

District 12 Newsletter

October 2015

Step Ten

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

An Ounce of Prevention



Happy Halloween

FOR A LONG time in my AA program, I took the one Step that should have put me into the now of things and made another restitution Step out of it. For a long time, I looked at the Tenth Step as a means of telling someone I was sorry as promptly as possible after doing wrong.

Today, I have a different understanding of this particular Step. Sure, I'm supposed to make amends for harm done to others, and make them as promptly as I can muster up the courage and good judgment to do so. However, this is done in the continued practice of the Eighth and Ninth Steps. The Tenth Step is my guide for the prevention, to the best of my ability, of doing the harm in the first place.

I received consciousness early in my AA program. The First Step gave me an AA conscience. After I made the admission in that Step, I could no longer take a drink and not know I was doing wrong. The Second and Third Steps awoke my God-consciousness. After I came to believe and made that decision, I could no longer give in to my character defects and not know I was doing wrong.

In order to put the Tenth Step to work for me, I had to learn as much about myself as I could, and I had to accept the consequences of my past life. I did this from the Fourth Step through the Ninth Step. Up to the Tenth Step, I had been reviewing my life up to the present. The Tenth Step enables me to take all that I have learned thus far and put it to use for myself right now.

To me, the basis of the Tenth Step is self-restraint: to stop and remember what I found to be my weaknesses in the Fourth Step, and then try to refrain from submitting to them. If anger was one of the shortcomings I found in the Fourth Step, then, when I start to become aware of becoming angry, I must promptly admit to myself that anger is wrong for me and try not to let it fester any further. What AA is telling me to do is to think before I act.

Remember what it says in the back of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, at the end of "Spiritual Experience": "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance--that principle is contempt prior to investigation."

J.S.
Bolingbrook, Illinois
AA Grapevine, Vol. 40 No. 5, October 1983



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

SPEAKER TAPE MEETING: Listen to speakers from all over & eat desserts!

EVERY THURSDAY 7pm

WHERE: Waukegan Alano Club 2419 Washington St Contact Karen F. 847-609-7354



Have you ever wondered what the
A.A. District 12 is about?

**District 12 Business/GSR Meeting.
All A.A. Members are invited to attend.**

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

WHEN: Every 3rd Sunday of the Month
3:30pm Traditions Mtg then 4:00pm Business/GSR Mtg

WHO: All A.A. Members

Learn about what is happening in our district regarding many types of services offered.

Do you want to give back? Do you have an attitude of gratitude?

Here's a place for you to help out! Get involved with service such as Newsletter or alternates for Newsletter, Literature, Directory, Special Events, Webmaster, Public Information and others.

Contact Ken C. District 12 DCM Call: 847-693-0970 kenc693@yahoo.com

A.A. District 12 WEBSITE:
<http://www.aadistrict12.com>
District 12 Answering Service: 847-623-9660

“One Day At A Time!”

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR IN A NUT SHELL!

Date	Event
Friday Oct. 2nd	First planning meeting for the District 12 Christmas Party at 7:00 pm Waukegan Alano Club, 2419 Washington Street, Waukegan, IL
Sunday Oct. 4th	Districts 10 & 12 Fall Breakfast at the Holiday Inn, 6161 W. Grand, Gurnee, IL Contacts Dana T. 847-322-5256 or Kristina K. 224-456-1223 Tickets \$18.00 Coffee at 8:00am, Breakfast at 9:00am, Speaker Chad S. from Chicago at 10:00am
Sunday Oct. 4th	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 Oct. 10th	A Way Out 15th Anniversary Party, Fellowship, Refreshments & Speaker, Bob D Libertyville Civic Center, 135 West Church Street, Libertyville, IL For more information Genevieve P. 847-682-4266 or Ingeri B. 847-650-4546
Saturday Oct. 24th	Northern Illinois Area 20 Big Book Conference From 9:00am to 4:00pm Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist, 1025 N. Smith Street, Palatine, IL For more information contact Chuck S. 847-770-8200 or Ed R. 608-209-5310
Weekend Nov. 20 - 22	26th Annual McHenry's Soberfest at The Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI You can register on-line at http://www.soberfest.org/ For more information contact Mark T. 847-802-9186 or Jacki P. 847-567-9503

2015
EAST CENTRAL
REGIONAL FORUM
CROWNE PLAZA Milwaukee Airport Hotel
 6401 South 13th Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53221
 (414) 764-5300
 Group Code: ECR

November 13 - 15, 2015

Friday: 7pm - 10pm Saturday: 9am - 9:45pm Sunday: 9am - 12pm

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

St. Therese Psych Unit Meeting:

Sunday 10:00 am & Tues 7:00 pm

Sponsor Panel-ATP: 1st & 3rd Saturdays 12:45-2pm

Drug Court: 1:30 pm Fridays Court 202

Mental Health Court: 9:00 am Mondays Court 220

Veterans Court: Every Friday, 9:00 am Court 202

SAP: SAP Bldg. 1:00 pm Thursdays

Detox: ATP 7:30 pm Wednesday

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

Acceptance is the Key!

Women's A.A. Meeting

Monday 6:00 pm Alano Club of Waukegan,
2419 Washington St. Waukegan, IL

A.A. Contacts

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<http://www.aa.org>

Northern Illinois Area 20:

<http://www.aa-nia.org>

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<http://www.aadistrict12.com>

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847-623-9660

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If you are interested in one of the positions listed as OPEN, please contact an officer.

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