

District 12 Newsletter

March 2018

Tradition Three

“The only requirement for A.A. Membership is a desire to stop drinking.”



Step Three

“We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”

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 Three Checklist

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

THIRD STEP PRAYER

God, I offer myself to Thee To build with me & to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy love & Thy way of life.

I was always a believer in God. Now a good practicing Christian I wasn't very committed to God or anything for that matter. I had a very pernicious disease at first. I thought that I was invincible. The folly of youth until I realized I was in my 30's with nothing, starting over again.

To me Step 3 was hard because you have to totally surrender your will to God or a power greater than myself. It's different when you know full well you can't manage your own life because my disease got me this far. I do my best not to worry about what I can't control and just live right. In my addiction I had the tendency to believe I could handle all the same people, places, and things; and still have control over what I did. Eventually it took the death of the person dearest to me and the subsequent loss of the only good thing we did to bring me here, I just tell myself every day that I'm alive for a reason, and if I keep working the program; trust that God will do his will and not mine. I can accept life on life's terms. The only way out of life is death and I know that life is better when I'm not in the grip of drugs and alcohol.

By Andrew C.

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL

Date	Event
March 10 th	36 th Annual A.A., Alanon, Alateen Tri-County Spring Conference Corrections Guest Speaker – Judge Stride (Specialty Courts) U.A.W. Hall, 3615 Washington Rd. Kenosha, Wi. 53144 Registration opens at 8am, Kick Off at 9am.
March 11 th	Bake Sale 3:00-5:30 pm Come buy our baked goods and raise money for the club! Waukegan Alano Club 2419 Washington St. Waukegan, IL 60085
March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day Extravaganza Serving Corned Beef & Cabbage - 50/50 raffle and more Cost is \$5 - Doors open at 4 - Dinner at 5 - Bring a dessert to pass Waukegan Alano Club 2419 Washington St. Waukegan, IL 60085
March 23 - 25 th	Northern Illinois Area 20 Spring Conference & Assembly Hyatt Regency Schaumburg 1800 E. Golf Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173

District 12 - Business/GSR Meeting

WHERE: Vista West Medical Center
2615 Washington St
Waukegan, IL 60085

WHEN: 3rd Sunday of the Month

TIME: 3:00 pm GSR Orientation
3:30pm Traditions Meeting
4:00 pm Business/GSR Meeting

Want to be Published? - Send your Traditions articles to:

Dist12.Newsletter@gmail.com

Deadline for the April issue is Mar. 15th

**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

Help Needed

Vista West Psyc Ward Meeting

Meetings are Tuesday Evening & Sunday
 Morning
 Come to the Vista West Cafeteria at
 7:00pm, Tuesday to find out the times and
 procedures for the Sunday meeting

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 204
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
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