

EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT 12

OCTOBER 2017 ARCHIVES NEWSLETTER

This is from the October 3rd, 1947, Daily Illini paper. As far as we know the first meeting was on Monday September 22, 1947 at 8:00pm in Champaign

Twin City Chapter Of Alcoholics Group Meets

Though only a few weeks old, the Champaign-Urbana chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous has already begun its activities, sponsors of the organization announced yesterday.

A meeting of the association was held Wednesday night at which several new members were present. The meeting was held in a manner that assured both confidence and anonymity.

Sponsors of the group have yet to locate in a permanent meeting place. The group is maintained by donations.

Alcoholics Anonymous can be reached by addressing a letter to Box 633, Champaign.

FEATURED GROUP OF THE MONTH

SAVE OUR SOULS

BONDVILLE, IL

The Save our Souls meeting at the United Methodist Church in Bondville has had its doors open to alcoholics since August 29th, 1969. The founding members that have been researched appear to be Dean Y., Roger F. and Charlie D.

Any additional information regarding this group or if you would like to have your group featured in a future edition please contact us at archives@aa-eci.org to set up a group history interview.

PAST OFFICERS AND CHAIRS OF DISTRICT 12

OCTOBER 2004

Chris N. – DCM

Frank G. – Secretary

Robert R. – Treasurer

Janet M. - Meeting List

Gil T. - Treatment Facilities

Stan B. - Corrections

Larry M. – Intergroup

Officers elected for 2005

Troy F. – DCM

Emily S. – Alt – DCM

Frank G. – Secretary

Larry M. – Treasurer

THE NEXT DISTRICT 12 BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2017-
2:00 – 3:00PM

1400 W. Park
Avenue,
Auditorium B in
Presence Hospital,
Urbana, IL

FEATURED EVENT OF THE MONTH

MAHOMET RECOVERY

CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 16, 2010

Georgia S from Al-Anon and Bill S. from AA were the Speakers at the Mahomet United Methodist Church on 1302 East South Mahomet Road. Live Music was provided by John O.

Any additional information regarding this event or if you'd like to have an event in the past featured in a future edition please email archives@aa-eci.org.

O. HOBART MOWRER

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS PROFESSOR 1948-1975

O. Hobart Mowrer was an American Psychologist and Professor of psychology, known for his research on behavior therapy. He started many integrity groups that were based on many of the same principles of Alcoholics Anonymous. The truth is, he was fascinated with us. He stated in an article printed in The Daily Illini on February 15, 1963, "Future Treatment of the emotional ill, suggested Mowrer, 'will, like Alcoholics Anonymous, take guilt, confession and explanation seriously and will involve programs for action rather than mere groping for insight.'" He even adapted our steps to his Integrity therapy groups. There have been many links to members of Alcoholics Anonymous in his collection of papers at the U of I Archives.



After opening the folder, it was clear that his connection to members of Alcoholics Anonymous was broader than our District. It contained letters from Paul Martin and Earl Treat of Chicago and Tom Powers of New York. Tom Powers and Earl Treat are notable AA pioneers. Powers went on to found a treatment center in East Ridge, New York during the early 1960s, which utilized a methodology akin to the Akron AA way of working the steps, called All Addictions Recovery. Paul, Earl, Tom, Mowrer and one of our local members L. Harlan Swisher were all involved in East Ridge as well as many other endeavors related to Alcoholism and AA in Champaign-Urbana.

Stay tuned as we continue to research our members and the friends of AA. Any additional information please email archives@aa-eci.org.

SOBERFEST BEGINNINGS

Soberfest got started as a function of the newly formed Intergroup in Champaign-Urbana. There had been an influx of young people to the program, going to college and looking for activities to help them stay sober. About that time, Ron S. moved to Champaign-Urbana from St. Louis. He suggested the idea of Soberfest which was an event where he came from. Soberfest was always in the fall, around the same time as Oktoberfest's. The first Soberfest in Champaign-Urbana was in 1991, the main speaker was Dr. Paul O.

This is the schedule for October 10, 2009 Soberfest:

- 10:00 am – 11:00 am – Speaker: Don C., Fairglade, Tennessee (formerly of Urbana)
- 1:00-2:00 pm – Speaker: Jackie A., Dayton, Ohio
- 2:30-3:30 pm – Al-Anon Speaker: Kathy J., Champaign, IL
- 4:00- 5:00 pm – Panel: "Thriving in Recovery".
- 7:30-8:30 – pm – Speaker: Peggy M., Bellevue, Nebraska

Any additional information regarding this event please email archives@aa-eci.org.

We do not fix teeth, set broken bones, grow hair, repair washing machines or T.V.s.
We cannot make you lucky at cards or love nor can we make you a financial success.
But if you have a drinking problem and want help please come to see us.
We are a group of men and women who have gone through the hell and misery of alcoholic drinking and have found a way of sober and happy living.
With the help of GOD and the A.A. program we can help you.
Give us a trial. **IT'S FREE.**

The above flyer is from O. Hobart Mowrer collection at the University of Illinois

A.A HISTORICAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

October 1, 1957 - Alcoholics Anonymous book A. A. Comes of Age is published

October 2, 1944 - National Committee for Education on Alcoholism formed by Marty Mann - later to become "National council on Alcoholism."

