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A HEART OF GOLD WITH A SILVER LINING

I have some friends that are married and are not in recovery. The husband doesn't have a problem, the wife does but she hasn't hit her bottom yet. I have known the wife's daughter since kindergarten. That's how I met the couple. I go over to help them from time to time to help out because they are both disabled. When it's time for me to go to a meeting or do service work, they don't understand why I'm so involved without getting anything from it, but they see the change. Maybe one day she will join this wonderful program from watching me change.

When I was active in my alcoholism and addiction, I always expected to get something out of whoever I was helping. Whether it be money, alcohol, whatever you had that I could benefit from I was planning on walking out with. If you couldn't help me I didn't have the time or the want to help you. Needless to say I was very selfish.

Now that I am involved in this amazing program, I can do things to help people and enjoy it and not expect anything from it. Even the little things that help can make a person smile mean the world to me. Day by day, more of the promises are being fulfilled for me. It is an amazing thing to know I might have changed someone's life. I have always wanted to help others and now I'm doing that and it's a sincere, peaceful, fun thing to do.

I have also learned that the more I help others, the more they are helping me. Whether they know it or not, they probably have helped me in numerous ways. A smile, a hug, saying hello, holding the door open. Keeping it simple can sometimes be the best way to help. Reach out and help someone without expectations and see how good you feel after. It's an indescribable feeling to me!

~Kristen K., Rantoul

BIG BOOK - 75TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Co-op purchase via BNAA Intergroup District 12

The Commemorative Edition AA World Services, Inc. announces the publication of the only AA World Services authorized reproduction of the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. This new edition will be a faithful replica of the original, with the famous "circus cover" dust jacket and "bulky paper." It is published in the original English - language text only.

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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.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the historic publication of Alcoholics Anonymous in April 1939, the 2013 General Service Conference approved the creation of this facsimile edition of the first printing of the first edition.

Local Co-op Orders

Bulk/group/multi book orders are available through the Bloomington – Normal AA Intergroup (BNAA Intergroup District 10) for \$12.00 each (INCLUDES shipping and direct delivery to Urbana – Champaign distribution location through volunteers). Books will be delivered in May 2014.

This 75th Special Anniversary Edition will not be available after the pre-order!

The pre-order deadline through the BNAA Intergroup co-op is February 20, 2014.

Mail checks*** to:

BNAA Intergroup, 1208 S. Adelaide Street, Normal, IL, 61761

***With your check, include a note with the following information: name, address, telephone number, email address; the number of books ordered

Group Orders via Bloomington – Normal AA Intergroup (BNAA Intergroup)

For more information:

Call: Gary (District 12 DCM) at 217-384-1732; Call Mark Morgan

at the BNAA Intergroup office 309-828-7092; or Email: bnaa0459@hpeprint.com

BIG BOOK TRIVIA

December's question:

On the bottom of page 55 who was the "Minister's son and atheist who asked himself 'Who are you to say there is no God?'"?

Answer:

Fitz M., author of the big book story "Our Southern Friend."

January's Challenge:

In the first paragraph on page 16, who was the "poor chap who committed suicide in Bill's house?"

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Ferd	December 6	29 years
Gary W.	December 18	6 years

Correction to last issue:

Shelby B.	November 17	6 years
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All anniversaries are published after they have passed in the following month's newsletter.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

At the District Business Meeting December 15th:

Mark M., Business Manager for Bloomington-Normal AA Intergroup (BNAA), gave a presentation about ordering Conference-approved literature from the AA General Services Office (GSO). BN Intergroup, by pooling order throughout the BN area, has been able to avoid the 19 % shipping charges charged by GSO for small (\$500 or less) orders. BNAA is now offering this service to meetings in District 12. Additionally, BNAA usually has 100 copies of conference approved books in stock, so groups needing only a few copies can get them without pooling an order. Mark offered personally to deliver orders to groups in the District; it will give him the opportunity to go to new meetings and fellowship.

Orders can be placed by calling Intergroup Office at 309-828-7092 or emailing them to bnaa0459@hpeprint.com or by mailing a document to BNAA Intergroup, 1208 S. Adelaide Street, Normal IL, 61761.

BNAA is also pooling orders for the 75th Anniversary edition reprint of the 1st edition of the Big Book. GSO is selling it through pre-order only; these must be placed no later than Feb. 28, 2014; the books will shipped in April 2014. The cost depends upon the number ordered (i.e. up to 19 copies are \$12 each, but 20-99 are \$11.28 each, 100-199 are \$10.56 each, and 200 or more are \$9.84 each). Groups interested in getting copies, either for home group members or resale should contact BNAA with their order information in mid-February; at that time Mark will know what the per price copy will be. (See page 2 for more information.)

In Committee News, Liza W. (Meetings List) reported that she and Mona M. are updating the list for a new printing in January, but 1000 copies of the current (May 2013) list were printed late last month. GSRs should contact her or Mona with any changes to the list. Liza also reported that the new Wednesday night meeting in Bement (began in Oct., so not on the list) has moved to the barber shop on 1st Street South off State Road 105.

Randy G. is the new chair of the Answering Service Committee; anyone wanting to be added or removed from the call list should contact him in person or at answering-service@aa-eci.org.

