

# District 12 Newsletter

January 2016

*Step One*

*“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable”*



Happy New Year

It Works if you Work it!

One Day at a Time!

Let Go and Let God!

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

## POWERLESS

When I went to my first meeting at age 21, I wasn't powerless over anything. Certainly not alcohol. When I went to my second meeting, seven years later, I still wasn't powerless over anything; but in the hospital I could admit that maybe my life was a little bit unmanageable. As I left the hospital they told me to go to a lot of meetings; not 90 meetings in 90 days, they didn't put on any limits.

Strangely enough, I did what I was told. We say the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. I had that; but not in the way you might think. You see, I only wanted to stay straight long enough to get together a grand (\$1,000) so I could go out and get really drunk. So I went to a lot of meetings. Most of them at the Twelve Step House in Chicago, a number of people thought I was a resident.

It was difficult during those first months. I remember many days going home on the bus; saying I wouldn't go to the joint at Kedzie, I'll wait till California, then Western, then Devon. One day at a time for me became bus stop to bus stop. But I still wasn't powerless over alcohol, and my life was becoming more manageable. The meetings helped a lot, they gave me some place to go besides the bars. My wife complained about that. I wasn't out drinking; but I was always out at meetings. I told her if she didn't go to Alanon, I was going to leave. She went.

Somewhere around nine months to a year sober, I realized I had the \$1,000 that had been my goal. I had a decision to make. I decided to go to another meeting. That was one meeting too many. I never went out; I have never been able to put together a grand since.

So here I am, eight or nine years after my first meeting, and I'm still **NOT POWERLESS OVER ALCOHOL**. That came after more meetings.

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 Day by Day Club**

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

**(847) 681-8662**

## **EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Sunday Jan. 3rd</b>	Tri-County Mini-Conference Planning meeting will be held at 12:30 PM at the Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St, Kenosha, WI 53140 .
<b>Weekend Jan. 15th to Jan. 17</b>	24th Annual We Are Not Saints Convention Holiday Inn North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie, IL 60077 Online registration is preferred. Visit <a href="http://wearenotsaints.com">wearenotsaints.com</a>
<b>Saturday Jan. 16th</b>	Northern Illinois Area 20 Winter Committee Meeting Lord of Life Church in La Fox, Illinois Registration at 8:00 AM, Call to Order at 9:00 AM, Lunch will be available
<b>Saturday Jan. 30th</b>	Hinkley Big Book Study Group 19th Anniversary Pork Chop Dinner Hinkley First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Sycamore St. Hinkley, IL 60520 Fellowship 4:00 PM, Serving 4:30 PM, Kickoff 6:00 PM

### **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**

**A new meeting at the VA on Tuesday Night  
Meeting starts at 7:00 PM in Building 66 Domiciliary**

**Let's give to the Veterans  
what was so freely given to us.**

**See you next Tuesday**

### **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**

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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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