Send your submissions to: newsletter@vinprana.ca by the 2nd Sunday of the month. Fill in and send the disclaimer along with your submission. I, \_\_\_\_\_\_hereby grant permission to VINPRANA to publish my material. I, \_\_\_\_\_warrant that these materials are created and prepared by me as an individual NA member.

## Contest

Congratulations to Andrea who is the winner of our submission contest. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:newsletter@vinprana.ca">newsletter@vinprana.ca</a> with your choice of literature!

Thank you also to everyone who submitted wonderful entries, your work will be published in following newsletters.

#### **Area Service Committee Meeting**

secretary@vinprana.ca2nd Sunday of each month on ZOHOand in person

## **Open Positions**

- PR Facilitator

#### **Public Relations Committee**

pr@vinprana.ca
3rd Tuesday of each month on ZOHO

#### **Open Positions**

- Secretary
- Panel Coordinator
- Phoneline Coordinator
- Panel Leaders
  - Amethyst House
- Literature Distribution
  - Powell River
  - Campbell River

24 Hour Helpline VINPRANA 1-844-484-6772

Central Island 1-800-494-2404

South Island 1-866-383-3553

Call BEFORE you use!

Practicing compassion helps us to stop comparing ourselves to others. We start seeing the deep connections and similarities between us. Our traditions teach us that we are all equal. This doesn't mean we are the same; our differences are striking and sometimes very entertaining. Many of us have shared that part of what made us feel comfortable in our earliest meetings is that there are so many different kinds of people in a single meeting, sharing and appearing friendly with one another. This can contrast sharply with what we have experienced before, in or out of active addiction.

Literature from Living Clean Chapter 2

#### Activities

Explore our upcoming NA events near you. Join us for fun, fellowship, and support on your journey to recovery. Stay connected, inspired, and informed about opportunities to connect with others on our path to recovery. To get more info about upcoming events email activities@vinprana.ca.

What's going on at AREA? Do you have any questions or concerns that we can help with?

If you have questions, comments, or concerns contact: secretary@vinprana.ca

#### **Connection to Others**

Some days it seems really easy to identify with others, to feel welcomed and welcoming in a meeting. At other times, all we hear are the things that set us apart from the group. When we start noticing the differences more than appreciating our similarities, it's usually a red flag indicating discomfort with ourselves. When we focus on the personalities of others, we may gossip, bicker, and contribute to disunity. When we focus on our own personality, we quickly become self-centered and self-obsessed. When we focus on living the will of our Higher Power and carrying the message, our identities grow and flourish. The Tenth Step offers us ample opportunity to tend to that development, nurturing the growth we want to encourage and pruning back the wayward branches before they grow out of control.

### What's Coming Up!

BCRCNA 32 in Penticton 2024: April 26-28

Recovery Under the Stars in Port Hardy: June 28- July 1st! Tickets on sale

Last Chance Campout: Sept 6,7, & 8

Canadian Convention in Edmonton: Oct 4,5,6

PNW Convention in Vancouver this year! October 25-27th

# VINPRA NEWSLETTER



BCRNA has a program called "Writing Steps in Recovery". This is where you take inmates through the steps via written communication. Please get involved locally! For more information contact pr@bcrna

Reminder to send in your 'cake date' to the website

Reaching Out is back! This "is a quarterly, recovery-oriented newsletter made available free of charge to incarcerated addicts through Narcotics Anonymous World Service.













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## CONTEST WINNER

The Death of the Phoenix

Sick, says she,
Singed feathers,
Burnt skin,
Rush again and again
Prickling eyes,
Selfish thoughts,
Spiral goes downward,

Chasing, again and again,
Flames bright,
Mind fades,
Dancing enters,

Letting it, again and again, She will rise, again and again.

-Andrea

