

District 12 Newsletter

June 2016

Step Six

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”



Summer!!!

One Day at a Time!

Let Go and Let God!

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

Step Six Re-examined

The more he practiced the Step, the greater the rewards

This has been the greatest challenge I have had to face. Self-centered fear combined with resentment and anger shape a formidable triangle of self-obsession. The character defects I have are manifestations of this obsessiveness. One of my personal favorites is self-loathing.

I prefer this to self-pity as it satisfies a need for machismo and martyrdom. In order to pick up the tools of spirituality, I have to put down the weapons of self. This is a difficult and ongoing task for me. I choose the action I am learning as a new path of light. I committed to not drink or use drugs no matter what.

Then I knelt and prayed. I studied the literature of the program. I went to a meeting of AA and I fellowshiped with others.

A complete psychic change is what I must undergo, each day, for this is the only gift I am given. I must use discipline, communication, humility, compassion, and simplicity as tools to bolster my spiritual condition.

The Sixth Step is sometimes called "the last preparation step." For me, it is that and much more. It is also the road to happy destiny that passes beneath the arch of freedom from alcoholism. The archway is build of the preceding five Steps.

But this is just a small part of the Sixth Step. The more thoroughly I work this Step, the greater the fruits that are shown me—not just freedom and joy, but a happiness born of serenity. And a serenity born of living in the now—the most precious grace given me by my higher power.

I define "grace" as undeserved favor. This undeserved favor serves as a blueprint for an unconditional love necessary for true self-worth. Self worth, in turn, allows for living as I want to live, not as if I want to die. Self-worth allows for living life, enjoying life, and sharing my enjoyment of life.

Jason C., Blacksburg, Va.

From the current issue of AA's Grapevine Online



Our real purpose...

**43rd Annual ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE
and
EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE
of Alcoholics Anonymous**

August 12-14, 2016

Pheasant Run Resort

4051 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Register online at www.aailcon.org

Room Reservations at <http://bit.ly/ilcon2016>

Co-hosted by Northern Illinois Area 20, District 10, District 11, and District 28.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!

Date	Event
Friday Jun 3rd	Planning Meeting for the Annual District 12 Summer Bash on July 24th 7:00 p.m. at the Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington St., Waukegan, IL 60085 Come and help make this Summer Bash, one of the all time best
Saturday Jun. 11th	District 43 Hosts the Summer Assembly at the Lord of Life Church in La Fox, IL Registration 8:00 a.m., Meeting 9:00 a.m., Lunch will be available All GSR's should attend; All A.A. Members are welcome
Sunday Jun. 12th	Quarterly Luncheon at Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington St. 847-662-9640 Luncheon serving at 1:00 PM; Members, \$3.00, Nonmembers, \$5.00
Sunday Jul. 24th	District 12 Summer Bash in Shelter A of the Green Belt Forest Preserve. Noon to dusk. Bring a dish and plan to hear a great speaker.
Saturday Aug. 6th	Dist. 12 Hosts the Summer Committee Meeting at the Lord of Life Church, La Fox Registration 8:00 a.m., Meeting 9:00 a.m., Lunch will be available All GSR's should attend; All A.A. Members are welcome
Weekend Aug. 12th- 14th	43 rd Annual Illinois State Conference & East Central Regional Forum Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 East Main Street, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 Register online at www.aailcon.org , Room Reservations at http://bit.ly/ilcon2016

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.**

Spanish Speaking AA Meetings

Where: Alano Club, 2419 Washington St, Wkgn IL

When: Every Tues morning, 10 am

This is a new Spanish Speaking Group 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 Saturday 12:45-2pm

Back to Basics: ATP 2nd & 4th Saturday 12:45-2pm

Drug Court: 1:30pm Friday Court 201

Mental Health Court: 9:00am Monday Court 220

Veterans Court: 9:00am Friday Court 201

SAP: SAP Bldg. 1:00pm Thursday

Detox: ATP 7:30pm Wednesday, 2:00pm & 7:00pm Sunday

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: Les 847-336-3275

Email copy of forms to: paulperini@att.net

AA SPEAKER TAPE MEETING

EVERY THURSDAY 6pm

Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington St

Listen to Joe & Charlie tapes

& eat desserts!

Contact Karen F. 847-609-7354

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