

## Conferences/Events

### Serenity Shack 1st Annual Hog Roast

**Saturday, September 10th**  
**3:00 pm**  
117 N. Ohio Street, Rantoul

Bottom's Up Meeting 6:30

\$5 suggested donation. No one turned away. Live music and more. Great fellowship.

### Area 21 Assembly

Hosted by Springfield District 19

Ansar Shriners Temple  
630 S Sixth St. Springfield, IL

#### Saturday, September 10

Potluck at 6:30 pm  
Speaker at 7:30 pm

#### Sunday, September 11

Assembly Registration at 7:30 am  
Event begins at 9:00 am

#### Cost of Event

Assembly \$6.00  
Luncheon \$10.00

#### Lodging

Route 66 Hotel  
St Joseph and S 6th Street  
Rooms \$69 plus Tax  
(217)529-6636  
Make Reservations under SIA21

**For More Info: Contact Leo S. (217)652-8370  
or Tom K. (217)899-4022**

*\*After Area Assembly there will be a committee meeting for State Conference 2012 which will be hosted in Springfield.*

### 2011 Illinois State Conference

**Hosted by Area 19**

**August 5, 6, 7**

Holiday Inn North Shore  
5300 West Touhy Avenue  
Skokie, IL

#### Speakers

Pam R.	ECR Trustee
Ana H.	Chicago, IL
Harold G.	Annapolis, MD
Rev. Ward E.	Chairman GSB
James L.	Evanston, IL
Laura G.	CASO Manager
Phyllis H.	General Manager GSO

**Registration** \$20, **Banquet** \$60, **Alateen** \$10

#### Lodging

Holiday Inn, Skokie  
Ph: 866-750-3369 or 847-679-8900  
www.hiskokie.com code A4Q  
Room rates: \$95

#### Contact

Bill W. (312)-206-0642, bwalk2009@att.net  
ISC2011@hotmail.com

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA SOBERFEST 2011

**Saturday, September 24**

Urbana Civic Center – 108 E. Water St., Urbana, IL  
9:00 am to 9:30 pm, door prizes and raffle

10am	Rose E. of Spring Hills, FL (AA)
11am-1pm	Lunch
1pm	Beth G. of Brecksville, OH (AA)
2:30pm	Ellie C. of Fairfield Glade, TN (AFG)
4pm	Panel "Living the 12 Steps"
5:30-7pm	Buffet by Hickory River BBQ
7pm	Grand Raffle
7:30pm	Burns B. of Louisville, KY

Tickets \$20.00 Mail ticket order and payment to  
Soberfest, P.O. Box 1674  
Champaign, IL 61824-1674  
www.illinois-soberfest.com

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR THIS YEAR**

Tickets can also be purchased from Mark G. (714-8873),  
Tamara K., Jack H., Bill B., Sandy, Cheri P., and Larry at  
meetings

Illinois Area 21

District 12



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### Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2011

The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown below is based on reports given by groups listed with GSO, and does not represent an actual account of those who consider themselves AA members.

We are aware of AA activity in more than 180 countries, including 60 autonomous general service offices in other lands. Annually we attempt to contact those GSOs and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking, we use an earlier year's figure.

	<b>Groups</b>	<b>Members</b>
United States	57,905	1,279,664
Canada	<u>4,968</u>	<u>94,017</u>
Sub-Total	62,873	1,373,681
Correctional Facilities	1,559	38,938
Internationalists	3	0
Lone Members	<u>0</u>	<u>105</u>
Total	64,435	1,412,724
Outside US & Canada	<u>43,541</u>	<u>644,948</u>
Grand Total	107,976	2,057,672

**Source:** Box 4-5-9, Summer 2011

### Researchers Link Alcoholism and Impulsivity

In a new brain imaging study on alcoholism and impulse control, alcoholics scored high on measures of impulsivity, were less able to delay gratification, and were less able to inhibit responses, according to Eric D. Claus, first author of the study.

The study was designed to examine the ability to delay immediate gratification and instead choose rewards in the future.

The study showed that alcoholism was associated with a greater tendency to discount future rewards, suggesting that alcoholics may be more impulsive because their brains are aversive to delaying gratification, not because it is rewarding to be impulsive.

**Source:** Grapevine, The Prison Issue, July 2011

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## Member News

### District 12 Officers and Committee Chairs

DCM	John C.
Alternate DCM	Melanie G.
Secretary	Kate M.
Treasurer	Whitney D.
Corrections	Jay S.
Treatment Facilities	Bill B.
Meeting List	Mona M.
Answering Service	Scott S.
Newsletter	Tammy M.
Grapevine	Andy C.
PI-CPC	Linda B.
Website	Joe P.
Archives	Ray M.

