

## Conferences/Events

### Serenity Shack 1st Annual Hog Roast

**Saturday, September 10th**  
**3:00 pm**  
117 N. Ohio Street, Rantoul

Bottom's Up Meeting 6:30

\$5 suggested donation. No one turned away. Live music and more. Great fellowship.

### Area 21 Assembly

Hosted by Springfield District 19

Ansar Shriners Temple  
630 S Sixth St. Springfield, IL

#### Saturday, September 10

Potluck at 6:30 pm  
Speaker at 7:30 pm

#### Sunday, September 11

Assembly Registration at 7:30 am  
Event begins at 9:00 am

#### 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**

*\*After Area Assembly there will be a committee meeting for State Conference 2012 which will be hosted in Springfield.*

### 51st Tri-State Convention

**November 4, 5, and 6**

Holiday Inn Convention Center  
222 Potomac Blvd.  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

#### Speakers

Robert H.	Evansville, IN
Clement C.	St. Louis, MO
Sterling W.	Charleston, SC
Sister Ruth.	Anderson, IN
Lyri M. (AFG)	Belleville, IL

**Registration** \$25, **Banquet** \$25, **Alateen** free  
Mail registration, by October 28 to  
2011 Tri-State Convention  
P.O. Box 132  
Carmi, IL 62821

#### Lodging

Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon  
Ph: 800-243-7171 or 618-244-7100  
Mention Tri-State Convention for this discounted rate.  
Room rates: \$79, includes full breakfast buffet

#### Contact

Joe K. (812)-589-5353; Christie B. (618)384-0068; or, Joe F. (618)246-3613

### CHAMPAIGN-URBANA SOBERFEST 2011

**Saturday, September 24**

Urbana Civic Center – 108 E. Water St., Urbana, IL  
9:00 am to 9:30 pm, door prizes and raffle

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, Cheri P., and Larry at  
meetings

Illinois Area 21

District 12



## Alcoholics Anonymous NEWSLETTER

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www.aa-eci.org

## Principles of the 12 Steps of AA

The steps are printed on pages 59 & 60 of the Big Book.

The list below has been seen on a flier circulated in recovery meetings.

#### The Principles of the Program

Step 1	<i>Acceptance</i>
Step 2	<i>Faith</i>
Step 3	<i>Surrender and Trust</i>
Step 4	<i>Honesty</i>
Step 5	<i>Courage</i>
Step 6	<i>Willingness</i>
Step 7	<i>Humility</i>
Step 8	<i>Forgiveness</i>
Step 9	<i>Freedom</i>
Step 10	<i>Perseverance</i>
Step 11	<i>Patience</i>
Step 12	<i>Charity and Love</i>

... and to practice these principles in all our affairs

After a little internet research, it was found that there are other variations on AA Principles, including:

1. Surrender. 2. Hope. 3. Commitment. 4. Honesty.  
5. Truth. 6. Willingness. 7. Humility. 8. Reflection.  
9. Amendment. 10. Vigilance. 11. Attunement.  
12. Service.

1. Honesty. 2. Hope. 3. Faith. 4. Courage.  
5. Integrity. 6. Willingness. 7. Humility. 8. Brotherly Love. 9. Justice. 10. Perseverance. 11. Spirituality. 12. Service.

1. Honesty. 2. Faith. 3. Surrender. 4. Soul Searching. 5. Integrity. 6. Acceptance. 7. Humility. 8. Willingness. 9. Forgiveness. 10. Maintenance. 11. Making Contact. 12. Service.

However, none of these lists can be found on www.aa.org. After further inquiries, I received the following G.S.O. correspondence...

*Warm greetings from the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, where I am one of 11 staff members who correspond with members and others from the United States and Canada. My name is Gayle, and I am an alcoholic.*

*Tammy, we are aware that there are lists created locally circulating in the Fellowship that describe various interpretations of the spiritual principles in the Twelve Steps and Traditions.*

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## Member News

### District 12 Officers and Committee Chairs

DCM	John C.
Alternate DCM	Melanie 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	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](mailto:newsletter@aa-eci.org)

#### Deadline:

The 20th of each month

Principles cont'd

*The group conscience of A.A. as a whole, through the General Service Conference, has never Conference-approved such lists. In other words, you will not find a list of principles in literature published by A.A. World Services, Inc.*

*In the forward to Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, co-founder Bill W. wrote "A.A.'s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole." Some have, perhaps naturally, inferred from this that somewhere in A.A. literature there exists a list of principles. However, as said above, there is no single list that exists in A.A.W.S.-published literature.*

*I hope that this information is helpful to you. All of us here at GSO send you our best wishes.*

*Yours in fellowship,  
Gayle Solheim Riese  
General Service Staff*

## District 12 News

### Announcements

Look for new District 12 Meeting Lists, coming this fall. There will be several new meetings added in areas including Danville, Tilton, Urbana and Mahomet. One meeting will be deleted: the Thursday, 6:30, GLBT meeting at McKinley Foundation in Champaign has folded.

District 12 has a new treasurer: Steve B. Thank you Whitney D. for all your hard work.

District 12 is hosting an Area 21 Assembly in June 2012. A committee is being formed for September. Contact your GSR or come to the September District 12 meeting to participate.

Sponsors, tell your sponsees that there are service opportunities available in the committees listed at the left. They can e-mail the newsletter at [newsletter@aa-eci.org](mailto:newsletter@aa-eci.org) for contact information, or come to the next District Meeting on Sunday, September 18 at 2 pm at 718 S. Randolph (Hall).

## September Calendar

**Sunday, September 4, 12 noon**  
**S.W.A.T. Speaker Meeting & Alligator/Fish Fry Potluck**

**Speaker: Joseph B (Kankakee)**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Saturday, September 10, 8:00 pm**  
**As Bill Sees It Speaker Meeting**

**Speaker: Mike J.**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Monday, September 12, 8:00 pm**  
**Cellar Dwellers Speaker Meeting**

**Speaker: TBA**  
First Presbyterian Church, 602 W. Green, Urbana

**Saturday, September 17, 6:30 pm**  
**Bottoms Up Speaker Meeting**

**Speaker: Cheri P.**  
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio St., Rantoul

**Sunday, September 18, 2:00 pm**  
**District 12 Meeting**

718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Thursday, September 22, 8:00 pm**  
**H.O.W. Speaker Meeting**

**Speaker: TBA**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Saturday, September 24, 6:00 pm**  
**Working With Others**

**Speaker: TBA**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Sunday, September 25, 8:00 pm**  
**Grapevine Group**

**Speaker: Gary W.**  
Prairie Center, 122 W. Hill, Champaign

**Monday, September 26, 8:00 pm**  
**Monday Meeting**

**Speaker: Josh Q.**  
40 Martyrs Fellowship Hall  
109 E. Van Allen, Tuscola

**Friday, September 30, 8:00 pm**  
**Charleston Friday Night Meeting**

**Speaker: TBA**  
Madison & 7th, Charleston

## AA Trivia Question

**From August:** What were Dr. Bob's last words to Bill W.?

Answer: "Remember, Bill, let's not louse this thing up. Let's keep it simple!" Source: *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, p. 343

**September's question:** What are the first 3 words on page 112 of *Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book*, 4th edition?



## Anniversaries

Congratulations to all of those celebrating a recent anniversary!

<b>Tisha S.</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>Kate M.</b>	<b>August 26</b>	<b>3 years</b>
<b>Katy F.</b>	<b>August 27</b>	<b>1 year</b>

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