

District 12 Newsletter

July 2017

Tradition Seven

Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.



Happy 4th of July

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 7th Tradition

The A.A. Groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contribution of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve its ideal: that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Our growth continuing, the combined income of Alcoholics Anonymous members will soon reach the astounding total of \$250,000,000, a quarter of billion dollars yearly. This is the direct result of A.A. membership. Sober we now have it, drunk we would not.

By contrast, our overall A.A. expenses are trifling.

For instance, the A.A. General Office now costs us \$1.50 per member a year. As a fact, the New York office asks the groups for this sum twice a year because not all of them contribute. Even so, the sum per member is exceedingly small. If an A.A. happens to live in a large metropolitan center where an intergroup office is absolutely essential to handle heavy inquiries and hospital arrangements he contributes (or probably should contribute) about \$5.00 annually. To pay the rent of his own group meeting place, and maybe coffee and doughnuts, he might drop \$25.00 a year in the hat. Or, if he belongs to a club it could be \$50.00. In case he takes The A.A. Grapevine he squanders an extra \$2.50!

So, the A.A. member who really meets his group responsibilities finds himself liable for about \$5.00 a month on the average. Yet his own personal income may be anywhere between \$200. and \$2,000. a month--the direct result of not drinking.

"But", some will contend, "our friends want to give us money to furnish that new club house. We are a new small group. Most of us are still pretty broke. What then"?

I am sure that myriads of the A.A. voices would now answer the new group saying, "Yes, we know just how you feel. We once solicited money ourselves. We even solicited publicly. We thought we could do a lot of good with other peoples' money. But we found that kind of money too hot to handle. It aroused unbelievable controversy. It simply wasn't worth it. Besides, it set a precedent which has tempted many people to use the valuable name of Alcoholics Anonymous for other than A.A. purposes. While there may be little harm in a small friendly loan which your group really means to repay, we really beg you to think hard before you ask the most willing friend to make a large donation. You can, and you soon will, pay your own way. For each of you these overhead expenses will never amount to more than the price of one bottle of good whiskey a month. You will be everlastingly thankful if you pay this small obligation yourselves.

When reflecting on these things, why should not each of us tell himself, "Yes, we A.A.s were once a burden on everybody. We were 'takers.' Now that we are sober, and by the Grace of God have become responsible citizens of the world, why shouldn't we now about face and become 'thankful givers'! Yes, it is high time we did!"

Bill W.— 1948

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SUMMER BASH PICNIC

July 16th, 2017

GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE

SHELTER A NOON TO DUSK

SPEAKER: EMMA W.

(2019 ISCYPAA 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!

Date	Event
Weekend Jul 14th-16th	East Central Regional Conference & Indiana State Convention Location: Grand Wayne Convention Center Lodging: Hilton Fort Wayne, IN
Sunday Jul 16th	District 12 Summer Bash Picnic Noon to Five, Greenbelt Forest Preserves, Shelter A Speaker: Emma W. (ISCYPAA)
Saturday Aug 5th	Summer Committee Meeting Lord of Life Lutheran Church, La Fox, IL All GSR's and anyone interested in Area Service should attend
Weekend Aug 11th-13th	2017 Illinois State Conference Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel & Conference Center 5440 N River Rd, Rosemont IL 60018
Weekend Aug 17th-20th	59th International Conference of Young People in AA Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL Register Now at 59TH.ICYPAA.ORG
Saturday Sep 16th	Fall Election Assembly Hosted by District 12 Lord of Life Lutheran Church, La Fox, IL All GSR's and anyone interested in Area Service should attend
Saturday Nov 4th	Northern Illinois Area 20 Big Book Conference 1st United Methodist Church, 801 N. Sycamore, Hinkley, IL 60520 Register on line at www.bbc2017.aadistrict71.org

21st Annual

LIFE'S A BEACH WOMAN'S MEETING

(Sorry no boys allowed)

WHERE: North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor

(Signs will be posted)

WHEN: Saturday, August 5th 2017

TIME: 5pm for fellowship, Speaker @ 6pm

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

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Deadline for the August issue is July 20th

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