

Illinois Area 21

District 12



Alcoholics Anonymous

## NEWSLETTER

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[www.aa-eci.org](http://www.aa-eci.org)

### SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE WORK ISSUE

#### AA's Legacy of Service

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an AA service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to AA's General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.

These services, whether performed by individuals, groups, areas, or AA as a whole, are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Nor can we make AA more simple by abolishing such services. We would only be asking for complication and confusion."

Concerning any give service, we therefore pose but one question: "Is this service really needed?" If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who seek and need AA.

*~Bill Wilson, New York, 1951*

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*District 12 Officers and  
Committee Chairs*

DCM	Gary S.
Alternate DCM	VACANT
Secretary	VACANT
Treasurer	Steve B.
Corrections	Mike K. & Cheryl E.
Treatment Facilities	Tim C. & Creighton
Meeting List	Mona M.
Answering Service	Sam E.
Newsletter	VACANT
Grapevine	VACANT
PI-CPC	VACANT
Website	Rosemary T.
Archives	Doris A. & Mike W.

*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 20<sup>th</sup> of each  
month.*

## **CURRENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRICT 12**

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Your beloved District Newsletter is calling all authors!! We are always on the lookout for fresh ideas and new articles. If funny is your thing, send us cartoons or jokes. In addition, the Newsletter is constantly looking for more committee members for various duties, including distribution, information gathering, and word processing.

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It's never too early to start planning for Soberfest, our favorite event of the year! The next Soberfest Planning Committee meeting is on Saturday, June 8th at 7pm in the house at Fellowship Circle, 718 South Randolph, Champaign.

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Look to your left! All those Committee Chairs just waiting to be filled! If you want to try and get on the nominating slate, attend the next District Meeting on May 19th at 2pm in the hall at Fellowship Circle, 718 South Randolph, Champaign. Or just volunteer to become a committee member for Archives, PI-CPC, Grapevine, or the Newsletter.

### **District Highlights**

DCM Kate M. announced her resignation effective immediately due to personal and professional commitments. Gary S. as Alternate DCM has assumed her position immediately. The Alternate DCM position will remain vacant until filled by election.

Rachel D. announced her resignation effectively immediately as District

Secretary for personal reasons and other service commitments. The position will remain unfilled until filled by election.

A slate of candidates will be set at the May District meeting. Eligible candidates should have at least 2-3 of sobriety and some service experience at the group or committee level. Persons interested in running for election as either Alternate DCM or Secretary should contact Gary S. (at ggs26@comcast.net or 217-384-1732) and attend the May District meeting. After the creation of a candidate slate, elections will be held at the June meeting.

Gary S. ordered a large number of GSO birthday envelopes (for contributions to GSO to celebrate sobriety anniversaries). If you need some for your meeting place or home group, please pick them up in Hall.

PI-CPC, Newsletter and Grapevine committees still need chairpersons. Archives will need a new chairperson in October. Please contact Gary S. (at ggs26@comcast.net or 217-384-1732) if you are interested.

A 12:00pm meeting at 120 South Neil started last week.

On Saturday May 11, the Looney Tunes Meeting (Unity Church, Urbana) will celebrate its 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary with a Pancake Breakfast at 8am, with the meeting beginning at 9am. The lead will be given by Kristen F., a founding member of the group who now lives in Chicago.

## AA TRIVIA

April's question:

In the second paragraph on page 163 of the Big Book, there is a reference to a "Prominent psychiatrist and his clinic."

Who does this refer to?

Answer: Dr. Howard of Montclair, New Jersey

May's Challenge:

In AA, we make much use of The Serenity Prayer. The history of this prayer is long and varied, and therefore often wrongly attributed to several infamous people. So who really wrote the prayer?

- A) Thomas Aquinas
- B) Cicero
- C) Saint Augustine
- D) Reinhold Niebuhr
- E) Marcus Aurelius
- F) Francis of Assisi

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

Gary S.	April 27	4 years
John C.	April 3	16 years
Rachel H.	April 12	1 year
Sarah H.	April 7	7 years

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

## SPEAKER MEETINGS

*Sunday, May 5th, 12pm*

SWAT Group, Speaker: Anna J.  
718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign

*Saturday, May 11th, 8pm*

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

*Monday, May 13th, 8pm*

Cellar Dwellers, Speaker: TBA  
602 W. Green, Urbana

*Wednesday, May 15th, 7:30pm*

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

*Saturday, May 18th, 6:30pm*

Bottoms Up, Speaker: Don B.  
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio Street, Rantoul

*Tuesday, May 21st, 8pm*

Tolono Closed Group, Speaker: Terry M.  
104 E. Vine, Tolono (speaker meetings are open)

