



## Hand in Hand



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**Holiday Special Edition**

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**Warm Wishes for a Happy, Harmonious Holiday Season and a New Year  
filled with Peace, Prosperity, and Love beyond Your Wildest Dreams!**

*Your 2005-6 Trustees.*

♥♥ Dennis, WSB Chair, and Carol, Literature Communication Committee Chair. “We are grateful for 15 years of RCA recovery and that the meeting we started in Maryland 15 years ago is still active. We have sponsored many couples and facilitated RCA workshops. We are blessed by all the couples of RCA. We gratefully offer our service to the fellowship and the RCA World Service Board in 2005 and 2006.”

♥♥ Jason, Vice Chair, and Christi have worked on the revisions for the Blue Book; their team created the new pamphlets on Sponsorship, the revised Meeting Readings, and a 12-step workshop for couples. “This work has been a great way to keep a focus on the gifts of the program, and the love and support our coupleship has found through RCA.”

♥♥ Doug, Treasurer, and Doreen “Our hope is for RCA to grow slowly and steadily in the future, by getting on a firm financial footing and carrying the message through more and better literature.”

♥♥ Mike, Secretary, and Robin “Having driven an hour or more to get to RCA meetings for several years now, we plan to start a meeting in our own area soon...by popular request.”

♥♥ Joe, Assistant Treasurer, and Jean. “We love being of service to RCA. We have been a contact couple, Sponsors, speakers, led workshops, held various offices at the meeting level, and promoted RCA to counselors, pastors, therapists, and publications.”

♥♥ John and Katherine, Co-Editors of the Hand in Hand. “Our years in RCA have transformed our relationship; we have learned how to resolve problems that used to baffle us, all with God’s help. It’s a privilege to help others find this path.”

**“Being self-supporting is the RCA source of strength and self-respect.” Tradition 7**

The RCA message to new groups and couples can only continue with your continued financial support. Right now WSO is struggling from a lack of funds. Did you know that if every group gave just \$35 per month, we would be operating in the black, reprint the Blue Book, *and* could build a prudent reserve? You can help! Your contributions are tax-deductible. A personal donation made now can be deducted on your 2005 tax form.

**A Big Thank You to the Anonymous Couples who contribute every month!**

Where does your money go? Through our World Wide Website, dozens of people are connected to meetings, to sponsors, or to RCA literature every week!!! ...And each and every inquiry receives a personal answer from our webmistress, our office manager, and/or a trustee. Our World Service Office is available to help new meetings get started, and to provide literature to our members.

**We can continue to carry the message with your help.**

So we encourage you all to pass the hat one more time...make couple or group contributions...have a potluck and invite a guest couple to speak, and .pass the basket ...Or ask your group to pass a second basket for WSO!

*Doug and Joe, Treas. and Co-Treas.*

**The Blue Book Feedback deadline has been extended!!**

Submission of comments, corrections, etc. and survey monkey entries concerning the 4th edition of Recovering Couples Anonymous received by December 31, 2005 will be posted on the official RCA website for review by the fellowship. **The deadline for final submissions is February 28, 2006.**

The Literature committee is tasked to prepare a final draft for approval by May 31, 2006.

Copies of the final draft will be made available to the groups between June 6, 2006 and July 6, 2006. How the final draft is to be made available is to be decided subsequently.

The groups will be requested to take a group conscience of approval or disapproval of the final draft and will be asked to request that couples from their group attending the RCAC 2006 convention vote their group's decision at the convention.

**BLUE BOOK ON SALE NOW...ORDER YOURS TODAY!!!**

**Recovering Couples Anonymous 4th Edition Draft**

**The Blue Book with Twelve Traditions Pamphlet \$11. Electronic Copy \$5. Book & Electronic Copy \$15**

**Blue Book Revision**

To make Recovering Couples Anonymous 4th Edition the best revision ever, we ask your help!. In 2001, the Trustees voted to comply with the requests of Alcoholics Anonymous to stop using or adapting their material without permission. We have permission to adapt only the Traditions (short form), the Steps (short form) and the Preamble. Removing the other material we had adapted left some pretty big holes in our literature. Consequently, WSB directed the RCA Literature Committee to produce material that was uniquely RCA. In assembling this text, the Literature Committee also followed the suggestions that had come to WSO through the Visions Surveys and feedback to our World Service Office. **We are asking you to participate in the process of improving the work of revising the Blue Book. Please let us know what you think!**

**Blue Book Revision Feedback Questions:**

1. Do the language and tone of the book feel welcoming to you, whatever your 12-Step affiliation may be?
2. Does the "Into Action" chapter focus on the right things? Is anything missing? Is anything confusing?
3. A lot of space was given to conflict resolution. Is that (or anything else) given too much emphasis?
4. Is there anything in this revised Blue Book you find offensive?
5. Is there anything that was changed that you didn't want us to change? If yes, should we change it back?
6. Has there been anything in your couple's recovery that is not mentioned somewhere in the Blue Book?
7. Has there been anything in your group's success that is not mentioned in the Blue Book?
8. Does the Blue Book give you a sense of the spirituality of the RCA program?  
If not, what kind of material would be helpful in transmitting that sense?
9. Do you think you could start a new RCA Group based on the information provided? If not, what would you need?
10. Do you have any suggestions for funding the new Blue Book?

Send in your ideas by **Paper:** to World Service Organization at RCA WSO P.O., Box 11029, Oakland, CA 94611 or **E-mail:** [wso-rca@recovering-couples.org](mailto:wso-rca@recovering-couples.org) or [Litcom@recovering-couples.org](mailto:Litcom@recovering-couples.org) or **Post it on the Survey Monkey** at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?A=99417044E58144>