District 12 holds its meetings on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00 at 718 S. Randolph.

The *District 12 Newsletter* is published monthly and is distributed to meetings and members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The newsletter publishes member news, announcements, new meetings, events, and anniversaries.

#### Future news items:

If you have information you would like printed in the newsletter, please plan to attend the next meeting of District 12 **OR** send an e-mail to [newsletter@aa-eci.org](mailto:newsletter@aa-eci.org)

#### Deadline:

The 20th of each month

## District 12 News

### Announcements

Fariba M., our Area Delegate, joined us. She will be coming again October 16th and will give a delegate report.

### New Meeting

Saturdays, 9:00 am Looney Tunes, Christ Unity Church, 1206 E. Main Street, Urbana, closed, wc.

### Service Opportunities

**Treatment Center Facilities** need volunteers, especially women. Meetings at Prairie Center are on Tuesdays at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am. Meetings at the Pavilion are on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm (AA orientation) and the first Saturday of the month at 12 noon (AA Bridge the Gap). More volunteers are need to keep a healthy rotation. Contact Rodney at 898-7012 for more information.

**Treasurer Service Opportunity.** Whitney D. is stepping down as District 12 treasurer. We are looking for a conscientious member of AA to finish out the current term (ends 12/2012). The treasurer is an elected position so if you are interested in serving, please make sure your name gets submitted to District 12 and plan on attending the next District 12 meeting on August 21, 2:00 at 718 S. Randolph (hall), Champaign. *Whitney, you have our gratitude for your service and our thanks for doing such a good job!*

**Newsletter Service Opportunity.** Please contact Tammy M. if you are interested in typing articles, researching articles, typing events, or just joining us to toss around article ideas. The newsletter committee meets once a month. [tmast08@yahoo.com](mailto:tmast08@yahoo.com) or 217-841-4721.

At July's district meeting it was discussed that it is hard for GSRs to remember everything they need to report back to their home groups. We try to highlight what we can in the newsletter, but don't always have the space to report all pertinent information. If you want to know what's going on in and around District 12 please join us the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 at the Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME. You might hear about an activity or event in which you would be interested in participating. Remember, District 12 will be hosting an Area Assembly next year and will be forming a committee this fall.

### AA Trivia Question

(to be answered in next month's issue with source)

What were Dr. Bob's last words to Bill W.?

## July Calendar

Friday, August 5 - Sunday, August 7  
2011 Illinois State Conference  
Skokie, IL (see page 4)

Monday, August 8, 8:00 pm  
**Cellar Dwellers Speaker Meeting**  
**Speaker: Jason**  
First Presbyterian Church, 602 W. Green, Urbana

Saturday, August 13, 8:00 pm  
**As Bill Sees It Speaker Meeting**  
**Speaker: Pam Q.**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Saturday, August 20, 6:30 pm  
**Bottoms Up Speaker Meeting**  
**Speaker: Maureen**  
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio St., Rantoul

Sunday, August 21, 2:00 pm  
**District 12 Meeting**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Thursday, August 25, 8:00 pm  
**H.O.W. Speaker Meeting**  
**Speaker: Dierdre**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Friday, August 26, 8:00 pm  
**Charleston Friday Night Meeting**  
**Speaker: Gus**  
Madison & 7th, Charleston

Saturday, August 27, 6:00 pm  
**Working With Others**  
**Speaker: TBA**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Sunday, August 28, 8:00 pm  
**Grapevine Group**  
**Speaker: Ron R.**  
Prairie Center, 122 W. Hill, Champaign

Monday, August 29, 8:00 pm  
**Monday Meeting**  
**Speaker: TBA**  
40 Martyrs Fellowship Hall  
109 E. Van Allen, Tuscola

### ISCYPAA CU BID COMMITTEE

Saturday, August 20  
1:00 pm

\$5.00 suggested donation. Meat provided. Bring a dish to share. Water fights, sports, and recreation.

47 North from Mahomet, follow the signs.



## Anniversaries

Congratulations to all of those celebrating a recent anniversary!

<b>Mark G.</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>21 years</b>
<b>Cindy N.</b>	<b>July 5</b>	<b>24 years</b>
<b>Tony C.</b>	<b>July 6</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>Jim A.</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>32 years</b>
<b>Larry S.</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>14 years</b>
<b>Mick L.</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>5 years</b>

If you know of any anniversaries that you would like to put in the newsletter, send an e-mail to [newsletter@aa-eci.org](mailto:newsletter@aa-eci.org). Please get the person's consent!!!