

District 12 Newsletter

July 2016

Step Seven

“Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”



4th of July

So I sat for the 3rd time to write about the 7th step. I am computer challenged so I lost the first 2 in cyber land, hopefully someone got something out of it. I don't know if that was a mistake or a GOD thing.

First thing is humbly - what is that? Humble is having a right estimate of one's own importance. Shortcomings are imperfections that detract from the whole. So I'm lowering myself, maybe physically, like on my knees, asking my HP to remove my imperfections so that I may be whole and of full use to do with me as HP will.

My personal journey with this step has been more of my will, full of control and also without a lot of serenity. I thought this was all about perfection. which had me doomed to failure and feeling a lot less than and not very useful. I will also tell you I've had a few 24 hours and have tried to the best of my ability to work a good, sober program. I don't think we can do any better than our best. I believe now that I did and do. I also believe that all the miracles don't come at once. I have been given growth spirits incrementally, as he sees fit. I listen to a lot of speaker tapes and I have had such eye-opening, ear-hearing, mind and heart expanding experiences. I feel HP working in me today.

I pray every day for guidance. I can't get it any simpler than this today. I need direction in every choice, especially when it deals with humans. I can tell you today I feel freer than I ever have.

I hope that everyone of us can hang in until the miracles happen. They come, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. I used to think serenity was something that eluded me. I know today that I have more serenity than not. I also know, from experience, that it will keep coming as long as I bring the sober body and keep doing the work. I can't thank you enough for my life and I pray that you can't thank us enough for yours.

One Day at a Time!
Let Go and Let God!
Get a Sponsor don't go it alone....

Karen F.

District 12

Summer Bash Picnic

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Noon to Dusk

**Greenbelt Forest Preserves Shelter A
West of Green Bay Road in North Chicago**

Speaker: Joel G.

From Waukegan

Cost: \$5.00

**District will provide meat and soda
Please bring a side dish or a desert to pass.**



Our real purpose...

**43rd Annual ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE
and
EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE
of Alcoholics Anonymous**

August 12-14, 2016

Pheasant Run Resort

4051 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Register online at www.aailcon.org & Room Reservations at <http://bit.ly/ilcon2016>

Co-hosted by Northern Illinois Area 20, [District 10](#), [District 11](#), and [District 28](#).

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!

Date	Event
Friday Jul 1st	Planning Meeting for the Annual District 12 Summer Bash on July 24th 7:00 p.m. at the Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington St., Waukegan, IL 60085 Come and help make this Summer Bash, one of the all time best
Sunday Jul. 24th	District 12 Summer Bash in Shelter A of the Green Belt Forest Preserve. Noon to dusk. District provides burgers and soda. Bring a dish or desert to pass Plan to hear a great speaker, Joel G. from Waukegan
Saturday Aug. 6th	Dist. 12 Hosts the Summer Committee Meeting at the Lord of Life Church, La Fox Registration 8:00 a.m., Meeting 9:00 a.m., Lunch will be available All GSR's should attend; All A.A. Members are welcome
Weekend August 12th-14th	43 rd Annual Illinois State Conference & East Central Regional Forum Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 Register online at www.aailcon.org , Room Reservations at http://bit.ly/ilcon2016
Saturday Sep. 17th	District 62 Hosts the Fall Assembly at the Lord of Life Church in La Fox, IL Registration 8:00 a.m., Meeting 9:00 a.m., Lunch will be available All GSR's should attend; All A.A. Members are welcome
Saturday Oct. 15th	Dist. 23 Hosts the Fall Committee Meeting at the Lord of Life Church, La Fox Registration 8:00 a.m., Meeting 9:00 a.m., Lunch will be available All GSR's should attend; All A.A. Members are welcome
Saturday Oct. 29th	23rd Annual NIA Big Book Conference, "A Design for Living" Host: District 62 Wheaton Bible Church, 27W500 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL 60185 Speakers: Bob B. from St. Paul, MN and Carleen L. from Helena, MT Event runs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm; Registration at 8:00 am

District 12 Business/GSR Meeting.

WHERE: Vista West Medical Center

2615 Washington St

Waukegan, IL 60085

WHEN: Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

3:30 pm GSR Orientation/Traditions Meeting

4:00 pm Business/GSR Meeting

All A.A. Members are invited to attend.

Learn about what is happening in our district and the many types of services that we offer.

How It Works

A Big Book Study

Mondays 7:30pm @ the Waukegan Alano

Warning: This is only for those serious about recovery and learning how to *really* enjoy life one day at a time!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 12 STEP WORK

Sponsor Panel: ATP 1 st & 3rd Saturday 12:45-2pm

Back to Basics: ATP 2nd & 4th Saturday 12:45-2pm

Drug Court: 1:30pm Wednesday Court 204

Mental Health Court: 9:00am Monday Court 220

Veterans Court: 9:00am Friday Court 201

SAP: SAP Bldg. 1:00pm Thursday

Detox: ATP 7:30pm Wednesday, 2:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday

For Info Contact: Frank M. @ 224-730-3045

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: Les 847-336-3275

Email copy of forms to: paulperini@att.net

AA SPEAKER TAPE MEETING

EVERY THURSDAY 6pm

Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington St

Listen to Joe & Charlie tapes

& eat desserts!

Contact Karen F. 847-609-7354

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