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INFORMATION & INSPIRATION ON THE WEB

Your newsletter staff loves the internet! If you are stuck at home or work and can't get to a meeting or a phone and need a little AA in your day, here are some suggestions.

The Page of Prayer and Meditation at: <http://silkworth.net/aa/prayer.html>

-prayers from the big book and other sources

The big book online at: <http://silkworth.net/bb/contents.html>

- several versions of the big book are available in several formats (print and audio) and editions – a highlight - 'the original manuscript of alcoholics anonymous' a 'reproduction of the 1938 Original Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous. This was the version of The Big Book distributed to friends and colleagues of AA's founders before the First Edition was printed. The text of this document, "Original Manuscript," was left just as it originally appeared in 1938.' Also, stories are available to read from different editions of the big book.

Ever wonder where all that Big Book trivia comes from? Here's the secret revealed!

<http://www.barefootsworld.net/aa-bbtrivia.html>

Addicted to speaker CDs? Look no further for the largest source of downloadable files available on the web

<http://xa-speakers.org/>

What Sarah's been listening to recently:

storiesofrecovery.org

-Mike R., 'the mild alcoholic' speaking in August 2009 at the International Doctors In AA Meeting in San Antonio Texas. Synopsis: finding a higher power through working the steps!

<http://www.odomtologybooks.com/> - 'hope and healing 24/7'

<http://www.youtube.com/user/OdomtologyBooks>

-Scott L. – The Honor of Passing It On

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE SITES? Let us know! Sarah H. at: beewrites@ymail.com

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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.

MEETING NEWS

A Reminder - The old "Fellowship Circle" is no more! The new "Fellowship Corner" is located at 1714 W. Springfield Ave, Champaign, Il. (on the NE corner of Springfield and Mattis)

Noon Bird

The Noon Blrd resumed meetings on Saturday May 24th at Fellowship Corner; it meets on Wednesdays and Saturdays only

H.O.W. Group

Mondays is now a Big Book Study and meets at Fellowship Corner. The former HOW Wednesday is permanently disbanded.

SWAT Group: September 7th

THE SWAT ANNUAL Alligator Roast and Fish Fry AND Oldtimers Speaker Meeting is on the burner for Sunday September 7th at noon at Fellowship Corner! In addition to "the roast swatluck" - The Annual "OldTimers" speaker meeting is being revived! For more information, contact Mark S. at 217-714-8873; bill B.; or lasso Jim W. (no trip snare trapping, please - he just celebrated 28 years!)

The Wednesday Night Step Study at 7:00pm

The round robin discussion group is currently listening to the Scott Redman speaker series. The group meets 7:00pm at 2101 S. Prospect in Champaign (at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - enter at the north door).

Thursday Night Open Step Study

Coby S. will be sharing his experience strength and hope through the twelve steps beginning Thursday July 24 through Thursday October 9, 2014. The group meets on Thursdays at 8:00pm downstairs at 805 S. 6th Street in Champaign (Community UCC church).

Do you have meeting news? contact Sarah H at: beewrites@ymail.com or 708-601-4424

BIG BOOK TRIVIA

June's question:

On page 178, 1st paragraph, who were "The crowd of people Dr. Bob was thrown in with?"

Answer:

The Oxford Group

July's Challenge:

On page 149-150, what was the little company and who were it's two alcoholic employees?

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Lillie C.	May 8	1 year
Jim "Fitz"	May 22	10 years
Charlotte M.	May 22	31 years
David W.	May 28	1 year

Ed. L.	June 5	22 years
Jimmy W.	June 11	28 years
Robin H.	June 12	22 years
Kent W.	June 13	15 years

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

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

At the District Meeting on June 15th ...

Area 21 Treasurer and Tilton BB Study Group GSR Mike G. reported that elections for Area Officers will be held at the next Assembly, Sunday, Sept. 8 in Bloomington. The Area successfully bid for the 2017 East Central Regional Forum, to be held in a location yet to be determined.

District Treasurer Steve B. reported that the District received \$915 in group disbursements and had \$331 in expenses. The Corrections literature fund is \$844.56.

Committee Reports:

The Answering Service Committee is looking for volunteers to for the rotation of people to answer 12th Step calls and give rides to meetings. If interested contact Randy G.

Meeting List Committee Chair Liza W. reported that new meeting lists dated June 2014 will be printed by the end of the month, but will be available on the website by June 21. Any meeting changes can be submitted to Liza, Mona M. or at meeting-list@aa-eci.org.

The Archives Committee is looking for pictures of the interior of the House or Hall. If you have any, contact Mike W., Committee Chair.

The Website Committee reported that Jeremy H. has volunteered to post speaker meetings on the website Calendar. Any AA events, conferences or speaker meetings can be submitted at webmaster@aa-eci.org.

GSR reports:

Friday Night Fellowship reported that they will have a speaker meeting on July 11; speaker to be determined. They are looking for new home group members.

