

District 12 Newsletter

February 2013

Step Two

“Came to believe that a Power Greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”



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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....

Stacy S., Zion, IL

As I sit here debating what I should write about, first thing that comes to my mind is what has kept me sober... Having taking half measures and getting half the results since I was 18, (now 45), is something I think about often. “If only I could have figured it out then, what kind of life I could have had. I entered AA on 2/21/2012 for all the wrong reasons. Initially I was getting sober for my son and my sister. I felt my son deserved to have a sober parent in his life and not having my sister in my life has been heartbreaking. Having made many mistakes in my life as we all have, I knew I had to make changes within myself before I could expect anyone to want to be a part of my life. I wanted my son to look up to me and be proud to say this is my dad. And I desperately wanted my sister and brother-in-law back in my life. So.... What has kept Stacy sober???? SERVICE, SERVICE, SERVICE!!!!!! Within my first month of sobriety I started chairing the Sunday morning meeting at ZB Alano which I still chair today along with the Friday night meeting as well. In my second month I felt I needed to get more involved, so I became a GSR (general service representative). This has been a very rewarding position for me. Not only by keeping me sober but has introduced me to a lot of people whom I have built relationships. This in itself is very rewarding because when I was using I had no friends. As time went on I felt I had room in my life for more involvement. During my 4th month of sobriety I became social director for ZB Alano. My reasons for wanting this position was because I love to be involved in planning get togethers where people can meet and yet more friendships. Friendships are something that has been a problem for me. As I now have more friendships than I could have ever prayed for. Soon after becoming social director I took a directors seat on the board also at ZB Alano. As yet more time went on I saw how my involvement with AA is what was keeping me sober. People were actually asking me for help. Hmmm... People were seeing things within me that I could not see in myself. In my month I was presented with my first 12th step call. It was a referral from someone I would have never expected. This falling under what I assume to be “Principles before Personalities”. From this I was rewarded with my 1st sponsee, being only 6 months sober I was unsure if this was something I should take on or not. But through my sponsor and other friends with much more sobriety than myself I was encouraged to do so. . At 8 months sober I was nominated for 2nd

chair social director for the district, which I freely accepted. Because of this position I was allowed to host the 2012 Holiday party. I will be involved with the planning of the spring and fall breakfast for our district. I am also hoping to plan next years Holiday party. At 10 months sober I was blessed with yet another sponsee. I call sponsee's blessings because as I said previously they see things in me I don't see in myself. Sponsee's are a large reward in my work to stay sober. Recently I have put in the paper work to start up my own AA meeting in Beach Park. This is something I have wanted to do since I was 6 months sober but was afraid that my sponsor would not approve of since my current involvement is rather extensive. Without hesitation he said he thought it was a good idea and was willing to be a participant of the group. I have had people ask why do you do so much??? The answer is quite simple. Accountability and helping others is what keeps ME sober. I now have a wonderful relationship with my son who respects me like a father should be respected. I am currently making baby steps with my sister and have plans to meet for dinner next week. I have many friends, was blessed with a good job, and have a special someone in my life, all because I am sober. I hear in meetings people say sarcastically, "I did service work when I first got sober". I have no intentions to do any less than I am doing now. Why would I quit doing what has obviously kept me sober. If your looking to get involved start off as a GSR or sign up to chair a meeting for 3 months. Each meeting you attend is suppose to have a GSR. We meet once a month for an hour. If interested talk with someone in your home group and let them know you are interested in service work. My experience was to get a sponsor, do 90 in 90, work the steps, and give back what was so freely given to me. God bless and enjoy our new way of life.

Tradition Two

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.” Where does A.A. get its direction? Who runs it? This too, is a puzzler for every friend and new-comer. Page 132 of 12x12.. To know more, read on....

A.A.'s Twelve Steps are principles for personal recovery. The Twelve Traditions ensure the unity of the Fellowship. Written by co-founder Bill W. in 1962, the Twelve Concepts for World Service provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.'s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve. (Page 574 in the Big Book of A.A.)

Bunch o Nuts

Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, April 20, 2013

4:00—8:00 pm

**St. Marks Church, Wadsworth, IL
Corner Delany and Yorkhouse
Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread**

Bring a desert to pass

50/50 raffle

Food Fun Fellowship

Speaker: Mike H.

2013/2014 DCM Dist. 12

All This For NUTTIN (free)



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

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 - 10:00 (to be announced)

Contact: Karen F. - 847-609-7354

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

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.

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

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!!!!**

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



A.A. Contacts

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 District 12 Website: <http://www.aadistrict12.com>
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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.

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Answering Service	OPEN			OPEN		
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