October 3, 1945 - AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA

October 5-7, 1972: 2nd World Service meeting held in New York.

October 6, 1941 - 900 dine at Cleveland dinner for Bill D, AA #3

October 5, 1988 - Lois W, Bills wife and a co-founder of Al-Anon, dies at age 97

October 9-11, 1969: 1st World Service meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.

October 14, 1939: Journal of American Medical Association gives Big Book unfavorable review.

October 15, 1904 - Marty M, early AA woman, is born in Chicago

October 17, 1935 - Ebby T, Bill's sponsor, moves in with Bill and Lois

October 20, 1928: Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving added second promise.

October 22, 1963 - E M Jellinek, alcoholism educator and AA friend dies.

October 22, 1949 - Florence R, AA's 1st sober woman, begins drinking again, commits suicide

October 24, 1942 - L.A. Times reports AA 14 Groups in California

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN OCTOBER FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC DATE

1936 - Bill C. a Canadian alkie staying at Bill's house, committed suicide using a gas stove.

1951 - Sister Ignatia wrote "Care of Alcoholics - St. Thomas Hospital & A.A. Started Movement Which Swept Country" article in "Hospital Progress" the journal of Catholic Hospital Association.

1954 - The "Alcoholic Foundation" renamed the "General Service Board of A.A."

DISTRICT 12 ARCHIVES NEWS

The mission of the District 12 A.A. Archives Committee is to collect, preserve, and protect a variety of original material containing information of permanent historical value relating to the history of District 12.

We need:

- District 12 meeting schedules
- District 12 group flyers, group history information, and copies of formats
- AA Literature belonging to District 12 long timers or Groups with Inscriptions.
- Grapevine magazines to complete one full set.

We are always looking for committee members. archives@aa-eci.org

OUR FUTURE WILL SOON BE OUR HISTORY

DISTRICT 12 SPEAKER MEETINGS

S.W.A.T – 8 Henson Place, Champaign, IL
Sunday October 1st at 12:00pm - Matt P.

Shipwrecked – 8 Henson Place, Champaign, IL
Sunday October 8th at 6:00pm - Steph M.

As Bill See's It – 8 Henson Place, Champaign, IL
Saturday October 14th at 8:00pm – Phillip from Rantoul

Cellar Dwellers – 602 W. Green St, Urbana, IL
Monday October 9th at 8:00pm – Stan M.

Women's BB and Step Study - 313 S. Prospect,
Champaign, IL; Tuesday, October 17th at 7:30pm - Liza W

H.O.W – 1400 W. Park Avenue, Auditorium B in Presence
Hospital, Urbana, IL; Thursday, October 26th at 7:00pm -
Nikki M.

Shoulder to Shoulder – 1600 Wabash Ave, Mattoon, IL
Saturday October 28th at 5:00pm - AA/ALANON – Bill and
Bonnie B.

Grapevine Group – 122 W. Hill Street, Champaign, IL
Sunday October 29th at 8:00pm - Maureen M.

*To have your speaker meeting listed in the Archives
Newsletter please email webmaster@aa-eci.org*

AA ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

Katrina R-M. – 7 years – 09/05/2010

Erin J. – 11 months – 09/16/2016

Lindsay – 1 month – 09/03/2017

Antonia D. – 5 years – 09/16/2012

Gabriel D – 1 year – 09/15/2016

The Whistle Bell – 2 years - 09/24/2015

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LOCAL EVENT OF THE MONTH

CELLAR DWELLERS ANNUAL PICNIC
OCTOBER 1, 2017 4:00-8:00PM, CRYSTAL
LAKE- NORTHWOOD PAVILLION, URBANA.
Grilled burgers and hot dogs provided.
Bring a dish to share. Speaker is Kent Q.

ANNUAL UNITY PICNIC

OCTOBER 14, 2017 4:00-8:00PM, HESSEL
PARK MAIN PAVILLION, CHAMPAIGN.
Grilled burgers and hot dogs provided by
H.O.W. Bring a dish to share. Please bring
your family and friends.

AA HOG ROAST

OCTOBER 14, 2017 10:00AM-4:00PM AT
LINCOLN LOG CABIN PAVILLION #1,
CHARLESTON. Pie Raffle, 50/50 Raffle,
Silent Auction and Speaker from Peoria.

*To have your event listed in the Archives
Newsletter please email all the details to
the_webmaster@aa-eci.org*

AREA 21 EVENTS OF THE MONTH

CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 7, 2017

705 W St. Clair Street

Vandalia, IL 62471

Breakfast @ 8:00am Conference @
9:00am

Speakers: Stephanie Waggoner - Warden
Vandalia Correctional; Mike T. - Found
A.A. while incarcerated; Lynn D. & Ed H. -
Area 21 Corrections Committee Co-Chairs

For more Info call: Dave M. 618-292-4546