

Conferences/Events

PICNIC IN THE PARK

(sponsored by Tuesday Night Newcomers)

Saturday, July 30th

Ambucs Park Pavilion, E. University Ave., Urbana

Start – 3:00 pm

Serving – 4:30pm

Raffle – 6:30pm

Speaker – 7:00pm – Jim P. (Tuscola)

Pork chops/hotdogs/burgers/drinks/table service provided. Bring a side dish if you wish.

Area 21 Assembly

Hosted by Springfield District 19

Ansar Shriners Temple
630 S Sixth St. Springfield, IL

Saturday, September 10

Potluck at 6:30

Speaker at 7:30

Sunday, September 11

Ansar Shriners Temple

Registration: 7:30

Event Begins: 9:00

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

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

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CHAMPAIGN-URBANA SOBERFEST

2011

Saturday, September 24

Urbana Civic Center – 108 E. Water St., Urbana, IL

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, and Larry at meetings

Illinois Area 21

District 12



Alcoholics Anonymous NEWSLETTER

July 2011

www.aa-eci.org

Delegate Report – June 5, 2011

Good morning. Thank you for being here with us today. I'm Fariba Murray, Delegate Panel 61, Area 21 Southern Illinois. As your delegate I had the privilege to attend the General Service Conference in New York at the end of April. This is how I introduced myself at the conference. This is the 61st panel since the general service conference started back in 1950. Our 61st Annual General Service Conference took place May 1 through May 7 in New York City. The theme of this year's Conference was "We are Responsible for A.A.'s Future – Let It Begin with Us."

The General Service Conference is an annual meeting of our fellowship. All matters of importance to our fellowship are addressed by committees and all recommendations are then brought to the full conference for debate and voting. The committee's recommendations become Conference Advisory Actions if approved by the conference. A 2/3 majority vote is needed for any items to pass. (Copies of this report in full were passed out at our June District 12 meeting, here is an excerpt of interest...)

A nonalcoholic trustee sat next to me at the dinner. These people give a lot of their time to our program even though they are not alcoholic. So, I took the opportunity to ask him why he became a trustee. He said I am a judge in California. He said over the last 20 years, he must have sent 20,000 people to AA. He said he sentences people to 90 meetings in 90 days, 120 in 120, etc. If they can't get to meetings, he sentences them to read the *Grapevine* and write him essays. He said he didn't know what he would do without AA. Then he told me the story of a 19-year-old male that was brought to his court who had blown a .46. He should have been dead. The judge said he had him put away for the night and then sent to treatment. He said a year later a young man appeared in his court with his one year chip. The judge said, "I didn't know what that was at the time." The young man asked, "Judge, do you remember me?" The judge said no. The young man said "I am the .46. I was on my way to dying and you stopped it and I am a year sober now. I wanted to give you my one-year medallion to thank you for saving my life." By this point of the story the judge was in tears, as was I, as well as the delegate sitting to the other side of the judge! I understood very well why non-AAs get passionate about Alcoholics Anonymous just as much as we do.

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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

Deadline:
The 20th of each month

District 12 June meeting highlights

District 12 Treasurer Opportunity Please contact Whitney D. (217-493-7784) if you are interested in finding out what's involved in being District 12's treasurer.

AA Answering Service We are pleased that the number of volunteers who signed up for the hotline has been larger than expected. Due to this, if you have signed up to volunteer, it may be some time before you are called, but all who signed up are on the list. Thank you for your support now and in the future. Scott S.

Archives There is an Archives Committee meeting at the hall at 1:15, Sunday, July 31 following the SWAT meeting. Obtaining group histories will be discussed. All are welcome.