Sisters in Sobriety, the Women's Study Meetings and One Lunch at a Time all reported they had made disbursements to District, Area and GSO in the last two months.

The next District Business meeting will be held Sunday, July 20th at 2pm.

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Sunday, July 6th, 12pm

SWAT, Speaker: Bill A.

1714 Springfield Avenue, Champaign

Friday, July 11th, 7:30pm

Friday Night Fellowship, Speaker: TBA
State & University, Champaign (Emanuel Memorial Episcopal Church)

Saturday, July 12th, 8pm

As Bill Sees It, Speaker: Kent W.

1714 Springfield Avenue, Champaign

Saturday, July 12th, 10am

Attitude of Gratitude, Speaker: TBA
2055 E. Harrison, Charleston

Monday, July 14th, 8pm

Cellar Dwellers, Speaker: TBA

602 W. Green, Urbana

Wednesday, July 16th, 7:30pm

Nuts and Bolts, Speaker: TBA

Camel Club, 508 E. Fairchild, Danville

Saturday, July 19th, 6:30pm

Bottoms Up, Speaker: TBA

Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio Street, Rantoul

Thursday, July 24th, 7pm

HOW Group, Speaker: TBA

1714 Springfield Avenue, Champaign

Thursday, July 24th, 7pm

Our Common Journey, Speaker: TBA

Common Grounds, 1612 Charleston, Mattoon

Friday, July 25th, 8pm

Friday Night Meeting, Speaker: TBA

Madison & 7th, Charleston

Saturday, July 26th, 6pm

Working with Others, Speaker: TBA

1714 Springfield Avenue, Champaign

Sunday, July 27th, 8pm

Grapevine Group, Speaker: TBA

Prairie Center, 122 W. Hill Street, Champaign

Monday, July 28th, 8pm

Monday Meeting, Speaker: TBA

109 E. Van Allen, Tuscola

UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

SOBERFEST 2014 September 27

*Urbana Civic Center
108 E. Water Street, Urbana, IL*

Schedule:

10:00am Brian H. from Chicago IL (AA)
21 years sobriety

Lunch Break

1:00pm Charlie P. from Austin TX (AA)
29 years sobriety

2:30pm Lyri M. from Belleville (Al-Anon)
8 years serenity

4:00pm Third Step Panel "Selfishness and Self-centeredness is the Root of Our Problem"

5:30 – 7:00pm CATERED Dinner (Hickory River BBQ)

7:00pm Katie P. from Austin TX (AA)
29 years sobriety

Tickets:

\$20.00. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** A ticket is required for admission prior to 8:00pm.

Via mail – send a note including your name, phone number (optional); full address; email (optional) and the number of tickets requested (with a check or money order made payable to Soberfest) to: Soberfest, P.O. Box 014, Savoy, IL, 61874

Orders submitted by mail must be received by September 5th to assure a ticket; requests received by mail after September 5th will only be filled if tickets are still available.

Questions about tickets?

Contact Mike H. at mikeski@hush.com

SOBERFEST PLANNING

The next soberest planning meeting is set for July 12, at 7:00pm at Fellowship Corner. This is a great way to get involved, lend a hand, bring sponsees into AA service - or to just participate because its fun! for more info talk with Bill B. or Mick.

To get on the contact list contact Janet K. at jgirlraces@gmail.com.

TAPING OUR LOCAL SPEAKERS

Howard H continues his almost decade long service to our aa community by creating cd's of local speakers. Sarah H has joined in as a 'field recorder' - we both could use your help!

We only record with (1) permission of the group and permission of the speaker (2) recordings are edited, and transferred to cd's to insure anonymity & commitment to the 11th tradition. Non-edited recordings are made available only to the individual speaker asap - and not circulated.

You can help by contacting us AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE with your speaker information (name, date, time, place) so we can get there to record, or, deciding on and designating a trusted servant from your group to help us record. Designating someone from your group to help insures adherence to anonymity and the 11th tradition. Contact Howard H., or Sarah H at 708-601-4424 or beewrites@ymail.com. Thanks!

WWW.AA.ORG

Have YOU ever checked out the official AA website?

There are lots of interesting materials to read and explore on the alcoholics anonymous website [<http://www.aa.org>]

among the documents available are:

* 'the 'daily reflections' at

<http://www.aa.org/lang/en/aareflections.cfm>

* the entire 'big book' (4th edition) at

<http://www.aa.org/bigbookonline/>

* the AA service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W. at

http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/en_bm-31.pdf

AL-ANON 2014 ILLINOIS STATE AFG CONVENTION October 17-19

Planning Ahead -
Letting Go, Falling Into Recovery

For al- anon friends or family check out
<http://www.siafg.org/calendar-of-events.html>

or call Betsy C at (217) (878-7670) or
Denise B (217) (972-4166)