

# District 12 Newsletter

May 2017

## *Tradition Five*

*"Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.."*



Spring has sprung

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

## **On the 5th Tradition**

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose--that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Says the old proverb, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last." Trite, yes. But very true for us of A.A. How well we need to heed the principle that it is better to do one thing supremely well than many things badly.

Because it has now become plain enough that only a recovered alcoholic can do much for a sick alcoholic, a tremendous responsibility has descended upon us all, an obligation so great that it amounts to a sacred trust. For to our kind, those who suffer alcoholism, recovery is a matter of life or death. So the society of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot, it dare not ever be diverted from its primary purpose.

Temptation to do otherwise will come aplenty. Seeing fine works afoot in the field of alcohol, we shall be sorely tempted to loan out the name and credit of Alcoholics Anonymous to them; as a movement we shall be beset to finance and endorse other causes. Should our present success continue, people will commence to assert that A.A. is a brand new way of life, maybe a new religion, capable of saving the world. We shall be told it is our bounden duty to show modern society how it ought to live.

Oh, how very attractive these projects and ideas can be! How flattering to imagine that we might be chosen to demonstrate that olden mystic promise: "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." Fantastic, you say. Yet some of our well-wishers have begun to say such things.

Fortunately most of us are convinced that these are perilous speculations, alluring ingredients of that new heady wine we are now being offered, each bottle marked "Success"!

Of this subtle vintage may we never drink too deeply. May we never forget that we live by the Grace of God--on borrowed time; that anonymity is better than acclaim; that for us as a movement poverty is better than wealth.

And may we reflect with ever deepening conviction, that we shall never be at our best except when we hew only to the primary spiritual aim of A.A.-- "That of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers alcoholism."

Bill W. - 1948

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**COME GIVE BACK!**  
**Service works**



**JOIN THE  
2018 SPRING  
CONFERENCE  
PLANNING  
COMMITTEE!**

Want to make a difference?  
Looking to enhance your sobriety?  
Want to meet great people?

Districts 10, 11 & 12 plan to co-host the 2018 Spring Conference in March.  
Interested in getting involved? Come check out the planning meeting!

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm**

**Waukegan Alano Club**

**2419 Washington**

**Waukegan, IL 60085**

We plan to hold elections for the following positions at this meeting:

Treasurer	Banquet Chair
Secretary	Program Chair
Printing Chair	Registration
Public Information Chair	Web Administration
Chairperson	Other positions TBD

Please contact Bob P. (630-258-1887) or Pauli P. (847-849-3928) with questions.

# **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Saturday Apr 22nd</b>	2018 Spring Conference Planning Committee Meeting 2:00 PM at the Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington, Waukegan, IL Come give back. Service works.
<b>Saturday May 13th</b>	Spring Committee Meeting from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Lord of Life Lutheran Church, La Fox, IL All DCM's and anyone interested in Area Service should attend
<b>Friday May 19th</b>	2017 Summer Bash Picnic Planning Meeting 7:00 PM at the Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington, Waukegan, IL Come give back. Service works.
<b>Saturday Jun 10th</b>	Summer Assembly/Post-GSC Report Lord of Life Lutheran Church, La Fox, IL All GSR's and anyone interested in Area Service should attend
<b>Sunday Jul 16th</b>	District 12 Summer Bash Picnic Noon to Five, Greenbelt Forest Preserves, Shelter A Speaker: Emma W. (ISCYPAA)
<b>Weekend Aug 11th- 13th</b>	30th Annual Wolf River – Nicolet AA Camping Trip Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort & Campground , White Lake, WI 54491 For more info Justine B. 847.445.6195 or email at sobercamp30@gmail.com

## **District 12 Business/GSR Meeting.**

**3rd Sunday of Every Month**

**3:00 pm Concepts/GSR Meeting**

**3:30 pm Traditions Meeting**

**4:00 pm Business/GSR Meeting**

**Vista West Medical Center**

**2615 Washington Street, Waukegan, IL 60085**

## Help Needed for Vista West Psyc Ward Meeting

**Meetings are Tuesday Evening & Sunday Morning**

Come to the Vista West Cafeteria at 7:00pm, Tuesday to find out the times and procedures for the Sunday meeting

## 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

**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**

## Want to be Published

Send your Traditions articles to

Dist12.Newsletter@gmail.com

Deadline for the June issue is May 18th

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