



Debtors Anonymous

**Wednesday, August 16 –
Sunday, August 20, 2006**

**Town and Country Hotel
San Diego, CA**

Registration Packet

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Introduction and Instructions

20th Annual Debtors Anonymous World Service Conference Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, California

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To take advantage of the early registration savings, registration forms and payment must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2006

The World Service Conference

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This Registration Package contains everything you need to register for the conference. It also contains information that will help your group prepare for sending a representative, including a spending plan to help you raise the necessary funds.

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Our Host Committee is working hard to create a conference environment that fosters productivity, and provide time for self-care, including fun.

The 20th Annual D.A. World Service Conference: Celebrating the Vision of Recovery and San Diego await you.

At the World Service Conference

While at the D.A. World Service Conference, as a GSR or ISR, you will be working on a committee. Listed below are the eight conference committees and their functions. In preparation for your work at the Conference, please think about the committee on which you would like to serve. **Note, too, that most committees work throughout the year via teleconferencing and email.** In addition to serving on a committee, you *may* choose to serve on one of the caucus groups listed below.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

The Conference Committee is concerned with the general nature of the General Service Conference. This includes:

- The Charter of The General Service Conference and its relationship to the General Service Board and membership of D.A. as a whole.
- Issues related to the format of the annual General Service Conference of Debtors Anonymous
- Aids the Host committee in their planning and logistics
- Recommends sites for future annual conferences.

FELLOWSHIP COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Communication Committee facilitates communication between the General Service Conference, the General Service Board and the D.A. membership. This includes:

- The publication of the "Ways and Means" Newsletter.
- Recommendations on all forms of communications within the fellowship.

INTERNAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The primary responsibility of the Internal Operations Committee is to review and support the General Service Office of Debtors Anonymous. The committee focuses on:

- Overall office operations of the General Service Office (GSO.)
- Interacts with the Board Office Liaison and the Office Manager to support the ongoing work of the GSO.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

D.A. Conference-approved literature begins with the Literature Committee. Members participate in all levels of the literature creative process, including:

- Generating ideas for new D.A. literature
- Works closely with members of Literature Services
- Reviews drafts of literature in process (given to them at the Conference by Literature Services)
- Approves final drafts of D.A. literature

- Brings motion to approve draft of literature to Convocation to become Conference-Approved Literature

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Public Information Committee interfaces with the media, helping professionals and the general public in person, on the telephone and through written information. The Public Information Committee has:

- Produced a Public Information Manual
- Created sample Public Service Announcements.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Revenue for D.A. is the focus of the Resource Development Committee, including:

- Reminding groups about the Seventh Traditions
- Addressing income needs through special events, such as World Service Month.
- Communicating with the Fellowship about the concept of self-support in D.A.

HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, AND PRISONS COMMITTEE

The Hospitals, Institutions and Prisons Committee is composed of GSRs, ISRs and Trustees who would like to focus service efforts on carrying the message of D.A. to debtors behind bars, in treatment centers, in hospitals and/or in other institutions.

BDA COMMITTEE

Business Debtors Anonymous issues

CAUCUS GROUPS

INTERGROUP CAUCUS

Regionalization, meeting and Intergroup questions, area issues.

TECHNOLOGY CAUCUS

D.A. website, Internet groups and Internet security issues; telephone groups and other technology issues.

20th Annual World Service Conference Planning Schedule

Note: Voting takes place at the Convocation on Saturday and Sunday—Sunday's Convocation ends at 12:00 p.m. – please make arrangements to stay for the whole Convocation so you may exercise your right to vote. This schedule may change.