In Group News, Gary R. (HOW) reported that the Monday H.O.W meeting has moved to the House from the Garage to accommodate increased meeting attendance.

Steph M. was elected District Secretary by acclamation.

The next District Meeting will be Sunday, January 19th at 2:00pm.

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Sunday, January 5th, 12pm

SWAT, Speaker: Sam E.

718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign

Saturday, January 11th, 8pm

As Bill Sees It, Speaker: David

718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign

Saturday, January 11th, 10am

Attitude of Gratitude, Speaker: TBA

2055 E. Harrison, Charleston

Monday, January 13th, 8pm

Cellar Dwellers, Speaker: TBA

602 W. Green, Urbana

Wednesday, January 15th, 7:30pm

Nuts and Bolts, Speaker: TBA

Camel Club, 508 E. Fairchild, Danville

Saturday, January 18th, 6:30pm

Bottoms Up, Speaker: TBA

Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio Street, Rantoul

Tuesday, January 21st, 8pm

Tolono Closed Group, Speaker: Lisa R.

104 E. Vine, Tolono (speaker meetings are open)

Saturday, January 25th, 6pm

Working with Others, Speaker: TBA

718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign

Sunday, January 26th, 8pm

Grapevine Group, Speaker: TBA

Prairie Center, 122 W. Hill Street, Champaign

Monday, January 27th, 8pm

Monday Meeting, Speaker: TBA

109 E. Van Allen, Tuscola

Thursday, January 30th, 7pm

HOW Group, Speaker: TBA

718 S. Randolph Street (hall), Champaign

Friday, December 27th, 8pm

Friday Night Meeting, Speaker: TBA

Madison & 7th, Charleston

UPCOMING EVENTS

AA WOMEN'S RETREAT January 24 - 26

Nazareth House (formerly Kings House)
8508 N 100th Co Highway
Magnolia, IL 61336

Sponsored by Rantoul AA Women

For more information: talk to Brandi W. or call Nazareth
House 309-364-3084 or visit

www.nazarethretreathouse.org

To register go to:

registration@nazarethretreathouse.org

GREAT RIVER ROUNDUP 2014

Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 2

Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center
Route 100 Grafton, IL, 62307

'But for the grace of God'

Schedule

Friday February 28

1:00 pm Round up check-in
3:00 pm AA Stick Meeting
8:00 pm AA Speaker – David B., Broken Arrow, OK
10:00 pm Red Ball Meeting

Saturday March 1

10:00 am AA Speaker – Denise L., Edwardsville, IL
1:30 pm Al-Anon Speaker, Susan B., Broken Arrow, OK
3:30 pm Discussion Meeting
6:30 pm Banquet
8:00 pm AA Speaker, Butch M., Ontario, Canada
10:00 pm Dance

Sunday March 2

12:00 pm Lodge Check Out

Speaker tapes will be available following each speaker

Registration and more information:

www.GreatRiverRoundup.com

Registration: \$20.00 per person

Banquet: \$20.00 per person

For more information call:

Don at (618) (910-2248); John at (618) (931-0159); Nina at
(618) (514-3953), Ryan at (618) (779-4469) or Deirdre at (618)
(520-5178)

Dance is free with paid registration. To attend the dance ONLY
is \$5.00 per person or \$8.00 per couple. Registration and
name tags are required in order to participate in RoundUp
activities. Hosted by the Great River Roundup Steering
committee

Seating is limited to 300!

Lodge reservations are independent of the Great River Roundup

Area lodging includes:

Pere Marquette lodge - online www.pmlodge.net/ or call 618-786-
2331

Ruebel Hotel - 618-786-2315

Tara Point Inn & Cottages - 618-786-3555

CHAMPAIGN ISCYPAA 2014 February 28 – March 2nd

Holiday Inn
1001 W. Killarney Street
Urbana, IL, 61801

Starts Friday February 28 at 5:00pm and goes through
Sunday March 2nd at noon.

The hotel has offered a discounted rate for the event -
\$85.00 per night. To book your room either (a) email the
hotel or call 1-217-328-7900. Make sure that you mention
that you are with ISCYPAA to get the discounted rate.

Saturday night Banquet,
followed by a Speaker

REGISTRATION: \$20.00

REGISTRATION & BANQUET: \$40.00

BANQUET: \$25.00

Registration forms can be obtained at the Hall
at 718 S. Randolph or from any ISCYPAA member

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES 2014 CONFERENCE & ALCATHON A Big Book Study January 24 – 26

Northfield Inn Suites Conference Center
3280 Northfield Drive
Springfield, IL, 62702

Featured Big Book Presenters:

Don B., Frankfurt, IL; James L., Evanston, IL

Featured Saturday Night Speaker: Allen O., Lemont Oaks Group

Featured Sunday Speaker: Polly P., Burch Bay Washington

Registration Begins at 3pm; Study starts at 7pm

Round the Clock AA Meetings & Our Famous Hospitality Room

Conference Fees:

Conference and Saturday night buffet: \$45.00

Conference only: \$20.00

Online conference registration and/or to download
registration form go to: www.journeycontinues.org

Special room rates for conference attendees: \$81.00 plus tax

www.northfieldinn.com

phone: 217-523-7900 fax: 217-523-4666

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