

Ch-Ch Changes ...

The Wednesday Set-ups group in Warrenville, meeting at Community Baptist Church, 28w444 Main Street, 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.

Wednesday 'Wheaton Willingness' group, formerly meeting at 7:30 PM has folded

The New Hope Closed Big Book Meeting is asking for support

It meets from 12 to 1 on Tuesday at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1771 S. Wiesbrook, in Wheaton

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 Saturday Morning Solution group is asking for support

It's an open meeting with a Speaker/Big Book format. Of note, there's also childcare available.

For more information, either call 773-641-5402, or email saturdaymorningsolution@gmail.com

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

October/November/December 2017

Step 10

Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it

Tradition 10

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him, praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry it out

Tradition 11

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Step 12

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we attempted to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs

Tradition 12

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Hello Again...

The Big Book is rife with allusions to the feeling of being different, of not belonging. I would imagine that I'm not unusual in noting that I've both voiced and heard similar sentiments at meetings. If my experience is any indicator, service work is not only an important piece of the puzzle of belonging, it also parallels the program in being a big tent.

I've had people observe to me, as I was cleaning ashtrays (Back when that was a somewhat more common task.) that they could never do that, as they found it disgusting. I've never minded, but the handful of times that I've taken on service roles involving money or lots of bureaucracy, I've found that I neither enjoyed them nor did them well.

Consequently, as time went by, I developed a fair amount of respect for people who could cheerfully and competently do things that I could bring neither of these traits to.

In District 40, service commitments are staggered, so that half of the positions come open each year. Elections for open positions occur at the October GSR meeting. What follows are nutshell descriptions of some of the positions coming open this October.

Answering Service: The answering service is a local point of contact with AA for those not currently connected, and serves to provide meeting info as well as facilitate 12th step calls. The Answering Service Committee serves to determine the best way to answer calls, as well as the best way to handle the expenses involved.

Archives: The archives committee handles the financing of Archive Activity, the housing of archive material, and the determination of what should go into the archives.

Bridging The Gap: The bridging the gap committee exists to help alcoholics newly released from treatment and/or incarceration get to meetings and create AA connections.

Corrections: The corrections committee sets up and operates meetings inside of correctional facilities. It also facilitates re-entry for offenders by providing them with AA contacts outside of the facility.

CPC: The cooperation with the professional community committee provides information about AA for individuals and organizations that may encounter alcoholics in the performance of their professional duties.

Grapevine: The Grapevine committee keeps track of grapevine circulation in its area, stays abreast of developments at the Grapevine, and serves as a channel of communication to New York for Grapevine-related concerns.

Literature: The literature committee is a resource for groups and the district on available AA-related printed and audiovisual material. It also provides literature for district functions.

PI: The public information committee addresses public requests for information concerning AA. This frequently includes providing speakers to outside groups.

Treatment: The treatment committee assists groups and individual members in working with alcoholics in treatment. It also connects individuals in treatment with outside meetings and groups.

October

14: Fall Committee Meeting, Lord of Life Church, Route 38, Elburn, IL 60119	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
27: GSR Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton St., Wheaton, IL 60187 6:30 PM	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

November

4: Area 20 Big Book Conference 801 N. Sycamore St., Hinkley, IL 60520 (United Methodist Church) www.bbc2017.aadistrict71.org				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17-19: East Central Regional Forum Wyndham Springfield City Centre, Springfield, IL	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2

December

1: GSR Meeting , First Presbyterian Church 6:30 PM (See October 27 an- nouncement)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9: 2017 Winter Assembly Lord of Life Church (See October 14 announcement)	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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