Time	Activity
Wednesday, August 16	
12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	DA Meeting
5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Welcome/ Orientation/Opening Session/Committee & Conference Reports
9:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.	Caucus Meetings
9:15 p.m. -10:15 p.m.	Open 12 Step Meetings
Thursday, August 17	
7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Conscious Contact
7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.	General Session: GSB Report
11:00 a.m. -12:00 noon	General Session: Open Forum
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	General Session: Open Forum (cont.)
2:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Committee Meetings
4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	DA Meeting, General Service Board Visitors Meeting, Conscious Contact (Yoga/Movement)
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Committee Meetings
9:15 p.m. -10:15 p.m.	Caucus Meetings
9:15 p.m. -10:15 p.m.	DA Meeting
Friday, August 18	
7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Conscious Contact
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Committee Meetings
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Committee Meetings
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Caucus Meetings
6:00 p.m. on	Dinner on your own/Free time
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	DA Meeting
Saturday, August 19	
7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Conscious Contact
7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.	Convocation
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Fellowship Day
6:30 a.m. - 11 :30 p.m.	Gala: Dinner/Variety Show/Dance
Sunday, August 20	
7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Conscious Contact
7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Convocation and closing

Would Your Area Like to Host the 22nd D.A. World Service Conference in 2008?

At each WSC, the Conference Committee brings before the Convocation a motion to select a site for a future year conference. Currently, site selection is occurring two years in advance. The Boston area has been selected for 2007. At this year's WSC, the Conference Committee will be accepting and evaluating proposals to host the 2008 World Service Conference.

All areas are encouraged to consider hosting a WSC. It is suggested that smaller areas, or those areas with few meetings, work with other meetings in their region to build a strong host committee. A list of prior host committee chairpersons is available from the Conference Committee.

To assist fellowships interested in hosting a WSC, the following guidelines are suggested:

1. The proposed city/area should hold a group conscience meeting of all participating area meetings and members who are willing to work on the conference, in order to gain agreement to present a formal bid to host the World Service Conference. A brief written proposal is then developed. The proposal is presented to the Conference Committee during the WSC.
2. It is recommended that the proposal include:
 - a. Name of proposed host city/area (City, Intergruop GSR, area groups, etc.)
 - b. Proposed month or months (preferred months are August, September, and October)
 - c. Possible sites
 - d. Names and experience of proposed Host Committee members (i.e., years in program, prior DA service, prior WSC participation, etc.)
 - e. Prior experience of proposed host city/area in hosting workshops, fellowship days, etc. Attributes of proposed area, including possible conference sites, airport proximity, general cost, seasonal considerations, etc.
 - f. Any other information that would help the conference committee understand the area's capabilities, willingness, etc. (Samples of previous proposals can be obtained from the conference committee.)
3. At least one person from the bidding Host Committee must be available to present the written proposal to the Conference Committee. The chairperson of the bidding Host Committee must be able to attend the WSC the year prior to hosting the WSC and must serve on the conference committee.
4. Once a host city/area is selected, a General Service Board (GSB) trustee will be assigned to the Host Committee to serve as a liaison between the Host Committee and the GSB.
5. The GSB will:
 - a. Approve the conference site
 - b. Sign any contracts
 - c. Approve the conference income and spending plan
 - d. Approve the registration packet
 - e. Approve flyers and fundraising

Other important considerations

- Approximately 100 -130 DA members attend the WSC each year. A majority of the attendees are from the United States.
- A minimum of eight breakout rooms will be needed for committee and caucus meetings.
- One large room will be needed for the general meetings and the convocation.
- The GSB will need one dedicated conference room for the week.
- Accommodations and meals for 100-130 people, for four days and nights, will be needed.
- A fellowship day is traditionally held in conjunction with the WSC.
- Approximately one year prior to the conference, the GSB provides the Host Committee with start-up capital, usually in the range of \$1,000 -\$1,500.00.

Directions to the Town and Country Hotel

The Town and Country Convention Center and Hotel Resort is located on Interstate 8 East between Interstate 5 (to the west) and Interstate 163 (to the east) in San Diego's Mission Valley on the north side of Hotel Circle.

From Interstate 5 North or South - Exit onto Interstate 8 East (toward El Centro) and take the 2nd Hotel Circle exit; turn left and continue under the overpass to the hotel.

