recommend to the CAWS 2012 speaker committee?

Recommend a friend to carry the message of Hope, Faith & Courage at CAWS 2012

If you have a friend you would like to recommend please contact the speaker chair Richard L by email at lukahurst_1@hotmail.com or post:

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"Give freely of what you find and join us" at Keys of the United Kingdom CAWS2012

Dear C.A. Fellowship,

Just a few words from the 2012 programme (English Spelling!!) Chairperson...

Early stages for us in terms of finalising speakers and entertainment but I can tell you that the speaker committee have listened to a truck load of cd's already, please if you can get your story recorded somehow and whiz it over to the speaker committee, details elsewhere on this newsletter... Likewise with workshops...

From where I'm sitting it seems that the world convention being held in the UK in 2012 has certainly fired the imagination of the fellowship and judging by the interested members emailing, phoning, hollering etc this ones gonna be THE mother!! We, as the programmers see our main job as to keep y'all in the hotel (apart from some VERY special planned events), the entertainment promises to be second to none in terms of quality... Well that's it for now - watch this space and keep putting those pennies/cents away so's you can come a be a part of **CAWS2012 Keys of the United Kingdom**.

Love & Peace - Chris X

LESS THAN 18 MONTHS TO GO!



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Convention Fundraising

We are currently in the process of raising funds and awareness, and creating unity, for the first ever world convention outside of the USA and Canada.

Our first event was held in London at Fabric nightclub where three of C.A.'s finest DJ's played the music and over 300 members, along with their families and friends, danced and enjoyed the conviviality of the evening, funds were raised and a great night was had by all.

But get ready wherever you are in the world because we are having a raffle and the 1st prize will be a trip to Arizona, USA for the CAWS2011 'WE' World Convention 26th-30th May 2011. The prize includes flights, four nights stay at the Biltmore hotel AND \$200 spending money - the winner will be

announced at the 2011 CAUK convention and on the CAUK website on 18th April 2011.

The 3rd event is going to be an opportunity for C.A. members all over the world to be of service, raise funds and create unity and awareness for the CAWS2012 world convention 'Keys to the United Kingdom' in Birmingham, UK .

It is open to all members, wherever in the world you may be and at any time up until April 2012. Here are some examples of what members have already planned, Adam, who is a loner member in Mombasa Kenya, is going to walk up Mount Kilimanjaro, Bob from the UK is doing the London Marathon, and a few of us are doing the UK London to Brighton

cycle ride with a meeting at the end and a barbeque, further details to follow and all are welcome.

Whether you are in the United Kingdom, Holland, Ireland, Mexico, USA, Russia, Canada, Sweden, Iran etc let us know if you want to jump out of a plane, sing, put on a party, run, swim, walk, ride, race to raise funds for this mementos event, or if you just simply would like to donate, just let us know on the above email address and we will send you a sponsorship form.

We have four more events to put on in the lead up to the CAWS2012 so we will keep you in the loop.

And if YOU have any ideas we would love to hear from you

How fabulous...

**C.A. World Services Convention
is coming to the UK!!!**

It was back in May 2004 at the Cocaine Anonymous World Services Convention in Universal City, Los Angeles, that discussions dared to be had between various travelling CAUK members hoping that one day we might host our very own CAWS Convention back in England.

For me this Convention stood for everything I had craved when I felt alone trying to find a new vein, or smoke a rock big enough to fill my loneliness, or the next drink that would allow me to breathe freely once again. Cocaine Anonymous Conventions have been doing that to me since I got sober in early 2001. The Unity and Fellowship that I experience at Conventions fills up my spirit and propels my recovery forwards towards whichever stage of my development God has in store for me next.

Forward-wind to March 2005 CAUK13 "Thus We Grow" and we began to have more open chats about such an event, feeling out whether there were other members equally excited by such a prospect... and there were. I wasn't alone. Firstly I wasn't the only person who felt this way about Conventions. Secondly I wasn't the only CAUK member to travel to CA conventions around the World and dream about bringing it back to Britain sometime. Thirdly, there were members who were so grateful to the life that the Programme combined with the Fellowship of Cocaine Anonymous had enabled them to live, that they too felt inspired to give back to the Worldwide Fellowship. I was truly inspired by this shared commitment to CA.