*Thursday, May 23rd, 7pm*

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

*Saturday, May 25th, 6pm*

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

*Saturday, May 25th, 5pm*

Shoulder to Shoulder Group, Speaker: TBA  
First Christian Church, 16th & Wabash, Mattoon

*Sunday, May 26th, 8pm*

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

*Monday, May 27th, 8pm*

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

*Friday, May 31st, 8pm*

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Bloomington-Normal AA 48<sup>th</sup> Roundup "We Are Not a Glum Lot" May 3-5**

*Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Bloomington Airport  
3202 Empire St. Bloomington, IL 61740  
Ask for special \$102 BNAA Roundup Rate*

**Speakers:**

Friday, May 3, 8pm: Paul R. (Bloomington, IL)

Saturday, May 4: 10am Jack H. (Rantoul, IL)

Saturday, May 4: 8pm Virginia R. (Indianapolis, IN)

Sunday, May 5: 10am Linda E. (Peoria, IL)

AI-Anon Speaker: Saturday, TBA, 1pm

Conference Registration: \$20 conference only; \$45 conference and banquet (indicate choice of pork, chicken or vegetarian entrée)

To register: Mail name, address, city, state, zip, phone, email, and affiliation (AA or AI-Anon) with check to:

BNAA Roundup, P.O. Box 1384, Bloomington, IL 61702-1384

For more information call 309-828-7072 or [ww.aadistrict10.org](http://www.aadistrict10.org)

### **Area 21 Assembly June 9**

**(Hosted by District 18)**

*Moose Lodge, Edwardsville, IL 618-656-5051*

Registration Opens at 8am

Assembly Begins at 9am

Lodging available at Red Roof Inn

Intersection of 162 and 55/70

2030 Formosa Road, Troy IL

618-667-6122 or toll-free 866-307-2222

Mention Southern Illinois Area 21 for \$71.92 rate (tax included)

**Saturday Night Meeting**

**7:30 pm – Library Group**

St. Mary's School Cafeteria

1802 Madison Ave. and Notre Dame

*For more information call Becky V. 618-709-3738 or Pat K. 619-520-4114*

### **29th Annual Rantoul Area AA Camp-Out May 31st thru June 2nd**

*Fun & Fellowship for the Whole Family!*

*Activities Include:*

Grilled Chicken Potluck (6pm Friday)

Hog Roast Potluck (5pm Saturday)

Open Campfire Meetings (8pm Friday & Saturday nights)

Coda Meeting (4pm Saturday)

Alanon meeting (6pm Saturday)

Speaker Meeting Jimmy H. (10 am Sunday morning)

Campfire Music (Friday & Saturday evenings)

Children's Activities (Saturday morning)

3pm Friday thru 12pm Sunday

Middlefork River Forest Preserve

Burr Oak Group Area

*\$3 per person over age 16, per night For more info contact:*

Stan H.: 217-493-6429, Don R.:217-637-0119, Bill B.: 217-621-9269

### **2013 Illinois State Conference "Our Solution in Action" August 23-25**

**(Hosted by Northern IL Area, Districts 22 & 23)**

*Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg, IL*

*1800 East Golf Road*

*Schaumburg, IL 60173*

*1-888-421-1442*

*Conference Room Rate \$89*

*Mention IL State AA Conference*

*<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ILStateAA>*

**AA Speakers**

Friday: Debra B. (Madison, WI)

Saturday: Jack G. (Huntington Beach, CA)

Sunday: Mary D. (GSO Staff)

**AI-Anon Speakers**

Friday: Eric S. (South Elgin, IL)

Saturday: Beverly B. (Lewisville, TX)

Alateen: Kathie R. (Elgin, IL)

**ALCATHON – AL-ANON – ALATEEN – DANCE**

Groups that wish to sit together must register together (8 per table).

**Conference Contacts:**

Larry S. 847-702-1952

Allen J. 630-830-6145

Colleen H., AI-Anon Contact 224-629-6453

**Fees:** AA/AI-Anon –

Conference only: \$20, Conference and Banquet: \$53

Alateen –

Conference only: \$5, Conference and Banquet: \$38

Call the conference Special Needs Chairperson at 847-271-4417  
no later than 2 weeks before the conference  
if an interpreter is needed.

### **East Central Regional Conference July 19-21**

*Paper Valley Radisson*

*Appleton, WI*

*333 W. College Avenue*

*Appleton, WI 54911*

*920-733-8000*

*Conference Room Rate \$95 plus tax*

**BANQUET – ICE CREAM SOCIALS – DANCE – PANELS –  
SPEAKERS – ARCHIVES – DELEGATE MEETING WITH THE EAST  
CENTRAL TRUSTEE**

**Conference Contacts:**

Bob M.: 414-690-4991

Steve H.: 920-739-1977

**Registration Fees:**

Registration Only - \$27

Box Lunches - \$14

Banquet - \$22