From Interstate 805 North or South, Interstate 15 North or South & Hwy 163. Exit onto Interstate 8 West (toward Beaches); exit to Hotel Circle and turn right to the hotel

The physical address is **500 HOTEL CIRCLE NORTH, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92108**

Additional rooms are available at the Town and Country before and after the conference, on a space available basis, at the conference rate of \$99 for either a single or a double; \$119 for a triple and \$129 plus taxes.

The closest airport is San Diego International (SDX).

Airport Shuttles

Shuttle service from San Diego International Airport to the Town and Country is about \$15, depending on the shuttle service you choose. The return trip will be the same. A list of shuttle services with phone numbers and web links can be found at:

http://www.san.org/airport/ground_transportation/shuttle_services.asp

Car Rentals

Cars can be rented at the San Diego Airport or you can make reservations in advance. A list of car rental companies at the airport can be found at:

http://www.san.org/airport/ground_transportation/car_rental.asp

Parking at the Hotel

Parking for people registered at the hotel is \$12 per day. If you are not staying at the hotel, parking can be as much as \$14 per day.

DA San Diego Meeting Information - 619-525-3065 or on the website at:

<http://dasandiego.org/meetings.php>

Information About Visiting San Diego

San Diego is a tourist destination for the whole world. From our wonderful beaches to the famous San Diego Zoo, you'll find everything from great delis to gourmet dining. Rather than try to digest it all in a list of restaurants, events, etc. we suggest you contact the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau for a Free Vacation Planning Kit. You'll get a nice package that will include special offers tailored to your choices. You can order the free kit at:

<http://www.sandiego.org/nav/Visitors/VisitorInformation/FREEVacationPlanningKit> or go to www.sandiego.org and click on Visitors, then choose Free Vacation Planning Kit. Order your kit 3 or 4 weeks in advance.

We will also have information about restaurants, etc. at the registration table.

John Henderson Founder's Scholarship Program Description

General Purpose

The purpose of the John Henderson Founder's Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to GSRs/ISRs who are willing to be of service and to attend the Debtors Anonymous Annual World Service Conference, but lack all the necessary funds to do so.

Deadlines:

1. Scholarship Applications must be received no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Early Registration Deadline. (June 15, 2006) This allows the Host Committee time to render a decision and reply to applicants in a timely manner. There can also be a published notice in DA Focus and Ways & Means to notify when applications are available. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to avoid last minute gridlock. Applications may also be available at <http://debtorsanonymous.org/>
2. The decision will be made by the Host Committee not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Early Registration Deadline or earlier.
3. Applicants will be notified within fourteen (14) days or earlier prior to the Early Registration Deadline.
4. Applicants will be notified by telephone, e-mail, or written correspondence.

John Henderson Founder's Scholarship Application Instructions

Please complete Column (A) only & mail to the Host Committee: WSC 2006 Host Committee, P.O. Box 1771, La Mesa, CA 91944. Applications are due on June 15, 2006.

Note: If you receive scholarship funds, complete column (B) after the conference and mail to the GSO, along with any unused funds at: DA GSO, P.O. Box 920888, Needham, MA 02492

Application Personal Information:

Provide Name, Address, Group Number, Group Name in the spaces provided.

Expense Information:

- A. Registration Fee. Fill in the Registration Fee amount.
Scholarship funds will be based on the early registration amount.
- B. Lodging and Meals. Fill in the double occupancy amount.
Scholarship funds will be awarded based on double-occupancy rates.
- C. Transportation. Complete amounts for each applicable line item in this section.
- D. Meals. Complete amounts for each applicable line item in this section, including meals in route to and from conference.
- E. Miscellaneous Expenses. Complete amounts for each applicable line item in this section.
- F. Subtotal. Add amounts in Rows (A-E).
- G. Contingency. Multiply Subtotal of Rows (A-E) by 10%.
- H. Total. Add (Subtotal) + (Contingency).
- I. Amount of Group Contribution. Subtract total funds your group can contribute.
- J. Amount of Scholarship needed. Amount requested from the Scholarship Fund.

