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GSR School & Recovery

On April 14th, Southern Illinois Area 21 (SIA21) held a GSR (General Service Representative) school in Springfield. Members from all 14 of Area 21's active districts attended to learn what GSR's can do for their groups, and how service through a Group, or through a District committee or office, or Area office is a great a way to "carry the message" to others. Service supports your own sobriety by giving away what you have received from AA.

Current and former Area officers outlined how Groups, Districts and Areas relate to the General Service Office. They also shared their own experiences and answered questions about common issues and problems facing groups. The lunch break allowed people from different districts to exchange experiences about their districts and share ideas.

Another version of GSR school will be held at the next Area Assembly, on Sunday, June 17th at the Urbana Civic Center. If you are, or are interested in becoming, a GSR or Alternate GSR for your group, please attend. (Information about the Assembly follows below.) If you have sponsees, encourage them to attend to gain more knowledge of what it means to be a GSR, a District or Area officer, and of the different committees that carry the AA message (such as Treatment Centers, Meeting List, or Corrections). Service work is the one of the larger aspects of AA's basic premise: that alcoholics can help other alcoholics get and stay sober. Even someone with a short time in the program can make a difference.

~Rosemary T.

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

June 17, 2012 at the Urbana Civic Center, 108 East Water St., Urbana, IL
Registration opens at: 7:30AM Assembly Starts at: 9:00AM
Registration: \$5.00 Lunch \$10.00
Saturday Night Speaker Meeting hosted by the "As Bill See's It Group"

June 16th at the Fellowship Circle Hall at 718 South Randolph Street, Champaign, IL
Doors open at 7:00PM, desserts served
Speaker at 8:00PM: Bob S. Former DCM – 21 years of sobriety
For more information please contact: John C. at 217-721-7929

Rooms available at:

Ramada Inn

902 West Killarney Street, Urbana, IL 61801

877-361-2502, confirmation # 59852659

Room Rates: \$79.20 + tax (Must mention Area 21 Assembly)

*District 12 Officers and
Committee Chairs*

DCM	John C.
Alternate DCM	Mike G.
Secretary	Kate M.
Treasurer	Steve B.
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	Rosemary T.
Archives	Doris A.

*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.*

Literature: Where Do I Get a Big Book?

This question has been circulating lately, so this is a helpful article to provide some answers. There are a few options. Locally, District 12 does not have a Literature Chair person (nor a district office) but our friend, T.J., used to fill that position years ago and carted around all sorts of materials in the trunk of his car. It became a bit much and he and Joan now provide our A.A. community a service for literature through The Little Book Store at their home in Champaign.

The Little Book Store Mission Statement: To provide A.A. Literature Sales & Accessories as a 12-Tradition Operation. Primarily we are self-supporting and all work is donated through service work. Literature sales and accessory items are maintained for your convenience.

The service provided by The Little Book Store helps our District by providing literature, pamphlets, and accessory items. The benefits are: there is no waiting for normally stocked items, they can save you money, there are no minimum orders, quick and prompt delivery is offered, and all literature and accessory items are fully guaranteed. Special order items are made upon request with a 50% deposit.

Price lists, order forms and catalogs are available upon request at 217-377-5840. You can also e-mail T.J. at n9pfc@comcast.net. Call ahead for directions. If T.J. isn't there, Joan will be glad to help you. This service is for individuals as well as for groups in District 12.

There are also a few groups in our District that do provide some literature, especially including the big book of Alcoholics Anonymous. These groups include: *One Lunch At A Time* (at the Hall at 718 S. Randolph noon Mon.-Sat.), *Tuesday Night Newcomers* (at the Hall at 718 S. Randolph 8pm), *H.O.W.* (at the House Mon. and Hall Wed. and Thurs. at 718 S. Randolph at 7:00 pm), *Monticello Thursday Night* (8pm at the Presbyterian Church, 214 S. Charter, enter on Lafayette), *Rantoul* meetings at The Shack (see a District 12 meeting list) and meetings in *Charleston* (see District Highlights in this Newsletter).

If your group provides literature and you would like to get the word out, e-mail the Newsletter at newsletter@aa-eci.org.

Nationally, the A.A. World Service at www.aa.org states: Purchasing A.A. literature can begin in an A.A. group. Groups and others can order from a local Central/Intergroup, Area, or District Office (remember District 12 does not have a district office nor a literature chair). The General Service Office cooperates closely with these offices, which have become a valuable resource for members and groups,

throughout the United States and Canada.

If you are unable to reach a local service office (a group, or The Little Book Store), please contact the General Service Office to request a catalog and order form: Alcoholics Anonymous, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 459, New York, N.Y. 10163, or phone 212-870-3400.

A.A. World Services Order Entry Department is 1-212-870-3312 and the link to the catalog online is http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en_pdfs/aacatalog.pdf. These are your options. Anyone reading this now knows resources for literature and can share this information so no alcoholic need do without any literary tool available in the Alcoholics Anonymous 12 step program.

~Tammy M.

AA TRIVIA

From April:

The pamphlet, "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." was previously a paper published in a scholarly journal. What was it?

Answer: The American Journal of Psychiatry, November, 1949 (Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ed., page 570)

May's Challenge:

What are the Twelve Concepts?

