

# District 12 Newsletter

June 2017

## *Tradition Six*

*“An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”*



Summer at last

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 6th Tradition

The sixth of our 12 Points of A.A. Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the A.A. movement to money and property.

Too detailed to print here, this Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an A.A. group must ever be on guard.

Tradition 6 also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the A.A. name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the A.A. name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual A.A.s who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the A.A. movement to its sole aim and insure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that A.A. itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. Years of experience have proven these principles beyond doubt. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us.

Thank God, we A.A.s have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well meaning donor present an A.A. group with a sizeable sum and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bank roll. This experience is practically universal. "But," say our friends, "isn't this a confession of weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good with money. Why not A.A.?"

Of course, we of A.A. would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts, money is usually primary; it is their life blood. But money is not the life blood of A.A. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so?

We explain this easily enough; we don't need money. The care of our A.A. procedure is "one alcoholic talking to another," whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all A.A. needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars a piece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, our expenses!

Nowadays, the A.A. group answers its well wishers saying, "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"

Bill W.— 1948

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# SUMMER BASH PICNIC

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE

SHELTER A NOON TO DUSK

SPEAKER: EMMA W.

( 2019 ISCYPA BID CHAIRPERSON )

COST: \$5.00

*District will provide the meat and soda.*

*Please*

*bring a side dish or dessert.*



# **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<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>Saturday Jun 17th</b>	General Service Fair Lake Villa Township West Campus 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
<b>Weekend Jul 14th-16th</b>	East Central Regional Conference & Indiana State Convention Location: Grand Wayne Convention Center Lodging: Hilton Fort Wayne, IN
<b>Sunday Jul 16th</b>	District 12 Summer Bash Picnic Noon to Five, Greenbelt Forest Preserves, Shelter A Speaker: Emma W. (ISCYPAA)
<b>Saturday Aug 5th</b>	Summer Committee Meeting Lord of Life Lutheran Church, La Fox, IL All GSR's and anyone interested in Area Service should attend
<b>Weekend Aug 11th-13th</b>	2017 Illinois State Conference Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel & Conference Center 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont IL 60018

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

### **3rd Sunday of Every Month**

Vista West Medical Center, 2615 Washington St, Waukegan, IL

3:00 pm Concepts/GSR Meeting

3:30 pm Traditions Meeting

4:00 pm Business/GSR Meeting

## 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 July issue is June 15th

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