

District 12 Newsletter

June 2014

Step Six

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

“...any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults — without any reservations whatever — has indeed come a long way spiritually, and is therefore, entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator.” (12 x 12 p. 63)



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It Works if you Work it!

One Day at a Time!

Let Go and Let God!

Get a Sponsor don't go it alone....

BRANCHING OUT

Instead of pruning his defects like wilted leaves, he remembers to look at the tree.

“The exact nature of our wrongs” in Step Five is expressed in terms of “defects of character”. In Step Six, we offer up to God for removal of our “shortcomings.” Bill W. when asked why he used two different sets of words to define character defects, said it was to avoid repetition. Some members waste time needlessly trying to find the difference between the two expressions. It doesn't matter what you call them. If you don't change the nature of these defects, then they will change you, in my experience, and not for the better.

There are two deep emotions ever had. Each feeling has it's ally don't see any characterously is related to the fear of are connected one way or an-



driving all the feelings that I have roots in either *love* or *fear*. I personally-defects related to love. Even jealous love. All my shortcomings other to fear.

I had been asking God defects only to have them show the symptom and not the for a short time but will return the time I have no idea why I do those things, so asking to have the defect removed doesn't work. I have found that I don't have to know the reason why, God does, and He has the power to heal the real problem. I now pray that the cause of the defect be removed.

(praying) to remove individual de-up on another day. This is treating cause. The symptom may go away if the cause isn't removed. Most of

I picture my defects as leaves on a large branch extending from the trunk of a tree. The trunk is who I really am, the branch is the fear and the leaves are the individual defects. Plucking the defective leaf off the branch may help for a moment, but eventually another leaf will grow back. Making changes at the branch will effect the entire tree.

When something works I continue to use it. By asking God to heal the source, I have found that not only is that one defect removed, but many others as well. I have only been praying for the sources to be healed for a few months, and I can really feel a difference within me. I'm so excited about this new method of praying that I felt a need to share it with everyone. Maybe it will work for you as well.

John L.
Citrus County, FL
Reprinted from the Grapevine
June 2013

**Waukegan Alano Club presents our
61st Anniversary
Dinner Celebration!**

**Sunday, May 25, 2014
2:00 P.M.**

**Waukegan Alano Club
2419 Washington Street
Waukegan, Illinois**

**Cost: FREE
Bring a Dessert To Pass**

District 12

Summer Bash

June 22, 2014

**Greenbelt Forest Preserves
(Shelter A)**

**Noon to Dusk
Speaker: Pete O.
Raffles Games Prizes
Cost: \$5.00
Please Bring A Dish To Pass**

The Twelve Traditions

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

Tradition Six (Long Form)

“Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. — and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one. (12 x 12 p. 190)

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Waukegan Alano Club ANNUAL PICNIC

**Sun. Aug. 10, 2014
12 Noon**

**BOWEN PARK
(Pavilion Shelter)
Greenwood Ave. & Sheridan Rd.
Waukegan, IL**

**Raffle
\$200 First Prize
\$100 Second Prize
\$100 Third Prize**

Bring a Dish to Pass

ATTENTION LADIES SAVE THE DATE

LIFE'S A BEACH

**Saturday, August 16, 2014
4:00 P.M.
North Point Marina
Pit 4
Details to Follow**

Looking for a Sponsor/Sponsee?

Join us at the
ATP Sponsorship Panel
1st and 3rd Saturday of each month 12:45pm
Female sponsors needed!

District 12 Meeting

Third Sunday of every month at 4:00PM at Vista Medical Center West, 2615 Washington Street, Waukegan, Illinois 60085. All alcoholics are welcome and group GSRs are strongly encouraged to attend.

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: Pete 224-381-9992
Or LaVonne 224-440-2834

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 12 STEP WORK

St. Therese Psych Unit Meeting

Sunday 10 am Tues 7 pm

Sponsor Panel - ATP

1st and 3rd Saturdays 12:45 til 2 pm

Drug Court

1:30 pm Fridays Court 201

Mental Health Court

9:00 am Mondays Court 220

Veterans Court

1st and 3rd Friday at 9:00 am Court 201

SAP

SAP Bldg. 1:00 pm Thursdays

Detox

ATP 7:30 pm Wednesday

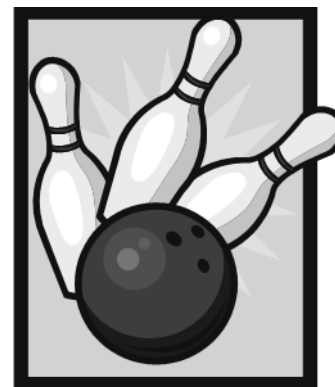
For Info Contact: Frank M.@ 847-336-2775

The District 12 Open Speaker Breakfast

Victory Hospital
(also known as Vista Medical Center East)
Cost: \$7.00
Start time is 8:30 AM
1st Sunday of every month

Waukegan Alano Club Bowling Party

**1st Friday of Each Month
At 9:00 P.M.
Bertrand's Bowl
2616 Washington Street
Waukegan, Illinois 60085**



**Cost: \$6.00
Includes 2 Games and Shoes
Pizza and Soda on the Club**



A.A. Contacts

General Service Office: <http://www.aa.org>
 Northern Illinois Area 20: <http://www.aa-nia.org>
 District 12 Website: <http://www.aadistrict12.com>
 District 12 Answering Service: 847-623-9660
 Northern Illinois Area 20 - District 12: P.O. Box 8882 - Waukegan, Illinois 60079-8882

District 12 Officers (Confidential – this information is for A.A. Use only)

If you are interested in one of the positions listed as OPEN, please contact an officer.

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Treasurer	Ron K.	847-623-0953	ronkdist12@att.net	OPEN		
Answering Service	Berto G.	224-280-5235		OPEN		
CPC / Treatment	Francis K.	847-744-0793		Frank M.	847-336-2775	
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