GSR/ISR Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____ Group # _____

Address: _____ Group Name: _____

_____ Phone: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Email: _____

(Do not add me to the D.A. GSR/ISR listserv ____)

Please complete Column (A) only and mail to the Host Committee by June 15, 2006 at:

WSC 2006 Host Committee, P.O. Box 1771, La Mesa, CA 91944

(Note: If you receive scholarship funds, complete Column (B) *after* the Conference and mail to the GSO along with any excess funds you didn't use.)

	(A)	(B)
Expenses:	Proposed	Actual
B. Registration – Early registration fee (includes Fellowship Day but not Dinner/Dance)		
C. Lodging & Meals Double occupancy		
D. Transportation – <i>plane, train bus, gas, tolls, etc.</i>		
• Shuttle/taxi to local airport + Tip (Outgoing)		
• Shuttle/taxi (airport to site) + Tip		
• Shuttle/taxi from local airport + Tip (Return)		
• Baggage tips		
• Direct vehicle expense (gas, tolls, etc.)		
• Other		
E. Meals		
• Outgoing travel meals + Tips		
• Friday evening meal + Tip		
• Other		
Subtotal		
F. Contingency (10% of subtotal)		
Total		
Less: Amount of Group Contribution		
Total amount of scholarship needed		

Registration Form

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Mail completed form, with full payment to: **WSC 2006 Host Committee, P.O. Box 1771, La Mesa, CA 91944**

Name: _____ ☐ GSR ☐ ISR

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Group you represent: _____
meeting location meeting name meeting #

To receive confirmation of your registration, provide an email address or a stamped, self-addressed stamped envelope.

Email Address: _____

(Do not add me to the D.A. GSR/ISR listserv ☐)

Registration Options

Your Total Cost

1. Conference Registration (includes Fellowship Day.)

Choose 1: a. Postmarked on or before July 15, 2006 \$290.00
b. Postmarked after July 15, 2006 \$405.00

2. Lodging and Meals (Town and Country; 4 nights, 20 meals)

Choose 1: a. Double Occupancy, per person: \$566.00
b. Single Occupancy \$783.00

3. Gala (Dinner, Speaker, Talent Show, Dance) \$ 50.00

4. John Henderson Scholarship Fund (Optional Contribution)

5. Seventh Tradition (Optional Contribution)

Total Enclosed

Meal Options: please circle your choice:

VEGAN

REGULAR

The menus have been chosen to meet many needs, including those with serious food issues. The vegan option is pure vegan. Breakfast will include eggs, bacon, dairy and non-dairy, fruit, oatmeal, and bread. Lunch and dinner will offer a variety of protein, vegetable, salad, and starch choices. If these choices don't meet your needs, please contact the Host Committee ASAP – we will try to help. Be sure to include special food needs in your spending plan.

Other Options

1. Describe any special accommodations you need for lodging, accessibility, etc. on the back of this form.

2. Roommate request: _____ Roommate should be: ☐ M ☐ F

3. Is this your first WSC? ☐ Yes ☐ NO

4. Do you want to arrive early and/or stay late? Dates _____

(We can arrange two days before and two days after at conference rates - of \$99 for either a single or a double; \$119 for a triple and \$129 for a double on a space available basis, plus tax.)

Registration Questions? Send an email to: registration@dasandiego.org

Service Opportunities

We want your help!

Each year, the conference provides a great opportunity for members from all over the world to give service. Please review the following three service opportunities and if you're willing to share your gifts, indicate so below, and enclose this with your registration form.

