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District 12



Alcoholics Anonymous

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DISTRICT 12 AA NEWSLETTER POSITIONS UPDATE

Greetings District 12 Newsletter readers!

It would seem that last month we were a bit impromptu about announcing a new newsletter chairperson. On behalf of the newsletter staff, I apologize for this error. But that allows me to spread the word that the Newsletter indeed still needs a District chairperson, we have been without one now for well over a year.

Service commitments can be time consuming and are a little intimidating, I think, to folks who are unfamiliar with service positions. So I thought it might be a good idea to let our readers know what would actually be required of a Newsletter chairperson, and hopefully generate some new interest.

- Once a month, attend District 12 meeting (third Sunday of every month)
- Obtain/take notes relevant to the district meeting agenda, meeting minutes, and chair reports
- Submit district highlights to the Newsletter Editor/Layout contact
- Communicate with District about funding for newsletter printing when necessary
- Assist and communicate with the Events and Speaker Calendar contact to ensure all relevant dates and events are communicated to the Newsletter Editor/Layout contact

That's it! Now that doesn't sound too demanding does it? If you are interested in becoming the next Newsletter Chairperson, please attend the District 12 December meeting at the New Fellowship Corner on Sunday, December 21st.

That brings us to our next bit of exciting news!

I have been proud to serve the District 12 Newsletter for the past four years as your editor and layout designer. But due to a myriad of circumstances and some challenging time management, I have had to search out a replacement. Thanks to

District 12 Officers and Committee Chairs

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District 12 holds its meetings on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2pm in the New Fellowship Corner at 1714 Springfield Avenue, 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.

the gracious nature of fellow AA members, I now have the joyful opportunity to share with you that Martin B. will be taking over my position, beginning with the January 2015 edition of the District 12 Newsletter!

If you see Martin, be sure to congratulate him on his new position!

I will miss the Newsletter dearly, but I am grateful that AA has made it possible for me to pursue a new chapter in my life, no matter how time intensive it may be. You will, of course, still see me at meetings and AA events around our area. Until then, keep reading!

~ Kelly A., District 12 Newsletter Editor and Layout Designer

Audio Taping Area Speakers - Help Carry the Legacy and Our Stories...How Do I Help?

Sunday, December 28th at 1:00pm at Fellowship Corner!

Bring yourself - or send a group representative- and a 'smart' cell phone AND your good cheer!
Howard and Sarah H. will gently walk you through 1) the guidelines for recording speakers in keeping with integrity and maintaining the traditions and custom of anonymity and 2) how to record 3) how to send your recording for editing to Sarah... FMI contact Sarah H. via cell phone: 708-601-4424 or via email: beewrites@gmail.com

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Anya	October 30	2 years
Pat H	November 1	3 years
Ray	November 1	36 years
Jeff H.	November 1	16 years
Rich R.	November 1	30 years
Jeremy H.	November 1	1 year
Jay S.	November 7	13 years
Julie M.	November 12	1 year
Roland W.	November 12	2 years
Bob S.	November 14	25 years
Shelby	November 17	7 years
Heather T.	November 19	14 years
Phil B.	November 20	12 years

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

BIG BOOK TRIVIA

November's question:

The 5 millionth copy of the Big Book was presented to Ruth Hock in 1985. Who was she?

Answer:

Ruth was AA's first secretary and typed multiple drafts of the manuscript for The Big Book.

December's Challenge:

Pages 138-139, who was the "Executive of a bank who was undoubtedly alcoholic"?

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

At the District Business Meeting November 16 ...

DCM Gary S. reported that the next District Assembly will be Sunday, December 7 at District 14 in Kehokia at the Grizzell Baseball Stadium Activity Room (check the District 12 website Speaker Meeting and Events Calendar for more information). Treasurer Steve B. reported that last month the district received \$230 in group disbursements, had \$559.29 in expenses and made \$600 in disbursements to Area 21 and the GSO (\$300 each).

Committee Reports:

Meeting List Co-Chair Liza W. reported that new meeting lists were printed, in a larger format (11x17) and a larger print run. She noted that after the list was printed, the committee learned that the Wednesday night Bement Meeting has closed down.

The Newsletter committee is still seeking a new chairperson; it also needs a new editor beginning in December (for the January 2015 issue). Anyone interested in taking on the responsibilities of committee chair or editor should contact the incoming DCM, Mona Lee H. or the current Newsletter editor Kelly A. at (newsletter@aa-eci.org)

Website Committee Chair Rosemary T. reported that the new meeting list (with the removal of the Bement meeting) is available on the website as PDF download, and list of all current meetings are posted in HTML on website (Large Format Meeting List page). She also urged GSRs to remember to contact her via the website email (webmaster@aa-eci.org) or by text her if their meeting is going to be cancelled because of winter weather. By contacting her, she can post a notice on the homepage to that effect and the Answering Service employees can consult the site if they get calls asking about weather cancellations.

Elections:

The following persons were elected officers and will take office at the December 2014 district meeting and serve for two years.

