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Southern Illinois Area 21 Assembly Hosted by District 12 in Champaign/Urbana

Registration starts at 7:30am
Assembly starts at 9:00am

Fee: \$5.00
Lunch: \$10.00

Held at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 East Water Street, Urbana, IL

Our Area Delegate will be giving a first-hand report of the 62nd General Service Conference that just took place in New York on April 22-27 (including a slide show). After Area reports are wrapped up following lunch, there will be break-out sessions to learn more about officer, committee, and GSR opportunities and responsibilities in AA. Take advantage of the Assembly being local to learn more about where your talents lie in service work. Sponsors, bring your sponsees!

There will be a speaker meeting Saturday evening June 16th at 8:00pm at Fellowship Circle Hall, hosted by the "As Bill Sees It" Group at 718 South Randolph Street, Champaign, IL. Doors open at 7:00, dessert served prior to speaker at 8:00pm. Speaker is Bob S., former DCM—21 years sober.

For more info about the Assembly or lodging, contact John C.

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*District 12 Officers and
Committee Chairs*

DCM	John C.
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Newsletter	Tammy M.
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PI-CPC	Linda B.
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*District 12 holds its meetings on the
3rd Sunday of every month at 2pm in
the Fellowship Circle Hall at 718 South
Randolph, Champaign.*

*If you would like to submit something
for publication, or just send
comments or questions to the
Committee, please email
newsletter@aa-eci.org. Deadline for
submissions is the 20th of each month.*

The 12 Concepts for World Service

Last month's trivia question was a bit more involved than our usual quick snippets and fun facts. So, to answer May's challenge, "What are the 12 Concepts," we are providing the answer in its entirety. The Twelve Concepts for World Service provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.'s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve. The 'short form' of the Concepts, which follows, was prepared by the 1974 General Service Conference.

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1. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
2. The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.
3. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.--the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives--with a traditional "Right of Decision."
4. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
5. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
6. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
7. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purpose for final effectiveness.
8. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these

entities.

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.

10. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

11. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

12. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action. punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

DISTRICT 12 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There will be NO District 12 meeting in June since the Area Assembly is on the 3rd Sunday in June. All GSRs, officers, committee chairs and committee members are asked to come to the Area Assembly and encourage other District 12 members to participate and everyone bring sponsees.

It was suggested at District that home groups pay the \$5 registration for members that are interested in becoming GSRs, Alternate GSRs, and/or service work on the District or Area level out of their 7th tradition to help AA members to continue carrying the message.

Typical committee and GSR reports were given. There are a lot of people in District 12 participating in service work and still many volunteer opportunities exist in the various committees.

FYI – The Summer 2012 issue of Box 459 is out. Ask your group's GSR to take a look at it or find it online at www.aa.org under A.A. literature. There are interesting facts in this issue from the conference that you can take with you to be prepared for the Area Assembly.

High Noon meeting in Charleston found a home! Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays at noon at 720 4th Street.

From the Newsletter E-mail: A note was sent regarding the literature article from last month that Cellar Dwellers is also a meeting that provides literature. They meet on Monday nights in Urbana.

AA TRIVIA

(We now return to short snippets and fun facts!)

The one millionth copy of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous was given to whom?

ANNIVERSARIES

To submit an anniversary to the newsletter, please email newsletter@aa-eci.org. (Be sure to get consent!)

Ian S.	May 8	2 years
Linda Z.	May 12	10 years
Linda F.	May 13	10 years
Tammy M.	May 14	3 years
Chris W.	May 15	2 years
Pat K.	May 15	8 years
John M.	May 19	24 years

All anniversaries are published after they have passed in the following month's newsletter.

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Sunday, June 3rd, 12pm

SWAT Group, Speaker: Libby H.
718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign

Monday, June 11th, 8pm

Cellar Dwellers, Speaker: Bill B.
602 W. Green Street, Urbana

Saturday, June 16th 6:30pm

Bottoms Up, Speaker: Scott S.
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio Street, Rantoul

Saturday, June 16th 8:00pm

As Bill Sees It, Speaker: Bob S.
718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign ***

Wednesday, June 20th, 7:30pm

Nuts and Bolts, Speaker: TBA
Camel Club, 508 E. Fairchild, Danville

Saturday, June 23rd, 6pm

Working with Others, Speaker: TBA
718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign

Sunday, June 24th, 8pm

Grapevine Group, Speaker: Suzi W.
Prairie Center, 122 West Hill Street, Champaign

Monday, June 25th, 8pm

Monday Meeting, Speaker: TBA
109 E. Van Allen, Tuscola

Thursday, May 28th, 7pm

H.O.W. Group, Speaker: Julie N.
718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign

Friday, June 29th, 8pm

Friday Night Meeting, Speaker: TBA
Madison & 7th Avenues, Charleston

***NOTE: As Bill Sees It will be holding its speaker meeting on the 3rd Sunday instead of its usual 2nd Sunday due to the Area Assembly. See event listing on page 1 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

28th Annual Rantoul Area AA Campout

**3 pm, Friday, June 1 through
12pm, Sunday, June 3**

*Middlefork River Forest Preserve
Burr Oak Group Area
Fun & Fellowship for the Whole Family!*

Activities Include:

Grilled Chicken Potluck (6 pm. Friday)
Hog Roast Potluck (5 pm. Saturday)
Campfire Meetings (8 pm. Friday & Saturday nights)
Speaker Meeting – Terry S. (10 am. Sunday morning)
Coda & Alanon meetings (Saturday afternoon)
Campfire Music (Friday & Saturday evenings)
Children's Activities (Saturday morning)

\$3 per person over age 16, per night

For more info contact:

Stan H. (217-493-6429) Jack H. (217-386-2805) or Don R.
(217-637-0119)

SWAT (Serenity, Willingness, Acceptance, & Tolerance) Group Presents

**Spring SWATluck!
Sunday, June 3rd, 12pm**

SPEAKER: LIBBY H.

718 South Randolph, (The Hall), Champaign
Fun, Food, & Fellowship! Join us, bring a friend, bring a
sponsor or sponsee, and please bring a dish to share!!!!

C-U ISCYPAA Bid Committee 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social! Sunday, June 10, 2-6pm

Crystal Lake Park in Urbana
Speaker: Wendy J, from Bloomington, at 5pm
fellowship, games, ice cream sundaes, ice cream cups,
rootbeer floats, etc.

(donations always appreciated)

2012 East Central Regional Conference

MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE

CARRYING THE A. A. MESSAGE:
STILL OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

WHEN: JUNE 29 2012 – JULY 1 2012

WHERE: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

187 Monroe NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-774-2000

Registration: \$15.00

Rooms start at \$89.00 per night

CONTACTS: Rick P. 616-291-5060

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WEEKEND EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Panel Discussions – Alkathon – AA Speakers –
Banquet – Dance – Committee Display Tables –
Archives Display – Big Book
Prison/Jail Sale – Hospitality Room – Fellowship and
Much More!!

Hospitality Room and Coffee Donations ensure our
ability to continue the tradition of free coffee and
refreshments throughout the convention. Note any
additional donation on the memo line of your check.
Thank you.

EAST CENTRAL REGION ADDITIONAL FORUM

August 10-12

Friday, 7pm to 10pm
Saturday, 9am to 9:45pm
Sunday, 9am to noon

*Holiday Inn and Conference Center
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
222 Potomac Blvd. (I-57 & I-64)*

Room Rate \$79.00 + tax (reservation code AAW)
618-244-7100

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