

District 12 Newsletter

February 2016

Step Two

“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”



Came, Came to, Came to Believe

When I first looked at Step Two, I didn't think it applied to me. After all I wasn't insane. Then all those meetings came into play. Especially Step Two meetings. Someone would comment, "I wrecked my car, that was insane." and I'd think "Gee, I wrecked five cars. Hmm". Another would comment "I lost my job, that was insane." and I'd think "I lost three jobs." After more and more meetings, hearing more and more people describe MY behavior as insane, I figured maybe there might be something to it.

In discussing this with my sponsor, he pointed out that my behavior, pretty much, demonstrated that alcohol was a power greater than me. Where alcohol was concerned, I was doing the same things all the time and expecting different results. That is a pretty good definition of insanity. Then he said that while alcohol may have been the power greater than myself responsible for my insanity; it was unlikely to be the power to restore my sanity. However, if there was one power greater than myself, there was a good chance that there might be another, maybe several. I needed to evaluate these other powers, to see if I could find one that I could believe would restore me to sanity.

See Step Two is as simple as that. Note, I said simple, not easy. It took me a long time to accept my behavior as insane. Longer to accept alcohol or anything else as a power greater than myself. Still, with time, patience, and a lot of meetings, I came to believe that a power greater than myself could restore me to sanity.

Mike H

Happy Valentine's Day

It Works if you Work it!
One Day at a Time!
Let Go and Let God!
Get a Sponsor don't go
it alone....

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

Mark your calendar

Districts 10 & 12 Spring Breakfast

Sunday, April 10th, 2016

Bonnie Brook Country Club

2800 N. Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, IL

Cost: \$18.00 Coffee: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.

Dist. 12: Terry V. @ 847-650-2251

Dist. 10: Kristina K, @ 224-456-1225

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!

Date	Event
Friday Jan. 29th	Spring Breakfast Planning meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at the Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington Street, Waukegan, IL 60085
Sunday Feb. 7th	Tri-County Mini-Conference Planning meeting will be held at 12:30 PM at the Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St, Kenosha, WI 53140 .
Sunday Feb. 7th	Super Bowl Sunday at Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington St. 847-662-9640 Festivities start 4:30 PM. Chili dogs and sloppy joes will be available for purchase. Please bring a dish to share. 50/50 cash raffle.
Sunday Mar. 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 Mar. 12th	Tri-County Mini-Conference U.A.W. Hall 3615 Washington Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53144 Registration Opens at 8:00 A.M. Kick-Off at 9:00 A.M.
Weekend Apr. 1st-3rd	43 rd NIA Spring Assembly & Conference Holiday Inn Rock Island, 226 17th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201 For more information check out the website— niaspringconference.com
Saturday Apr. 9th	Pre-General Service Conference Workshop, Lord of Life Church, La Fox Let's send our delegate to New York with a valid group conscience on the agenda
Sunday Apr. 10th	Districts 10 & 12 Spring Breakfast, Coffee: 8:00 a.m., Breakfast: 9:00 a.m. Bonnie Brook Country Club, 2800 N. Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, IL, Cost: \$18.00 Dist. 12: Terry V. @ 847-650-2251 Dist. 10: Kristina K. @ 224-456-1225

The Clean Air Club

has a **NEW** location

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

(847) 579-9752

The Day by Day Club

1803 St. Johns Avenue, Upstairs
Highland Park, IL 60035

(847) 681-8662

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 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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