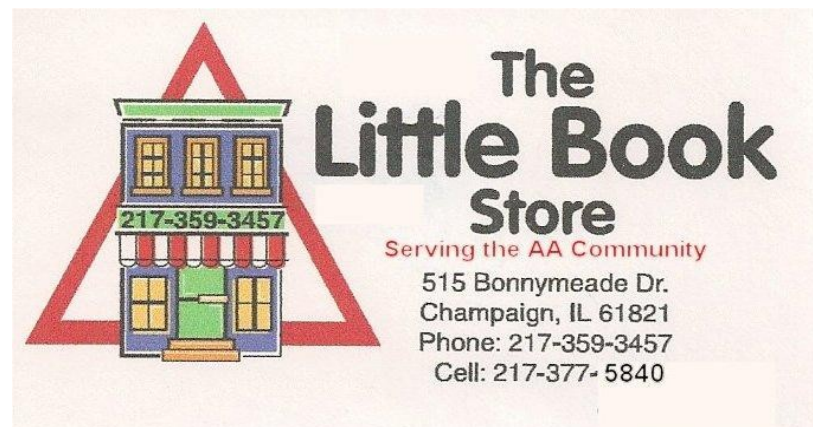
District 12's bid to host an Area assembly in Champaign was accepted for June (not March) of 2012. Contact your GSR to participate in helping with this rewarding event.

District 9 has folded. A letter was sent to its clubs saying they must request to join a new District. Two meeting representatives were at our District meeting to request being a part of District 12. They have been welcomed to our District. Two more Danville meetings may be joining us. Look for updates on our meeting lists when the ones we have printed now run out.

New meetings

Big Book Meeting, Sunday, 5pm, Open, 607 E. 5th St., Tilton

Begin Again, Friday, 7:30pm, AA/Alanon, couples etc., Camel Club, 508 E. Fairchild, Danville



July Calendar

Monday, July 4, 1:00 pm
4th of July Cookout
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Thursday, July 7, 7:00 pm
One Step at a Time Potluck
Speaker: Bob S. (8:00)
Community United Church of Christ
6th & Daniel, Champaign

Saturday, July 9, 8:00 pm
As Bill Sees It Speaker Meeting
Speaker: Jim A.
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Monday, July 11, 8:00 pm
Cellar Dwellers Speaker Meeting
Speaker: Jason R.
First Presbyterian Church, 602 W. Green, Urbana

Saturday, July 16, 6:30 pm
Bottoms Up Speaker Meeting & Potluck
Speaker: Dave B.
Dinner at 5:00, Speakers at 6:30
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio St., Rantoul

Sunday, July 17, 2:00 pm
District 12 Meeting
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Saturday, July 23, 6:00 pm
Working With Others
Speaker: TBA
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Monday, July 25, 8:00 pm
Monday Meeting
Speaker: TBA
40 Martyrs Fellowship Hall
109 E. Van Allen, Tuscola

Thursday, July 28, 8:00 pm
H.O.W. Speaker Meeting
Speaker: TBA
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Friday, July 29, 11:15 am
One Lunch at a Time Potluck (burgers and brats)
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Friday, July 29, 8:00 pm
Charleston Friday Night Meeting
Speaker: TBA
Madison & 7th, Charleston

Friday, July 29, 7:30 pm
Friday Night Fellowship
Speaker: Tony N.
Episcopal Church
State & University, Champaign

Saturday, July 30, 3:00 pm
Picnic at the Park
Ambucs Park
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Sunday, July 31, 1:15 pm
Archives Committee Meeting
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

Sunday, July 31, 8:00 pm
Grapevine Group
Speaker: Marta C.
Prairie Center, 122 W. Hill, Champaign

Anniversaries

Congratulations to all of those celebrating a recent anniversary!

Gene C.	June 1	23 years
Mary O.	June 9	15 years
Jimmy W.	June 11	25 years
Dan D.	June 13	12 years
Nikki H.	June 14	2 years
Dawn N.	June 16	4 years
Tadd O.	June 19	5 years
Rich R.	June 24	3 years
Bill S.	June 25	17 years
Bill S.	June 30	21 years

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