

District 12 Newsletter

December 2015

Step Twelve

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”



Happy Holidays

It Works if you Work it!

One Day at a Time!

Let Go and Let God!

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

Carrying the Message

As I look around today, I see that the concept of carrying the message has changed dramatically. Our phone calls from the answering service are fewer. We generally aren't meeting newcomers in flophouse hotels. We no longer have to stop for a half pint to prevent the DT's on the trip to Elgin.

These days, our first contact with a newcomer today is likely to be in a hospital, treatment center, or jail. They are relatively sober or at least detoxed. Maybe that first contact is at an AA meeting in the hospital, treatment center, or jail. We might see the newcomer there a couple of times and not again until they are released, or maybe never again.

This is the problem that our Bridging the Gap program is designed to correct. We try to make contact with newcomers while they are inside, and continue that contact once they are outside. Not forever, but long enough to get them to local meetings and help them to connect with AA in their neighborhood. Our success rate soars when we can get the newcomer to an AA meeting on the day they are released.

To do this effectively, we need to remember why we do Twelve Step work. WE DO THIS TO STAY SOBER. It is not for the newcomers, it's for ourselves. Bill W. got sober in December of 1934, he talked to a lot of people before he met Dr. Bob six months later. They didn't stay sober, but Bill did so he could carry the message to Bob. If we keep this simple fact in mind. We will not only help a lot of newcomers. We will still be around to help a lot more. Remember

I am responsible.

When anyone anywhere reaches out for help I want
the hand of AA always to be there, and for that

I am responsible.

Mike H

District 12 Business/GSR Meeting.

WHERE: Vista West Medical Center
2615 Washington St
Waukegan, IL 60085

WHEN: Every 3rd Sunday of the Month
3:30pm Traditions Meeting
4:00pm Business/GSR Meeting

All A.A. Members are invited to attend.

Learn about what is happening in our district and the many types of services that we offer.

Do you want to give back? Do you have an attitude of gratitude?

Here's the place for you to help out! Get involved with service committees for Newsletter, Literature, Directory, Special Events, Webmaster, Corrections, Public Information, Cooperating with the Professional Community and others.

Contact Ken C. District 12 DCM Call: 847-693-0970
or kenc693@yahoo.com

A.A. District 12 WEBSITE:
<http://www.aadistrict12.com>
District 12 Answering Service: 847-623-9660

"One Day At A Time!"

The Clean Air Club

has a **NEW** location

1510 Old Deerfield Road, Suite 225
Highland Park, IL 60035

(847) 579-9752

The Recovery Group Meeting

needs your

SUPPORT

They meet Sunday morning at 10 &
Tuesday evening at 7 in the cafeteria at

Vista West Medical Center

**2615 Washington St
Waukegan, IL 60085**

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!

Date	Event
Friday Dec. 4th	Planning meeting for the District 12 Christmas Party at 7:00 PM Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington Street, Waukegan, IL
Sunday Dec. 6th	Tri-County Mini-Conference Planning meeting will be held at 12:30 PM at the Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St, Kenosha, WI 53140 .
Saturday Dec. 12th	Northern Illinois Area 20 Winter Assembly Lord of Life Church in La Fox, Illinois Registration at 8:00 AM, Call to Order at 9:00 AM, Lunch will be available
Sunday Dec. 13th	The District 12 Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 13, 2015 Gurnee Community Church, 4445 Old Grand Ave and O'Plaine Rd, Gurnee IL It will start at 2:00 PM
Wednesday & Thursday Dec. 23 & 24	Blazing Trails Alcathon Session One Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington Street, Waukegan, IL It will start 12/23 at 2:00 PM and run to 12/24 at 5:45 PM
Saturday & Sunday Dec. 26 & 27	Blazing Trails Alcathon Session Two Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington Street, Waukegan, IL It will start 12/26 at 11:30 AM and run to 12/27 at 5:30 PM

District 12 Christmas Party 2015

Gurnee Community Church
4445 Old Grand Ave, Gurnee IL

Dec. 13th, 2015

Coffee starts at 2:00 PM

Speaker at 3:00 PM **Dinner** at 4:00 PM

Speaker: Bonnie Lori P. from Waukegan

Cost: FREE ! All are welcome.

Children 10 and under will receive a gift from SANTA!

Spanish Speaking AA Meetings

Where: Alano Club of Waukegan 2419 Washington St, Wkgn IL
When: Every Tues morning, 10 am & every Thurs night, 8 pm
These are two new Spanish Speaking Groups of the Alano Club of Waukegan. Please, let's do our part by reaching out to the large Latin Community & help carry the message to them. Questions? Call: Pete O. at 1-224-381-9992 or Jaime G at 1-224-861-3189

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

12 STEP WORK

Sponsor Panel: ATP 1 st & 3rd Saturdays 12:45-2pm
Back to Basics: ATP 2nd & 4th Saturdays 12:45-2pm
Drug Court: 1:30pm Fridays Court 202
Mental Health Court: 9:00am Mondays Court 220
Veterans Court: 9:00am Fridays Court 202
SAP: SAP Bldg. 1:00pm Thursdays
Detox: ATP 7:30pm Wednesdays
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: Pete 224-381-9992
Email copy of forms to: paulperini@att.net

SPEAKER TAPE MEETING

EVERY THURSDAY 6pm
Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington St
Listen to speakers from all over
& eat desserts!
Contact Karen F. 847-609-7354

A.A. Contacts

General Service Office: <http://www.aa.org>
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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, IL 60079-8882

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

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