

THE joy of living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step,
and
action is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our
fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we
experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. Here we
begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our
daily lives so that we and those about us may find
emotional sobriety. When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full
implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that
has no price tag on it.

Our Twelfth Step also says that as a result of practicing all
the Steps, we have each found something called a spiritual
awakening. To new A.A.'s, this often seems like a very
dubious and improbable state of affairs.

(From the 12&12)

Hello fellow A.A.'s,

For the next year of our newsletter I would like for each
month to have personal articles based on the first 3 months
of this journey in A.A. What the goal is, is that it will show
a common theme on the the important daily ACTIONS that
should be made if these individuals truly have a willingness
to start to change there lives patterns and/or behaviors. As a
member that lives in the solution and not in the daily
problems that life brings, it is important that we share how
we have been taught these valuable tools of survival. Also
what daily tools we all may use to get through those more
trying times in our days.

Aaron Farrell

District 12 Newsletter

December 2018

Merry Christmas

Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



Step 12

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

I have to give it away to keep it!

Talk is cheap, in order to practice these principles in all my affairs I have to take ACTION in my recovery and DO THE RIGHT THING!!!

It Works if you Work it!

One Day at a Time!

Let Go and Let God!

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

Tradition Twelve

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

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?

When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?

In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?

Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?

Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?

Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition – or belie it?

Do I do all I can to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior – especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?

Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?

Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?

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 so attractive that other drunks want it?

What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL

Date	Event
Sun, December 2, 12:30pm – 1:30pm	Try county committee meeting Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St, Kenosha, WI 53140
Sat, December 8, 8:00am – 2:30pm	Winter assembly meeting Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL-38, Elburn, IL 60119
Sun, December 16, 1:30pm – 4:30pm	District 12 Christmas party Gurnee Community Church, 4555 Old Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL 60031, Coffee 1:30, Speaker 2:00, Dinner 3:00, Santa 4:00
Sun, December 30th	Alano Club Of Waukegan Breakfast Coffee Starts at 8:30, breakfast at 9:00, speaker to follow \$5.00 to eat

District 12- Business/GSR Meeting

**WHERE: Alano Club of Waukegan
2419 Washington St. Waukegan, IL 60085**

WHEN: 3rd Sunday of the Month

TIME: 4:00 pm

Want to be Published? - Send your articles to:

Dist12.Newsletter@gmail.com

Deadline for the January issue is December 12th

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

Tuesday night recovery group has moved to a new location.

Waukegan Alano Club

7pm every Tuesday

There are no longer any meetings at St theres hospital as of now!

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 711

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

Mailing Addresses for Donations

General Service Office: PO Box 459 Grand Central Station,
 New York, NY 10163
 Northern Illinois Area 20 Ltd PO Box 524, Crystal Lake, IL
 60039-0524
 District 12 PO Box 8882, Waukegan, IL 60079-8882

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 IL Area 20 - District 12: P.O. Box 8882, Waukegan, IL 60079-8882
 Newsletter Submissions: Dist12.Newsletter@gmail.com

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

Please contact an officer if you are interest in an OPEN position.

Position	Chair	Phone	Email	Alternate	Phone	Email
DCM	Pete O.	224-381-9992	Peter.ochoa73@yahoo.com	Mike H.	847-848-4855	Mike.henneberry@gmail.com
Secretary	.Renita D.	224-650-1359	Mommydearest.rd@gmail.com	Tracy J.	847-847-9201	Mommydearest.rd@gmail.com mTracie.jahnke@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Jackie S	224-247-8963	spencerbox@comcast.net	Ken C. (Sweet Kenny)	847-693-0970	kenc693@yahoo.com
Answering Service	Karen F.	847-609-7354	k.finkel@comcast.net	Danya V.	224-308-8623	Dream.dance.love.dv@gmail.com
Archive	Pat M.	224-501-5650	flathead3888@gmail.com	Tom B.	847-363-4363	tomhat609@gmail.com
Bridging the Gap	Ray L.	847-917-6442	r.leeper@sbcglobal.net	Julius M.	847-872-3489	juliusmarcelmartin@gmail.com
Corrections	Frank M.	224-730-3045	aboutme615@gmail.com	Les M.	847-336-3275	
CPC / Treatment	Dick M.	847-404-3713	dick71308@ameritech.net	Ira S.	224-571-8784	
Directory	Mary P.	847-309-2306	mgkbperk@gmail.com	Eric K.	847-744-4125	erickrotky@gmail.com
Grapevine	Laura J.	847-533-0895	laurajohnson3623@comcast.net	OPEN		
Literature	Chris J.	224-627-0878	cjacobsen1086@gmail.com	OPEN		
Newsletter	Aaron F.	224-627-8816	dist12.newsletter@gmail.com	Jonathan M. (Laser)	224-410-7538	jonmahoneymahoney@gmail.com
Public Information	Frank R.	847-244-6227	fsrinchi@yahoo.com	OPEN		
Special Events	Kristina K.	224-456-1225	kkrause041@gmail.com	Ralph R..	224-425-1482	ralphrodriguez898@gmail.com
Webmaster	Danny K.	224-440-2024	kratovild@gmail.com	Thadonia S.	312-383-9488	