

## Ch-Ch Changes ...

The Wednesday Set-ups group in Warrenville, meeting at Community Baptist Church, 28w444 Main Street at 7PM, is looking for support

The Tuesday Resentmentville West group, meeting at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Blomingdale at 118 First Street at 8PM, is looking for support. Although the original Resentmentville group is a men's meeting, this group is co-ed.

The Hope & Possibility Open Meeting is asking for support

This meeting is intended to expose PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) clients who might be interested to AA. This meeting takes place within one of the DuPage PADS office spaces and can't take place without the participation of outside AA members.

The meetings generally range from 2-12 participants and tend towards a step/discussion format. As with many meetings like this, the more involved outside AA gets, the better the experience tends to be for the PADS clients who attend.

For more information, contact Jack K at 630-253-7053

It meets on Tuesday, from 9 to 10 AM at Dupage PADS, 705 W. Liberty in Wheaton.

The Thursday night 8PM meeting at St. Petronille Church in Glen Ellyn could use support. St. Pet's is located at Hillside and main. The meeting is in the basement, accessed from a door on the Prospect Avenue side, near the 'Gathering Place' sign.

# D40 Doings

July/August/September 2017

## Step 7

Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings

## Tradition 7

Each Group should be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions

## Step 8

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all

## Tradition 8

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

## Step 9

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others

## Tradition 9

A.A. as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

## Hello Again ...

Music became a big piece of the higher power puzzle for me in early recovery. When I was 13, my father tricked me into paying for guitar lessons with my paper route money. I spent a lot of time with my guitar in my hands early on, and realized after the fact that music was bigger than me, took me out of myself, and connected me to other people. I was also lucky enough to be living near an alcohol-free performance venue that had regular open mics. We are lucky enough, in this neck of the woods, to have several sober music festivals happening around this time of year. The AnonaPalooza festival rolls into Good Templar Park in Geneva on July 16, and PAAStock comes to Bradford, near Ottawa, from August 4 through the 6th.

A few months back, several people from ISCYPAA, the Illinois State Conference for Young People in AA, were kind enough to show up at District 40's GSR meeting. I wrote about it a bit in the first quarter's edition of the Doings. ICYPAA, ISCYPAA's older sibling conference, is also being held in our neck of the woods this year, as you'll be able to see on our calendar.

## Service Spotlight

The notion of the fellowship as a big tent extends to the realm of service. There are any number of things to be good at, and any number of ways to put that talent to use. District 40 has an opening for a Special Needs chair, which raises the following questions:

What is that?

What does this person do?

The NIA service handbook gives some background.

The NIA Special Needs Committee provides a forum for the sharing of experience among the District Special Needs Committees. It gathers information and shared experience from GSO, Areas, Districts and AA Groups on ways to carry the message of AA to the still suffering alcoholic or current members with special needs and to communicate that information to the Groups and Districts within the NIA. While there are no special A.A. members there are many members who have special needs. This would include those who may be hearing-, visually-, or speech-impaired, those who are homebound, chronically ill, those who use wheelchairs, walkers or crutches, and those who are developmentally disabled or who suffer from brain damage, stroke, etc.

16: Anonapalooza 12-6PM Good Templar Park, 528 Eastside Drive, Geneva  
www.anonapalooza.com

23: D40 Annual Picnic 11AM—4PM,  
Churchill Woods Forest Preserve

28: D40 GSR Meeting First Presbyterian  
Church 715 N. Carlton St, Wheaton

4-6: PAAstock music/camping festival,  
Bradford, IL www.paastock.com

5: Summer Committee Meeting 9AM-2PM  
Lord of Life Church, Route 38, Elburn

11-13: 44th Illinois State Conference  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5440 N. River Rd.,  
Rosemont

17-20: ICYPAA 59 Hilton Chicago, 720 S.  
Michigan, Chicago

25: GSR Meeting—see July Announcement

16: Fall Assembly—Lord of Life Church—  
see also August 5 announcement  
All Chicago Open 7-10PM Chicago State  
University 9501 S King Dr Chicago

29: GSR Meeting—see July announcement

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