



East Central Illinois AA District 12 Newsletter



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Checklist

From the AA Grapevine

Principle Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

July District Meeting

District 12 trusted servants and GSR's meet regularly the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2 PM at the Fellowship Circle Hall. The meeting is open to all. Minutes of these meetings are posted on the Web/Internet at <http://www.aa-eci.org/>.

Our area delegate, Hugh Neville, gave a brief account of his experience at the general service conference in New York.

He also reported the Area Spring Conference needs support. Anyone in A. A. can attend. It is a great opportunity to learn more about A. A. as a whole and bring your experiences back to your home group. More will be revealed (look/ask for fliers &/or check the website).

A District-wide *fearless and thorough inventory* is proposed and is being considered. GSR's will be discussing this further at their respective Home Groups. The exact format and process for said inventory remains to be determined.

Stan is our new District Archive rep. If you or your home group have access to old A. A. stuff (fliers, home group notes or histories, etc.) Contact him or send it with your GSR to District.

Julie N. Summary

That's Not What A.A. Says

Have you ever heard quotes and snappy slogans around the tables of A.A., that are not part of our solution? Usually a person, with some time or not, trying to quote the Big Book or the Bible, or the internet, or Al-Anon, or something they heard at meetings utters the slogan. With repetition by others they become regular meeting slogans. In my opinion, many of these haven't been useful for my recovery. Here are a few examples:

Peace, Mark G

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?

Not AA	AA
"Take what you need and leave the rest."	"Half measures availed us nothing"
"This is a selfish program."	"This is a selfless program."
"I'm working on myself" <i>Alanon</i>	"I'm helping others." <i>AA</i>
"I have a choice whether to drink."	"The fact is that most alcoholics have lost the power of choice in drink."
"I'm finding balance; that's why I don't go to meetings"	"We cannot rest on our laurels, alcohol is a subtle foe."

**Please send us
your groups'
event
news!!!!!!**

Internet Recovery Resources

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org> Official AA GSO website. It has the Big Book, service manual, preamble, world-wide meeting search.
<http://www.aa-eci.org> This is District 12's site. Opportunities for service, meeting schedule, speaker meeting info, and the Big Book online, chat, *Newsletter*
<http://www.12stepradio.com> You heard it! It streams recovery songs 24/7. Also they have forums, announce sobriety dates

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			2nd Thurs of Month Leroy Campfire Mtg. & Pitch-In – Howard Virgin Park			1
2	3	4	5	6 Tony C. 1year	7	8 Judy – 2 yrs.
9	10	11	12 Campfire Mtg. & Pitch-In Howard Virgin Park Lerov 6:30 -9	13	14 Dixie & Gary's BBQ 5pm - ? As Bill Sees It Speaker- Fred B.-Kankakee	15 District 12 Mtg. 2pm at the Hall
16	17	18	19 Harry L. – 14 years	20	21 Tues Newcomers Picnic 3-8 Speaker – Fred C. Ambucs Park, U	22
23	24	25	26 H.O W. speaker - 8pm John O.	27	28 John C. BBQ – 4pm til ? (See Fliers)	29
30	31					

<http://www.sobercasting.org>

Wally G.

**We will get the word out
to everybody in A.A.
for you!!!!!!**