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District 12 Newsletter

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Next District

Meeting

October 16th at

4-5pm

at the Waukegan

Alano Club with a

3 pm GSR meeting

ALL are welcome.

District chairs and

District 12 GSR's

encouraged to

attend.

Contact your DCM,

Renita D.

for Zoom logins

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Step 12: "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."

Tradition 12 (Long Form): "And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."

Concept 12: "The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action." (Short Form)

District 12 Annual Christmas Party- Sunday December 11th

Gurnee Community Church 455 Old Grand Ave., Gurnee, IL
at 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

All are welcome! Gifts for children (10 years old and younger) delivered by Santa, Fun, Fellowship, Speaker, 50/50 & Grapevine Raffle.

Christmas Dinner will be served.

Please bring a dessert to pass.

Donations gladly accepted

Please support our ongoing need for content
You may submit your work the following ways:

Email: district12newsletter@yahoo.com

Mail: NIA District 12, PO Box 8882, Waukegan, IL 60079

In-person drop off: Waukegan Alano (coffee bar safe)

Handwritten submissions gratefully accepted.

Upcoming Events**



District 12 Christmas Party
Sunday, December 11th from 2-5 pm
at Gurnee Community Church

Zion Benton Alano Open Speaker
Saturday, December 3rd, 2022
6pm Food and Fellowship
7pm Speakers
228 N. Sheridan Road, Winthrop Harbor, IL

Holiday Dance Party at Zion Benton Alano
December 17th, 2022 starts at 7:00 pm

Soberfest Planning Committee Meeting
January 4th, 2023 at 7:30 pm
Villa Desiderata Retreat Center, 3015 North
Bayview Lane, McHenry, IL
** Future meetings are every other Weds

We are Not Saints
AA and Al-Anon Convention
January 13th- 15th, 2023
Holiday Inn 5300 W. Touhy Ave, Skokie, IL
Speakers, panels, banquet and dance.
Register on-line: <https://wearenotsaints.com/>

Hinckley Pork Chop Dinner
Saturday, February 4th, 2023
Hinckley First United Methodist Church
Speaker. Fellowship 4pm, Dinner 4:30 &
Kickoff at 6:00 pm

ISCYPAA 2023 Conference
February 17th- 19th, 2023
Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park- Chicago
Panels, speakers, reduced room rates
<http://www.iscypaa.org/2023-conference.html>

Northern Illinois Area 20 Spring Conference
March 10th- 12th, 2023
Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL
Special room rate available,
Speakers, banquet, dance, panels.
Registration online and on-site
<http://niaspringconference.com/>



Tri-County Spring Conference
Saturday, March 18th, 2023
Kick off at 8:00 am
AA & Alanon Speakers
Registration required from banquet
Racine Memorial Hall, 7th Street, Racine

Illinois State Conference 2023
August 18th- 20th, 2023
Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, IL

Online meeting directory:
<https://aa-intergroup.org/meetings>

** Events may be hosted by private entities

Gratitude-

That feeling when everything is just as it should be, and one can feel it, deep within one's being. There is no rule as to what gratitude means to a person, and sometimes it can go undefined, or not even noticed in one life at the moment. In time one finds gratitude (because we probably lost it someplace along the way, or never had it to begin with) when one has taken actions to remove the negative and free themselves of what no longer serves them. This is the best way I can describe it, and hope that you can feel yours.

Anonymous submitted



Our answering service phone number has changed. Our new phone number is:

920-474-6262

Please update your listings.

Give the Gift of a Grapevine



The Grapevine is our meeting in print or the formally known as the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.

There are many subscription options to fit any budget from one month to two years. Did you know The Grapevine also carries books, calendars, and comics? Best part- Enjoy **free shipping** from November 1st to December 31st. Spanish materials also available.

Visit <https://store.aagrapevine.org/>



The district had elections for District Committee Member (DCM), alternate DCM and Secretary/alternate secretary. No one stood for these positions therefore after January these positions will be vacant. Please consider being of service and running for a position at the District level. Service is the secret, and your help is greatly needed. The DCM connects our district to the area and AA as a whole.



Happiest of Holidays from District 12.

May 2023 bring many blessings. Happy New Year ☺

Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



1 *Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season.* Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.



2 *Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers.* If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.



3 *Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time.* If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.



4 *Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations*

given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.



5 *Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about.* Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.



6 *If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.*



7 *Don't think you have to stay late.* Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.



Worship in your own way.



9 *Don't sit around brooding.* Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.



10 *Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations.* Remember—"one day at a time."



11 *Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy.* Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.



12 *"Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.*

Tradition Twelve Traditions Checklist:

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust or agree with AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, do I imply that membership requirements go beyond the desire to stay sober?
4. Have I a personal responsibility to help an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
5. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially?
6. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA attractive so that other drunks might want it?
7. What does anonymity mean to me?
8. In light of increased awareness of alcoholism and AA's program of recovery among the general public, why is the principle of anonymity still important?
9. Am I mindful to respect the anonymity of other AA members who may work in my place of employment or my industry? How about AA members who live in my area or neighborhood?
10. What does "principles before personalities" mean to me?

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/sites/default/files/2020-01/GV-Traditions-Checklist-2018.pdf>

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<https://district10nia.org/>

www.aa-nia.org

www.aa.org

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/meeting-guide

www.aagrapevine.org

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<https://aa-intergroup.org/meetings>

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