

# District 12 Newsletter

January 2013

## *Step One*

*“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.”*



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It Works if you Work it!

One Day at a Time!

Let Go and Let God!

Get a Sponsor don't go it alone....

Steven W., Waukegan

My name is Steven W. I have been a member of Lake County's Drug Court program since July 2010 and am two weeks away from successfully graduating. Before being introduced into the program I had actively been using drugs and alcohol for 30 years. During my use I made poor decisions landing in and out of prison 6 different times. Out of all the times I was in trouble I was never offered probation, until Drug Court offered me the Therapeutic Intense Monitoring (T.I.M.) probation program. They told me that this program would control every aspect of my life including, but not limited to, where I worked, lived, and who I associated with.

At the beginning of the program it was very hard for me to accept all the changes that they wanted me to make. I was used to living my life the way I wanted to. As time progressed I surrendered. I realized they were only trying to help me. It was time for me to change. Obviously the way I was living was not working for me. I did not know how to be an effective member of society.

Drug Court guided me in the right direction. They introduced me to a new way of living. I attended AA twelve step meetings where I gained some knowledge. They suggested I retain a sponsor to guide me through the twelve steps and further my education on recovery. The Drug Court AA sponsors have been such an inspiration to me and others in the program. They have shown me that through all of the trials and tribulations that it is possible to stay sober and help others like myself. I will be forever grateful to the sponsors of AA and the Drug Court Program.

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**DISTRICT 10 AND 12  
SPRING BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2013

SADDLE RIDGE @ RAMADA INN  
200 N. GREENBAY RD.  
WAUKEGAN, IL

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP

8:00

BREAKFAST

9:00

SPEAKER (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

10:00

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: KAREN F. 847-609-7354

**Tradition One**

“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.”  
Without unity, AA dies. Individual liberty, yet great unity. Key to paradox: each AA’s life depends on obedience to spiritual principles. The group must survive or the individual will not. Common welfare comes first. How best to live and work together as groups.

***-ATTENTION-***

**GSR’S WANTED**

You Know How it Works!

Come find out Why it Works!

Join us at the District Meeting

The Third Sunday of Every Month

4pm @ Vista West



God Grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference

***BUNCH O NUTS***

***ST MARKS LUTHERN CHURCH***

***YORKHOUSE  
AND  
DELANY***

***7 PM  
TUESDAYS***

***SEE YOU THERE!***

# **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **New Daytime Women's Meeting**

Thursdays

1pm

Zion Benton Alano Club

Starting January 10, 2013

Contact: Kim W. 847-815-3316

## **VOLUNTEERS WE NEED A COMMITMENT!!!**

Lake County Work Release  
Tuesday and/or Thursday  
Once or twice a month  
7:15 pm

Both men and women needed  
For more info contact: Pete 224-381-9992

## **HINCKLEY BIG BOOK STUDY GROUP 16TH ANNIVERSARY PORK CHOP DINNER**

United Methodist Church  
801 N Sycamore st  
Hinckley, IL  
Saturday January 26, 2013  
Doors open at 4:00 pm  
Contact: kay, 815-286-7066  
Jim, 630-854-0302

## **Big Book Meeting**

Monday 6:00 pm  
Meadow Ridge Church  
Rt 173 and Green Bay Rd.  
Zion  
Please Bring Your Big Book

## **Jail Volunteers Needed**

For more Info contact:  
Kathy  
847-212-3615

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 12 STEP WORK**

### **St. Therese Psych Unit Meeting**

Sunday 10 am Tues 7 pm

### **Sponsor Panel**

1st and 3rd Saturdays 12:45 til 2 pm

### **Drug Court**

1:30 pm Fridays Court 202  
9:00 am Fridays Court 307

Contact: Frank M. 847-336-2775

**COMING SOON YOUNG FOLKS WILL  
BE NEEDED TO TALK TO YOUNG  
PEOPLE!!!!**

## **Looking for a Sponsor/Sponsee?**

Join us at the  
**ATP Sponsorship Panel**  
1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 12:45pm  
Female sponsors needed!  
Addictions Treatment Program  
3002 Grand Avenue  
Waukegan, IL 60085

## **District 12 Meeting**

Third Sunday of every month at 4:00PM at Vista Medical  
Center West, 2615 Washington Street, Waukegan, Illinois  
60085. All alcoholics are welcome and group GSRs are  
strongly encouraged to attend.

## **Step Study**

Wednesdays @ 7 pm  
St. Mark's Church  
Yorkhouse & Delany Rd., Wkgn.

## **New Time & Place!**

The District 12 Open Speaker Breakfast    Vic-  
tory Hospital  
(also known as Vista Medical Center East)  
Cost: \$7.00  
Start time is 8:30 AM  
1st Sunday of every month

## **Q. What are the origins of the Serenity Prayer?**

A. It was debated for years who wrote the Serenity Prayer, and its origins are still somewhat murky, but it seems most likely to have been written by Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, a well-known theologian who served for many years as Dean and Professor of Applied Christianity at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. G.S.O.'s Archives can provide more information about this prayer's historical origins upon request.

Alcoholics Anonymous became aware of the Serenity Prayer in 1941, when it was discovered printed in the New York Tribune newspaper. Ruth Hock, AA's first secretary and a non-alcoholic, was immediately taken with it. The headquarters staff thought of printing the prayer on a card to distribute to AA members.

On June 12, 1941, Ruth wrote Henry S., a Washington, D.C.-based AA member and printer by profession, saying:

*"One of the boys up here got a clipping from a local newspaper which is so very much to the point and so much to their liking, that they have asked me to find out from you what it would cost to set it up on a small card, something like a visiting card, which can be carried in a wallet... here it is...would appreciate it if you would let me know right away."*

Henry answered back immediately and enthusiastically:

*"...Your cards are on the way and my congratulations to the man who discovered that in the paper. I can't recall any sentence that packs quite the wallop that that does and during the day shown it to the A.A.'s that dropped in and in each case have been asked for copies. I sent you 500 copies in as much as you didn't say how many you wanted. If you need any more, let me know. Incidentally, I am only a heel when I'm drunk, I hope, so naturally there could be no charge for anything of this nature."*

Ruth responded again on June 17, and wrote:

*"Your generous response to my request for the little cards is certainly much appreciated by us all up here. Glad so many of you down there liked it too, for it backs me up in my feeling that it really has 'something.'"*

### **A.A. Contacts**

General Service Office: <http://www.aa.org>  
Northern Illinois Area 20: <http://www.aa-nia.org>  
District 12 Website: <http://www.aadistrict12.com>  
District 12 Answering Service: 847-623-9660

### **District 12 Officers (Confidential – this information is for A.A. Use only)**

If you are interested in one of the positions listed as OPEN, please contact an officer.

Position	Chair	Phone	Email	Alternate	Phone	Email
DCM	Martin C.	773-870-4010	claussenmartin@aol.com	<b>OPEN</b>		
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Answering Service	<b>OPEN</b>			<b>OPEN</b>		
CPC / Treatment	Frank M.	847-336-2775		<b>Francis K.</b>	847-744-0793	
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