## September/ October 2023 (District 12

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PO Box 8882 Waukegan, IL 60079 Checks payable to: NIA District 12 or donate online using PayPal at www.aadistrict12.com

## District Meeting:

Third Sunday of the
month 4-5pm at the Waukegan Alano Club with a 3 pm GSR meeting ALL are welcome. District chairs and District 12 GSR's
encouraged to
attend.

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 District 12 WebsiteStep 9: "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."


Tradition 10: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Concept 9: "Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees" (Short form)


## NIA District 12 Christmas Party

Join us for fellowship and holiday cheer with the whole family This is an open speaker meeting Gifts will be provided for kids 10 \& under (please pre-register) When: SATURDAY, December 9, 2023
Time: 2-5 PM (with set-up and cooking beginning at 12:30)
Where: Gurnee Community Church, 4555 Old Grand Ave, Gurnee, IL 60031
RSVP: Using the QR code or Link to form


Yes- We are asking you to RSVP this year ©
Please support our newsletter's ongoing need for content
You may submit your work the following ways:
Email: district12newsletter@yahoo.com
Mail: NIA District 12, PO Box 8882, Waukegan, IL 60079 In-person drop off: Waukegan Alano (coffee bar safe)

Handwritten submissions gratefully accepted.

## Upcoming Events**

District 10 \& 12 Fall Breakfast Hosted by Dist. 10
Tickets are required. See your ticket for details $)$

Soberfest Registration is OPEN
November $17^{\text {th }}-19^{\text {th }}$ at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, IL (Special conference room rates available). Speakers, Banquet, Dances, meditation, panels, Alanon, ASL for speakers, workshops- come and see what it's all about. https://www.soberfest.org/this-soberfest/conferenceregistration/


Zion Benton Alano Club hosts great events. Follow their Facebook page at " ZB alano club" to stay up to date.

## $11^{\text {th }}$ Step Meditation \& Yoga at Zion <br> Benton Alano

Sunday October $15^{\text {th }}$ at $2: 00 \mathrm{pm}$
Suggested Donation \$5

## 2023 Big Book Conference

The 2023 Big Book Conference will be held on November 4, 2023, at Lord of Life Church in Elburn from 9:00am till 3:15pm (doors open at 8:00am).

## Guest Speakers:

Morning - David C. from Palatine, IL Afternoon- Tina H. from Waukesha, WI

Registration is now open online, which can be completed by selecting "Online Registration"

## https://www.aa-nia.org/bigbookconference/

General admission is $\$ 15$. Lunch is available an additional $\$ 15$. Chicken kabobs will be served with side dishes and a beverage. A vegetarian option is available as well. Please note: the cutoff date for lunch registration is October 25, 2023. After that date, we cannot guarantee lunch for you.
If you wish to pay with cash or personal check, please register on the day of the event at the church. Our hospitality volunteers will be happy to help you through the registration process and accept your payment at that time.

For more information and volunteer opportunities, please contact bigbook112023@gmail.com.


## Tradition Nine

"A.A. as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

The steps keep me alive, the Traditions keep us alive. The lessons I learned in early sobriety were the principles of the traditions as applied to the group. When I would chair a meeting or give a Grapevine report when the chair was absent, I experienced first hand that when we are needed we step up and that when I am absent there will be another member to stand in for me. It became clear that each member is responsible to the group and their own sobriety. I witnessed the lack of authority and governance under various titles/positions within the group, later the district, area, and A.A. as a whole. I understood that through a lack of organization or hierarchy we are able to come together as equals with the same 24 hours under our proverbial belts. I learned to not do what I found annoying when others did it. I began to listen. I realized that others' opinions are just as valid as mine. I saw the benefits of rotating positions, elections, and service. I value the responsibility statement and all that it entails. I am responsible for my actions and words. I am guided by the spirit of service to keep A.A. as an accessible and attractive alternative....and I do not take myself too seriously.

Jackie- Waukegan, IL


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## Helpful Links:

www.aadistrict12.com
https://district10nia.org/
www.aa-nia.org
www.aa.org
https://www.aa.org/pages/en US/meeting-guide
www.aagrapevine.org

District 12 Answering Service: 920-474-6262

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## District 12 Officers (Confidential - this information is for A.A. use only)

| Position | Chair | Alternate |
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| DCM | Bonnie P | OPEN |
| Secretary | Angela | Renita D. |
| Treasurer | Laura J. | John M |
| Answering Service | Betty | OPEN |
| Archives | OPEN | OPEN |
| Bridging the Gap | Scott E. |  |
| Corrections | Les | Jackie S |
| CPC / Treatment | Dick M. | Robert B |
| Directory | Cindy W. | OPEN |
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| Literature | Ken C. | OPEN |
| Newsletter | Colleen M | OPEN |
| Public Information | Nancy | Francelia K. |
| Special Events | Gimel T. | Billy S |
| Webmaster | Ted T. | OPEN |

Interested in an open position?
Please attend the monthly District meeting for more information.
We meet the $3^{\text {rd }}$ Sunday of the Month at $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ (GSR meeting at $3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ ) at the Waukegan Alano Club.

