

## 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.

At the district level, the following positions are open:

- Corrections
- CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)
- PI (Public Information)

# D40 Doings

April/May/June 2018

## Step 4

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

## Tradition 4

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

## Step 5

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs

## Tradition 5

Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

## Step 6

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character

## Tradition 6

An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

## Hello Again ...

It's April as this issue goes to press. Spring, at least in theory, although the weather is telling a different story. During my time as a high school English teacher, when 'capricious' was the vocabulary word, I used Midwestern weather to demonstrate it's meaning

Calendars are somewhat less capricious, so with any kind of luck, the weather will be a bit friendlier when some of the sober summer music festivals roll around. The good folks from Anonapalooza were kind enough to let me use some of their copy for the thumbnail sketch of the festival you see in the next column. I'm still trying to get a hold of the crew who run Paastock (in August, out near Ottawa), so with some luck, there may be a blurb on that festival in the next issue.

## The Anonapalooza Festival

Founded in 2009, Anonapalooza is a music and art festival, with a primary audience of men and women in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse, along with their families of origin and their families of choice (a fancy name for friends). This annual event helps to raise awareness and understanding, while raising funds for some worthwhile organizations within the recovery community. This year's event takes place on Sunday, July 15, from 11 until 5PM at Good Templar Park in Geneva, at 528 East Side Drive

This celebration of fun, family, music, and art currently benefits [Hope Outreach Foundation](#) in Aurora, as well as A Man in Recovery Foundation in Naperville.

Hope Outreach Foundation was established in 2007 as a not-for-profit to provide people in early recovery with a spiritual retreat experience. Based on the experience its founder had during his first 12-step retreat in October of 1988, the foundation began as a way to serve others through retreat support. Hope Outreach Foundation offers a "simple kit" of spiritual tools and extends "the hand of hope" to area halfway house participants who are unable to afford the cost of a weekend retreat through a sponsorship program.

The primary mission of [A Man in Recovery Foundation](#) is to help heroin and opiate addicts and their families. We believe the most effective approach is to help one addict at a time, guiding that person to see a life from dope to hope. We focus on awareness, prevention, community outreach, resources and local forums. We will also work with state and federal lawmakers to get more funds for treatment and to achieve changes in laws based around addiction in our state and nationwide.

We will offer intervention referral services at no cost to the family, run addiction support groups for both addicts and families, offer aftercare services and sober coaching. We will participate in speaking engagements, educational programs, consult with local and nationwide treatment centers, and offer discounted treatment services for those who cannot afford them. Further, if a family loses a loved one due to an overdose, we will unhesitatingly provide that family with emotional support and other necessities during their time of need.

(adapted from the Anonapalooza website, and used with permission)

7: 8AM Pre-General Service Conference Workshop Lord of Life Church, 40W605 Route 38, LaFox, IL 60119

14: 1PM Workshop on Chairing meetings/ Bridging the Gap DeKalb Alano Club 312 Taylor St, DeKalb, IL 61432

22-28: General Service Conference -NYC

27: 6:30PM GSR Meeting First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton, Wheaton, IL 60187

28: 10AM Step Study Workshop Christ Church of Oakbrook 501 Oak Brook Rd Oak Brook, IL 60523

12: 8AM Spring Committee Meeing Lord of Life Church (See April 7)

20: 9:30AM Service Orientation Workshop All Saints Lutheran Church 630 S Quentin Rd Palatine, IL 60067

20: 12PM Woman to Woman Luncheon Hoffman House Restaurant 7550 E State St Rockford, IL 61108

25: 6:30 PM GSR Meeting (See April 27)

26: 10AM Meditation Workshop Christ Church of Oakbrook (See April 28)

9: 8AM Summer Assembly Lord of Life Church (See April 7)

29: 6:30 PM GSR Meeting (See April 27)

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