Treasurer: Chad S. (Savoy)
Secretary: Katrina R.-M. (Champaign)
Alternate DCM: Mike G. (Danville)
DCM: Mona Lee H. (Mattoon)

New Business:

There was discussion of committees, inactive committees/vacant chairpersonships. It was decided that at the next District meeting, active committees should send the person they would like to be chair to that meeting; vacant committee chairs would be reviewed for appointment by the DCM. Committee budget requests for the next year will also be reviewed and voted upon, so it is important that committees be represented at that meeting. Because of the upcoming holidays, the meeting was moved up a week. So the next District Meeting will be Sunday, December 14 at 2pm at Fellowship Hall.

SPEAKER MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 2nd, 7:30pm

Women's Step Study, Speaker: Mindy E.
Westminster Church
1700 Cresecent Drive, Champaign
**potluck – please bring a dish to share

Sunday, December 7th, 12pm

SWAT, Speaker: Cathy W.
Fellowship Corner
1714 Springfield Avenue, Champaign
**potluck – please bring a dish to share

Monday, December 8th, 8pm

Cellar Dwellers, Speaker: Jeremy H.
602 W. Green, Urbana

Friday, December 12th, 7:30pm

Friday Night Fellowship, Speaker: TBA
Episcopal Church, State & University, Champaign
**location TBA! Contact Mike H. at 217-819-0482 FMI

Saturday, December 13th, 8pm

As Bill Sees It, Speaker: Deb S.
Fellowship Corner
1714 Springfield Avenue, Champaign

Saturday, December 20th, 6:30pm

Bottoms Up, Panel: 'Marriage in Sobriety' – John and Pat M., Urbana & Terry and Vi, Monticello
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio Street, Rantoul
**dinner at 5pm (meat from Hickory River) and panel at 6:30

Monday, December 22nd, 8pm

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

Thursday, December 25th, 7pm

H.O.W. Group, Speaker: TBA
Fellowship Corner
1714 Springfield Avenue, Champaign

Friday, December 26th, 8pm

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

Saturday, December 27th, 6pm

Working with Others, Speaker: TBA
Fellowship Corner
1714 Springfield Avenue, Champaign

Sunday, December 28th, 8pm

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

Note: UP TO DATE INFORMATION REGARDING SPEAKER MEETINGS IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT #12 (East Central Illinois District 12 AA) WEBSITE AT: <http://aa-eci.org/calendar/>

UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

AREA MEETING & EVENTS NOTES

The Friday Night Fellowship Meeting
7:30pm

DECEMBER 12th & 18th ONLY- Change of Venue

The Friday Night Fellowship meeting, 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, generally held at the Episcopal Church on State & University in Champaign, will MEET AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION on December 12th & 18th ... contact Mike H. at (217) (819-0482) FMI.

St. Joseph, Tuesday Evenings
7pm

7pm at St. Joseph Prince of Peace Church, 802 E. Douglas St., St. Joseph, IL ... We are a fairly new group - bring your energy!

Thursday Night Open Step Study
8pm

Held at Community UCC church, 805 South 6th Street(6th & Daniel) in Champaign begins a new 'through the steps' cycle beginning Thursday January 8th! Bring yourself, bring a sponsee, bring your sponsor!

"Shipwrecked"
Sundays, 6pm, Fellowship Corner

This is a new "young people's" meeting at Fellowship Corner, starting Sunday, November 9th. "Young defined" as "room to grow".

"Secular" AA? New Meeting Forming
"A Higher Power of OUR Understanding"
Interested in forming a more 'secular' AA meeting? call Gil at (217) (721-5511) or email dcmg@ureach.com

Wednesday Night Step Study
7pm

We alternate reading steps & stories using the 12 and 12 and "Experience, Strength, and Hope"! Difficulty Hearing? Difficulty Sharing? Good Hearing? Love Sharing? Long term or short term sobriety- we share our experience, strength and hope - and want you to join us! FMI contact Dan T. at 650-269-6045
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2101 S. Prospect Avenue, Champaign

Sunday, Women's Closed Big Book Study
12pm

Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign
This closed women's meeting now offers child supervision during the meeting.

Tuesday Women's Step Study Meeting
7:30pm

Westminster Church, Champaign
This meeting now hosts a Speaker meeting the first Tuesday of the month followed by a potluck, please bring a dish to share. December speaker: Mindy E. January speaker: Doris B.

CALL FOR BRIDGE THE GAP VOLUNTEERS

*Share Your Experience, Strength and Hope -
Volunteer to Help With Bridge the Gap!*

Volunteers needed for 'Bridging the Gap' - the transition from treatment to after treatment!

Tuesdays at 6:00pm at the Pavilion. Please contact: Don D. at (217) 419-6924 or Joe C. (217) 722-4551 to volunteer or for more information.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 21 ASSEMBLY December 7

WHAT: Southern Illinois Area 21 Assembly
Sauget, Illinois

WHEN: December 7, 2014

WHERE: Grizzlie Bear Stadium Activity Room
2301 Grizzlie Bear Blvd., Sauget, IL

INFO: Registration \$5
Lunch \$10
Registration opens at 7:30am
Assembly begins at 9:00am

Pre Assembly Event: December 6, 2014

Maplewood Church of Christ, 3530 Falling
Springs Road, Cahokia, IL, 62206

Potluck at 6:30pm

Speaker at 7:30pm

For more information call Doug at

618-334-2711

or call Connie at

618-304-7557

Check out:

<http://www.southernillinoisaa.org/events.htm>