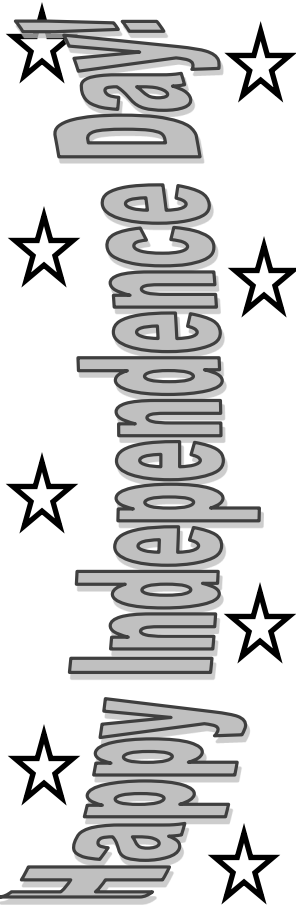


District 12 Newsletter

July 2015

Step Seven

“Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcoming.”



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

She asks God to help her eliminate the termites, not just the rotted wood.

Sometimes I assume I have an open channel to God, that he'll let me know if he wants anything. With an open channel, I don't have to do any work, nor do I have to humble myself in any way. It's me who has to go to God, If I think it's the other way around, I'm wrong. How arrogant to think that God should come get me if he needs me! What would he ask me for? If I don't have the humility to ask him to take the character defects with which I struggle, I continue to struggle until I do. This is called "becoming ready" in Step Six. The instant I let go, the instant I am sincere and humble in my prayer-and in my heart and will-God steps in and takes my defect from me.

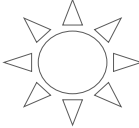
My trouble lies in being sincere and humble. What I really ask most of the time is for God to please take away the difficulty that my defect is causing me. I want him to fix the outside problem, the part I see. I want him to make others more tolerant of me, to let me do what I want with no negative consequences. This is not the sincerity required to do a successful Seventh Step.

Through trial and error I eventually learn that my shortcomings are the cause of my trouble just as it is the termites. It's not the rotted wood that is the real problem. I can replace the wood on my deck, but if I leave the termites in there, I'm going to eventually have the same problem as I do today. Sometimes things can look nice and be rotted underneath.

I don't always see my defects until things collapse. I am not always aware of danger, but if I am in contact with my Higher Power, I am going to get the help I need. If I ask, God will give me the humility to accept that help before it's too late. I must understand that it is all his doing, not mine. When I know that it is not my doing, my whole focus changes. I no longer think that I must do this or that to save myself. I begin to think how I might better get to God, who has everything that I need. I see my personality problems as obstacles in the way to him, and I desire their removal.

When it comes to humility, my problem seems to be that I don't realize I haven't got it. I don't think I'm being arrogant or grandiose. I think I'm being adept and competent. I think I've got a handle on things, and it never occurs to me to ask God to guide me in this matter or that. Of course I don't start out saying "I won't ask for God's help. What can he do that I can't do for myself?" - but I don't ask. I try to arrange things so I get what I want and don't even notice I've lost touch with God until the contact is gone. I look up, and like a lost child at a carnival, everything is strange to me and I'm scared.



The good news for me is that God is everywhere. God is patient. He does not prod or punish, he merely waits with all power and loving kindness for me to seek him again in the right spirit, and then he performs miracles. What else can I say? I have seen it. *Amber M. Florence, Ky Grapevine July, 2012*



District 12

SUMMER BASH

Sunday, July 19, 2015 - Noon to Dusk
Greenbelt Forest Preserves—Shelter A
Speaker: Chuck D. (DCM-Dist.10)
District provides soda, water, hot dogs and burgers.
Fun Fellowship, 50/50 Raffle

 **Cost: \$5.00** **Please bring a side dish. See you all there!** 

Discontinued: District 12 Monthly Open Speaker Breakfast.

The discontinuation of the Dist. 12 monthly open speaker breakfast is due to a lack of attendance/support. We will no longer meet on 1st Sundays, at the Victory Memorial Hospital (aka Vista East) on Sheridan & Glen Flora in Wkgn.

We all would like to thank each and everyone that was supportive of the Dist. 12 Breakfast. We are truly grateful to have served A.A. families and friends in the community for well over 20 years. Thank you all, for the successful engagement during this time, of sharing experiences, strengths and hope.