When I stood for election as a Delegate in 2006 I told the CAUK Area that I would serve on the World Service Convention Committee and figure out how we would bring the Convention to the UK. First of all we formed a Bid Committee – whose purpose was to draft and build our final bid document (ended up as an A4 Booklet) that we would present to the voting floor at the World Service Conference two years later in 2008. When the floor voted, it was the first time ever that there had been a unanimous backing of a World Service Convention bid and Area approval. We had 100% support from the Fellowship Worldwide. I cried from the podium along with Jackie, Russell and Nicholas.

Well time has flown by, and since that moment many more people have joined our Fellowship and helped it to grow in the UK, within the European Region and around the

**27th Annual
C.A. World Service
Convention**
Phoenix, AZ
May 26th-30th 2011

WE, the men and women of the Arizona Area of CA, are extremely excited to host the 2011 CA World Service Convention.
We hope you join us for a memorable and hopefully spiritual weekend. Together, "WE" can have fun and recover.
We look forward to seeing you in Phoenix, Arizona in 2011.

world (*helped largely by the Online Area of CA*). We now have well over 200 meetings within 7 Districts serving our Area and so you may begin to imagine my joy when the location chosen to actually host the event was in Birmingham, part of my own District – the CAUK Central District, and if you ever get the chance to go to their Monday evening meeting you'll find them carrying exactly the same message of hope as anywhere else within Cocaine Anonymous around the world. Our message is universal and knows no frontiers.

Now let me tell you something about CAUK Conventions.

They are largely recognised around the worldwide Fellowship of CA as being some of the best Conventions in the World! All the International members I meet along my own travels tell me that they intend to make it to a CAUK Convention at some point in their life, and since we're the host of the 2012 WSC I believe most of them are focusing their efforts towards 2012.

So this is the vision that "We" have about 2012 CAWS Convention hosted by CAUK Area:

- *Let's make this bigger and better than anything we've ever done before.*
- *Let's take everything that's worked for us over the past 19 years of CAUK conventions and put them together to form the very best Convention we've ever done... yet.*
- *Lets think bigger than usual. Bigger than ever. Bigger than we've ever imagined before.*
- *Let the Entertainment showcase the finest artists and performers CAUK has been able to reach out and offer hope to. Remember, we have an extra couple of nights to PARTY at a World Service Convention – it starts Thursday and finishes Monday.*
- *Let the Special Events become something we're all so excited to attend that our Convention experience lasts from Wednesday to Wednesday!*
- *Let the decorations dazzle and daze with vibrancy and beauty.*

- *Let the people sharing their experience, strength and hope carry their message of depth and weight through hope and humour. After all, we're certainly not a glum lot!*
- *Let's step up our game and leave everyone without any doubt that this has been the Convention of their lifetime.*
- *Let those of us serving in some capacity bring love, laughter and life to the table so that others may enjoy the gift of service and be inspired to join in.*

Even if you've never been to a World Service Convention and never intended to, can you get behind our vision? Would you like to share this experience with 2000 other CA members? Then please consider that there will be many, many people there as newcomers, being exposed to Cocaine Anonymous for the very first time. Imagine the impact we can have upon their introduction into CAUK? Wouldn't you like to play a part in that? Well you can!

It's all hands on deck. We can do this without your help, but it's so much more fun when there are more of us doing the deal - And of course it leads to an even better event.

So come get involved with the Fellowship we all crave.

Contact me for more information about which committee you could join at vicechair2012@cauk.org.uk or call me on 07799 143 431.

I'd be delighted to chat to you and sign you up with a committee where you can see where your experience truly does benefit others.

In love and service,

Ian Y.
CAWS2012
Vice-Chair



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