

District 12 Newsletter

June 2015

Step Six

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

Branching Out

Instead of pruning his defects like wilted leaves, re remembers to look at the tree.

The exact nature of our wrongs, in Step Five is expressed in terms of “defects of character”. In Step Six, we offer up to God the removal of our “shortcomings”. Bill W. when asked why he used two different sets of words to define character defects, said it was to avoid repetition. Some members waste time needlessly trying to find the difference between the two expressions. It doesn’t matter what you call them. If you don’t change the nature of these defects, then they will change you in my experience and not for the better.

There are two deep emotions driving all the feelings that I have ever had. Each feeling has it’s roots in either love or fear. I personally don’t see any character defects related to love. Even jealousy is related to the fear of losing love. All my shortcomings are connected one way or another to fear. I had been asking God (praying) to remove individual defects only to have them shown up on another day. This is treating the symptom and not the cause. The symptom may go away for a short time but will return if the cause isn’t removed. Most of the time, I have no idea why I do those things, so asking to have the defect removed doesn’t work. I have found that I don’t have to know the reason why, God does, and he has the power to heal the real problem. I now pray that the cause of the defect be removed.

I picture my defects as leaves on a large branch extending from the trunk of a tree. The trunk is who I really am, the branch is the fear and the leaves are individual defects. Plucking the defective leaf off the branch may help for the moment, but eventually another leaf will grow back. Making changes at the branch will affect the entire tree.

When something works I continue to use it. By asking God to heal the sources, I have found that not only is that one defect removed, but many others as well. I have only been praying for the sources to be healed for a few months, and I can really feel a difference within me. I’m so excited about this new method of praying that I felt a need to share it with everyone. Maybe it will work for you as well

John L. Citrus County, Fla.



It Works if you Work it!
One Day at a Time!
Let Go and Let God!
Get a Sponsor don't go
it alone....

DISTRICT 12 MONTHLY OPEN SPEAKER BREAKFAST

WHEN: FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Victory Memorial Hospital

(aka Vista East Hospital)

Sheridan & Glen Flora in Wkgn

Lower Level Cafeteria



Door Prizes!-Raffle!



Adults \$8—Children 6-12 \$3, 5& under free.

SEE YOU THERE! JUNE 7TH!

Alcoholics Anonymous 2015 International Convention

When: July 2-5

Where: Atlanta Georgia

The 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2 - 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia with the theme "80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 80th year with Big Meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Georgia Dome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the Georgia World Congress Center and local hotels. For customer service, please call 508-743-8507 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm EST) available in English, Spanish, and French.

You may also email the convention customer service at ICAA@xpressreg.net.

Do you want to ride the bus with us to the AA International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia?

BUS TRIP TICKETS AVAILABLE: \$175 bus fair to and from convention.

(Hotel not included.)

Contact Bonnie P. at: (224) 440-3620 or Bonnieloripink@gmail.com



JOIN US AND SEE WHY SERVICE IS THE SECRET!

See how to carry the message beyond the group level.

Come to the District 12 Business/GSR Meetings

All A.A. Members are invited to attend.

WHERE: Vista West Medical Center
2615 Washington Street
Waukegan, IL 60085

WHEN: Every 3rd Sunday of the Month
3:30 PM Traditions Meeting followed by
4:00 PM Business/GSR Meeting.

(Positions now open & available to fill for service work.)

ALL ARE WELCOMED—ALL ARE NEEDED.

Contact: Ken C. District 12 DCM Call: 847-693-0970

kenc693@yahoo.com

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our 62nd Anniversary Luncheon

Waukegan Alano Club

2419 Washington St Wkgn, IL

Sunday May 24th @ 2pm



Bring -A-Friend!

26th Annual McHenry's Soberfest

Fundraiser & Dance

Saturday, May 30, 2015

McHenry Township Hall 3703 N. Richmond Rd. Johnsburg, IL

Doors open at 5 p.m. & speaker at 7 p.m. & dance to follow!

Speaker: Gary B. from Dallas, Texas

Cost only \$5

Food, Raffle, Fellowship, Dance & FUN! FUN! FUN!!!!!!!

"The Key to The Future"

For more info call Jacki P. (847) 567-9503 or Mark T (847) 802-9186 or info@soberfest.org

Speaker Tape Meeting

Listen to Speakers from all over the country and eat dessert! Come and enjoy recovery.

Waukegan Alano Club 2419 Washington St Wkgn, IL Thursdays at 7pm

Questions? Call Karen F. 847-609-7354

Waukegan Alano Club goes Bowling!

Every 3rd Friday monthly

Time: 9:30 p.m.

Where: Bertrands Bowling, 2616 Washington St. Wkgn (Across from Wkgn Alano Club)

Cost: \$10 (includes bowl 2 games, shoes, pizza & soda)

Everyone is invited & bring a friend!

New Spanish Speaking AA Meeting

Where: Alano Club of Waukegan 2419 Washington St, Wkgn IL
 When: Every Tues morning, 10 am & every Thurs night, 8 pm
 There are two new Spanish Speaking Groups of the Alano Club of Waukegan. Please, let's do our part by reaching out to the large Latin Community & help carry the message to them. Questions?
 Call: Pete O. at 1-224-381-9992 or Jaime G at 1-224-861-3189

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

12 STEP WORK

St. Therese Psych Unit Meeting: Sunday 10 am & Tues 7 pm
Sponsor Panel-ATP: 1st & 3rd Saturdays 12:45-2pm
Drug Court: 1:30 pm Fridays Court 202
Mental Health Court: 9:00 am Mondays Court 220
Veterans Court: 1st & 3rd Friday, 9:00 am Court 220
SAP: SAP Bldg. 1:00 pm Thursdays
Detox: ATP 7:30 pm Wednesday
For Info Contact: Frank M.@ 847-336-2775

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
Email copy of forms to: paulperini@att.net

Acceptance is the Key!

Women's A.A. Meeting

Monday 6:00 pm
 Where: Alano Club of Waukegan,
 2419 Washington St. Waukegan, IL
Come Share Your Experience, Strength & Hope!

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
 Northern Illinois Area 20 - District 12: P.O. Box 8882 - Waukegan, IL 60079-8882

Food Fridays Zion Benton Alano228
 Sheridan Rd Winthrop Harbor 5pm
 847-746-9842 Tacos \$1.50/ Hot Dogs \$1

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	Ken C..	847-693-0970	kenc693@yahoo.com	Paul P.	847-505-4656	paulperini@att.net
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Treasurer	Dave H.	224-627-5153	dhall711@att.net	Ron K.	847-623-0953	Ronkdist12@att.net
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CPC / Treatment	Frank M.	224-730-3045	TBA	Francis K.	847-505-2555	TBA
Corrections	Pete O.	847-662-8737	Peter.ochoa73@yahoo.com	Les M.	847-336-3275	X
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Archive	John M..	TBA	Contact through District 12 Website	OPEN		
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District Breakfast	Jimmy F.	847-609-7354	TBA	Aaron F.	224-627-8816	4aaronmf@gmail.com
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