DISTRICT 12 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

There was a highlight a couple of months ago inadvertently overlooked that I must pause to make mention of here. Melanie G. stepped down as Alternate DCM and we published in January that the position was up for grabs and that Mike G. had been nominated. No one else was nominated and Mike G. was voted in. Thank you Melanie for the service work you've provided and thank you Mike for joining us and being so active in our newly expanded District. Rosemary T. has joined us as our new Website chair person. Thanks to Joe P. for his service and welcome Rosemary. She would like anyone that has scripting or computer skills to come to our District meeting and indicate your interest in being on her committee.

May 6th is the next Area Assembly committee meeting. Contact John C. for more information.

Don't forget what service work and sponsorship do for our recovery. AA works by rotation so that no one person governs. Sponsors bring your sponsees to the next Area Assembly and take advantage of the Assembly being held locally. You can participate in the break out sessions that will follow the District reports within the Area to learn more about what each of you may be interested in and talented in.

Extra Reminders on Groups/Meetings:

May 12th is the cut off for groups to be recognized at G.S.O., including any GSR and Alternate GSR changes. Get a group change form and mail it in or e-mail: registrarsia21@gmail.com.

Charleston meetings: There is a new club trying to start up and at first all AA meetings would be held there. Now it seems as though the club may not be what AA affiliates with. So as a result the High Noon meeting is no longer a consistent meeting with any one location. The Wednesday night Think Before You Drink meeting is now at Otterbein Methodist Church at 8pm at 2175 E. Harrison. The Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday meetings at Hour House will stay put for now. Also the Friday Night Meeting is still the same.

Savoy Tuesday Night Group is changing its start time from 8:00pm to 7:30pm beginning on May 1st. This meeting is located at the corner of Old Church Rd. and Duncan Rd. in the United Methodist Church along with the A.A. meeting are an Al-anon and A Parents Group. All meetings are being changed to the 7:30 start time.

NEW Monticello Monday Night meeting! Mondays at 7pm, closed meeting. At Four Square Church at I-72 and Bridge Street exit. Note: Al-Anon meeting takes place next door at the same time/and location.

There will be another new meeting list printed very soon. Get all information to Mona M. or Andy C.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

John C.	April 3	15 years
Bruce W.	April 6	2 years
Jeff R.	April 6	3 years
Don W.	April 10	17 years
Patrick H.	April 19	5 years
Scott S.	April 28	19 years

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

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Saturday, May 12th, 8pm

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

Monday, May 14th, 8pm

Cellar Dwellers, Speaker: Jim A.
602 W. Green Street, Urbana

Tuesday, May 15th, 8pm

Tolono Closed Group, Speaker: Shannon M.
104 E. Vine, Tolono

Wednesday, May 16th, 7:30pm

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

Saturday, May 19th 6:30pm

Bottoms Up, Speaker: Jessica W. (from Mahomet)
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio Street, Rantoul

Thursday, May 24th, 7pm

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

Friday, May 25th, 8pm

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

Saturday, May 26th, 6pm

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

Sunday, May 27th, 8pm

Grapevine Group, Speaker: TBA
Prairie Center, 122 West Hill Street, Champaign

Monday, May 28th, 8pm

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Annual Women's AA Luncheon
Guest Speaker
(closed meeting/no children allowed)
Sunday, May 6

Hoffman House Restaurant
At the Holiday Inn
7500 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61108

Doors open at 12 pm.
 Lunch served at 1 pm.
 \$25 per person

Tickets will be mailed to you;
 no tickets sold at the door
 To sit together, order together (tables seat 8)
 Order tickets before April 22, 2012

Make checks payable to: Women's Luncheon Committee

Mail to: P.O. Box 15954, Loves Park, IL 61132. Include your name, address, city, state, zip, phone, number of tickets, & total amount paid. Also note if you are hearing impaired, and your meal choices (prime rib, chicken, vegetarian).

For more information call:
 Linda W. (815-978-1674) Jan S. (815-398-6208)
 Pat K. (815-229-2542)

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)

Looney Toons Celebrates
One Year Anniversary of Meeting (5/7)
Saturday, May 12

8am pancake/sausage breakfast
 9am meeting at Unity Church,
 1206 E. Main Street, Urbana, IL

Don W. (GSR) would like to thank all the people who gave wonderful leads over the year and is pleased to share that all of the core group are still regular attendees.

Joy of Living Presents the Annual
Spring Fling Potluck!
Saturday, May 19

322 S. Rising Road, Champaign



FELLOWSHIP – 1:00 PM
 EAT – 5:30 PM
 PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

Speaker Ray M - Champaign
 8:00 PM
 Bonfire, Music, and Games

Fourth Annual Spring Fling Convention
Building an Arch to Freedom
May 25-27, Memorial Day Weekend

Hilton Frontenac
1335 South Lindbergh Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63131

Convention information:
 Bob B 314-713-6130
 blueman-1@webtv.net
 Linda B 636-575-8255
 foxenfun1@yahoo.com

Hotel information:
 314-993-1100
 314-993-8546 (fax)
 \$79.00
 room rate (mention Spring Fling)

Please register early!
 Cut-off for accommodations
 and registration is May 18.

Speaker Line-Up:

Friday Evening, 8:00 pm
Tom I., Southern Pines, NC T
 Saturday Morning, 10:00 am
Tina H., Austin, TX
 Al-Anon Luncheon 1:00 pm
Larcene G., Hawthorn, CA
 Saturday Workshop 3:00 pm
Tom I., Southern Pines, NC
 Saturday Banquet 6:30 pm
Kip C., Vista, CA
 Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am
Bill T., Las Vegas, NV