

District 12 Newsletter

October 2017

Tradition Ten

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hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.*



Happy Halloween

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 10th Tradition

No A.A. Group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues--particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous Groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever. If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our A.A. Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our 10th Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy--serious controversy.

On the other side of the world, millions have not long since died in religious dissension. Other millions have died in political controversy. The end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has turned reformer. Each group, society and nation is saying to the other, "You must do as we say, or else". Political controversy and reform by compulsion has reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension.

Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth.

Our best defense? This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We know that A.A. must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our brother alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be.

As though by some deep and compelling instinct we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to our sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably.

May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

Bill W.— 1948

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East Central Regional Forum

Springfield, Illinois

November 17-19, 2017

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the East Central Regional Forum to be held the weekend of November 17-19, 2017 at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre, in Springfield, Illinois located at 700 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1601. Telephone Number: 217.789.1530. Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staff will be present at the Forum to share experience, respond to questions and hear suggestions. It will be a weekend of lively participation for all concerned.

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2017. The Orientation for First-time Attendees is at 6:30 p.m. and the opening session starts at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The Forum closes promptly at noon on Sunday, November 19, 2017. There is no registration fee for the Forum. There will be simultaneous translation available from English to Spanish. We want all A.A. members to be able to participate regardless of language.

Forum Registration: You may register for the Regional Forum by filing out the Forum Registration Form and mailing it to G.S.O. or you can register online at: www.aa.org. All persons registering online must include their full name and postal address. Online Forum registrations must be received at G.S.O. before November 13, 2017 in order to be processed. If you miss the deadline, we welcome on-site registration. It is not necessary to call G.S.O. to pre-register but your advance registration greatly helps our planning.

Hotel Reservations at the Wyndham Springfield City Centre can be reserved by one of the following methods:

- ♦ By phone: 217.789.1530 no later than October 26, 2017. Please use Group Booking Code: 11167027EC to get the special room rate.
- ♦ By internet please go to http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums follow the link by clicking "Online Hotel Reservations."

To get the special room rate, be sure to register for your hotel accommodation no later than October 26, 2017.

If you have any questions about this Regional Forum, feel free to Email: regionalforums@aa.org
We are looking forward to seeing you in Springfield

Sincerely yours,

Steve S.,
Regional Forums Coordinator

Terry Bedient
General Service Board Chairperson

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!

Date	Event
Sunday Oct 1st	Districts 10 & 12 Fall Breakfast Illinois Beach Resort & Conference Center, 1 Lake Front Dr, Zion, IL 60099, Coffee 8:00, Breakfast 9:00, Tickets are \$18
Saturday Oct 7th	The Way Out Group's 17th Anniversary Dinner Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W Church St, Libertyville, IL 60048 Doors open at 6:00, Dinner at 6:30, No Charge, Speaker: Peter M.
Saturday Oct 14th	Fall Committee Meeting 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
Weekend Nov 10th- 12th	National Corrections Conference Doubletree Hotel 1973 Craigshire St. Louis MO 63146 Conference Chair: John S. 314-413-5939 Hotel Phone—314-434-0100
Weekend Nov 17th- 19th	East Central Regional Forum Wyndham Springfield City Centre, 700 E. Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 You can register online at: www.aa.org Hotel Phone—217.789.1530
Saturday Dec 9th	Winter Assembly Hosted by District 11 Lord of Life Lutheran Church, La Fox, IL All GSR's and anyone interested in Area Service should attend

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 November issue is

October 19th

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