

## **Circle of Sisters Information Meeting**

There has been a request from some of our sisters across the nation that they would like to see Alaska bid to have the Circle of Sisters Convention hosted by the Alaskan Region.

The intent of the meeting is to gather interest and discuss what Circle of Sisters is, what the commitment would be and how we could bid for it.

**Meeting: March 21, 2020**

**Time: 1:30 PM**

**Where: 2700 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue (WYT Meeting place)**

**This is only an informational meeting.**

### **What is Circle of Sisters?**

Circle of Sisters (COS) is a traveling Women's Convention of Narcotics Anonymous. Cities that host a COS Convention have won the bid through a process (see guidelines). This is a convention that attracts "sisterhood" in the recovery process. While our traditions state that no addict will be turned away, we respectfully request that our brothers allow us this weekend to bond in the common needs of women; and we thank you in advance for honoring our wishes.

### **Some History of COS**

The Circle of Sisters (COS) Women's Convention of Narcotics Anonymous was created by and for the women of Narcotics Anonymous who had a vision of an annual convention for the women of our fellowship in Portland, Oregon.

The first convention held in February 1998 was named the Pacific Northwest Women's Convention of Narcotics Anonymous #1, because the organizers anticipated the convention would be an ongoing tradition in the Pacific Northwest. However, COS quickly outgrew its origins, in the second year and the words 'Pacific Northwest were deleted. In its third year, COS ventured far from its roots, all the way to Houston, Texas.

The COS Advisory Committee was established at COS III to provide continuity as Circle of Sisters grew and traveled further from its roots.

COS IV evolved into an international NA convention when it moved to Vancouver, Canada.

The first version of the Guidelines was approved at COS IV. In 2016, the COS Advisory voted to be the executive body of Circle of Sister to ensure the consistency of COS guidelines remain intact.

## Past Conventions:

| Event    | Dates                  | Location                    | Hosting NA, service body                       | Theme                                |
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| COS I    | Feb. 20-22, 1998       | Portland, Oregon            | Portland Area Service Committee                | Unity and Diversity Through Recovery |
| COS II   | Feb. 26-28, 1999       | Seattle, Washington         | Everett Area Service Committee                 | If you want what we have ...         |
| COS III  | March 10-12, 2000      | Houston, Texas              | Northside Area Service Committee               | The Very Essence                     |
| COS IV   | March 2-4, 2001        | Vancouver, British Columbia | British Columbia Regional Service Committee    | Anything is Possible                 |
| COS V    | Feb. 15-17, 2002       | San Jose, California        | Northern California Regional Service Committee | I Believe in Miracles, for I Am One  |
| COS VI   | Feb. 28 - Mar. 2, 2003 | Bloomington, Minnesota      | South Suburban Fireside Area Service Committee | I am my Sister's Keeper              |
| COS VII  | Feb. 27-29, 2004       | Seattle, Washington         | Seattle Area Service Committee                 | Leap of Faith                        |
| COS VIII | Feb. 18-21, 2005       | Brooklyn, New York          | Brooklyn, New York                             | The Wind Beneath My Wings            |
| COS IX   | Feb. 24-26, 2006       | Boise, Idaho                | Treasure Valley Area Service Committee         | Sharing Experience Strength and Hope |
| COS X    | Feb. 23-25, 2007       | Dallas/Ft Worth, Texas      | Dallas/Ft Worth, Texas                         | Circle of Hope                       |
| COS XI   | Feb. 1-3, 2008         | Chicago, Illinois           | Chicagoland Region Service Committee           | Sisters on a Spiritual Journey       |
| COS XII  | March 3-6, 2009        | Woodland Hills, California  | San Fernando Valley Area                       | A Spirit Beyond Our Dreams           |

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| COS XIII  | Feb. 26-28, 2010       | Southampton, Bermuda | Bermuda Area                                   | H.O.P.E. Becomes Reality                 |
| COS XIV   | Feb. 11-13, 2011       | Richmond, Virginia   | Richmond, Virginia Area                        | You Can't Stop A Circle Of Sisters       |
| COS XV    | Feb. 24-26, 2012       | Portland, Oregon     | Portland Area Service Committee                | Freedom Through the Steps                |
| COS XVI   | March 15-17, 2013      | Tulsa OK             | Eastern Area Service Committee of Oklahoma     | Stepping into The Circle of Recovery     |
| COS XVII  | March 7-9, 2014        | St. Louis, Missouri  | St. Louis                                      | Hope & Endless Possibilities             |
| COS XVIII | Feb 27-Mar 1, 2015     | Los Angeles, Ca      | Greater LA Area                                | Diversity is Our Strength                |
| COS XIX   | Feb 24-26, 2016        | Dallas TX            | Dallas Area                                    | See a Miracle                            |
| COS XX    | Feb. 17-19, 2017       | Chicago Ill          | Chicagoland Region                             | Standing on Spiritual Principals         |
| COS XXI   | Feb. 16-18, 2018       | Burlingame Ca        | Northern California Regional Service Committee | Changing the World, One Sister at a Time |
| COS XXII  | April 19 – 21, 2019    | New Orleans La.      | New Orleans Area                               | When the Mask goes... A Miracle happens  |
| COS XXIII | Feb. 28 - Mar. 1, 2020 | Detroit Mi.          | Detroit West Area                              | Surviving our Emotions                   |

COSXIV      2021    Atlanta Georgia (registration open now)

COSXV      2022    Baltimore Maryland

COSXVI      2023    This will be awarded Atlanta

COSXVII     2024    This will be awarded in Baltimore