**Have you ever wondered what the
A.A. District 12 is about?**

**Come to the District 12 Business/GSR Meeting.
All A.A. Members are invited to attend.**

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

WHEN: Every 3rd Sunday of the Month
3:30pm Traditions Mtg then 4:00pm Business/GSR Mtg

WHO: All A.A. Members

Learn about what is happening in our district regarding many types of services offered.

Do you want to give back? Do you have an attitude of gratitude?

Here's a place for you to help out! Get involved with service such as Newsletter or alternates for Newsletter, Literature, Directory, Special Events, Webmaster, Public Information and others.

Contact Ken C. District 12 DCM Call: 847-693-0970 kenc693@yahoo.com

**A.A. District 12 WEBSITE:
<http://www.aadistrict12.com>
District 12 Answering Service: 847-623-9660**

"One Day At A Time!"

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!

Date	Event
Sat. June 27	Zion Benton Alano Club PICNIC! Suggested Donation Only \$5 (Kids 12 & under Free) 228 Sheridan Rd. Winthrop Harbor, IL 12 Noon till 4pm Speaker, Food, Raffle, Games, Jumping House, Face Paints, & more fun! Bring a dish!
July 2-5	Alcoholics Anonymous 2015 International Convention Atlanta, Georgia, at Georgia World congress Ctr Convention Customer Service: 508-743-8507 or ICAA2XPRESSREG.NET Contact Bonnie P (224) 440-3620 to get a bus ticket (hotel not included)
Sat. July 11 (Rain Date 7/18)	Zion Benton Alano Club GARAGE SALE! Donations accepted except for computer monitors, TVs, clothes or baby cribs. Want something? Make an Offer. 228 Sheridan Rd. Winthrop Harbor, IL 8am till 2pm
Sun. July 19	District 12 Summer Bash \$5 Greenbelt Forest Preserve-Shelter A (Across from Greenbelt Cultural Cener) Raffle, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Soda, Water, Games, bring a side dish, Speaker: Chuck D, (DCM-Dist 10)
Sun. Aug. 9	Waukegan Alano Club PICNIC! Bowen Park on Sheridan Rd & Greenwood, Waukegan 12 Noon till 8pm Raffle: 1st Prize=\$200, 2nd=\$100 3rd=\$50: Music, Food, Games, Prizes, & more fun! Bring a dish.
Nov. 20-22	McHenry's Soberfest 26th Annual A.A. Conference only: \$30 (with Banquet \$65) Grand Geneva Resort Registrar: http://www.soberfest.org 7036 Grand Geneva Way Lake Geneva, Wisconsin A.A. Contact: Mark T 847-802-9186; Jacki P. 847-567-9503 Al-Anon/Alateen Contact: Lisa Mc. 630-4876139; Micole M. 831-869-6659 Alcathons, Alanonathons, Speakers, Panels, Friday Dance, Gifts, Literature & more

Alcoholics Anonymous 2015 International Convention

When: July 2-5, Where: Atlanta Georgia (Georgia World Conference Center)

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

NEW ALATEEN MEETING NEEDS YOU!!!

Every Wednesday at 6 pm

ANTIOCH RECOVERY CLUB 311 W. DEPOT ST—SUITE C ANTIOCH, IL

Ask for Dean or Ronda, Alateen Sponsors

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 Alano Club of Waukegan,
 2419 Washington St. Waukegan, IL

SPEAKER TAPE MEETING: Listen to speakers from all over & eat desserts! EVERY THURSDAY 7pm
WHERE: Waukegan Alano Club 2419 Washington St  Contact Karen F. 847-609-7354

A.A. Contacts

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 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

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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Treasurer	Dave H.	224-627-5153	dhall711@att.net	Ron K.	847-623-0953	Ronkdist12@att.net
Answering Service	Berto G.	224-280-5235	TBA	Steve N	847-623-5076	Stephenmordstrom@gmail.com
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		
Special Events	Terry V.	847-650-2251	enchantedattic@hotmail.com	OPEN		
District Breakfast	Jimmy F.	847-609-7354	TBA	Aaron F.	224-627-8816	4aaronmf@gmail.com
Webmaster	Beth B.	224.522-1676	pollockburke@gmail.com	OPEN		