1. Conscious Contact Sessions

This year's conference will include a series of 45-minute Conscious Contact Sessions at the beginning of each day. The goal is to give members the opportunity to practice the 11th Step through meditation, music, physical movement and other spiritual practices. If you are willing to donate your time and skills to lead a Conscious Contact Session, please indicate the nature of the session you'd like to conduct:

2. Annual Variety Show

Describe below your 5 minute performance. Microphones will be available.

3. Fellowship Day

There will be a Fellowship Day on the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 19. We plan on having 2–4 speakers for each Fellowship Day topic. If you are willing to be a speaker, circle your choices below.

Please note: All speakers must be free from incurring unsecured debt to at least one year. At the beginning of your sharing, you will be asked to state how long you've been free from incurring unsecured debt.

Proposed Topics

The Steps	BDA	Prosperity	Tools	Mystery of Service	Into Action
How the Steps Work Us; Steps 1–3	For the Newcomer Business Person	Visions	PRG's for Constructive Action	Public Information Skit (P.I. Committee)	Vision Board Workshop
How the Steps Work Us; Steps 4–9	Keeping Your Numbers Without Losing Your Mind	Spiritual Practice	Couple's PRG's for Harmony	Welcoming the Newcomer	PRG and Spending Plan Workshop
How the Steps Work Us Steps; 10–12	First Things First	Abundance & Spirituality	Reaching Out	Sponsoring and Being Sponsored	Success Stories using DA Tools

Issues for the D.A. World Service Conference

The primary function of the D.A. World Service Conference is to address the concerns of D.A. groups. Your issues make up the agenda items of the Conference. Below, please list any items you would like added to the agenda. These items will be forwarded to the appropriate committee.

Please use this ISSUES SHEET to add items to the agenda. **ALL issues must be documented on these sheets and be received by the Host Committee three weeks prior to the World Service Conference.** (July 25, 2006) The Open Forum will no longer generate items for the agenda; however it will still provide a forum for you to address the Conference. If your group has questions, issues, or suggestions, let the Conference know. Please mail to: WSC 2006 Host Committee, P.O. Box 1771, La Mesa, CA 91944 or email to: issues@dasandiego.org
Make as many copies of this page as you wish.

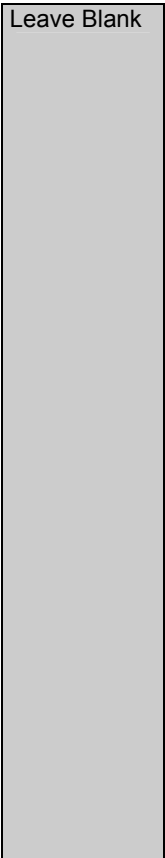
CITY:

GROUP NAME:

GROUP NUMBER:

ISSUES for the D.A. World Service Conference:

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GSR/ISR Spending Plan

Funds Available	Planned	Actual
Total		
Expenses: Category & Item	Planned	Actual
A. Conference Registration – includes Fellowship Day but NOT Gala/Dinner Dance		
• Postmarked on or before 7/15/06	\$290.00	
• Postmarked after 7/15/06	\$405.00	
B. Lodging and Meals		
• Double	\$566.00	
• Single	\$783.00	
C. Transportation: plain, train, bus ticket, gas, tolls, etc.		
• Shuttle or taxi to local airport + tip (Outgoing)		
• Shuttle or taxi from SDX to Town & Country + tip (Approx \$16)		
• Shuttle or taxi to local airport + tip (Return)		
• Baggage Tips (\$1.00 per bag)		
• Transportation at Conference (taxi, Trolley, car, etc.)		
• Other		
D. Meals		
• Outgoing travel meals + tip		
• Return travel meals + tip		
• Friday evening meal + tip		
• Other		
E. Miscellaneous Expenses		
• 7 th Tradition (basket passed at each DA meeting)	\$20.00	
• Gala Dinner Dance	\$50.00	
• Literature		
• Tapes/CDs of Fellowship Day (\$110 estimate)		
• Other		
Subtotal		
F. Contingency (10% of subtotal)		
Total		