

May 2023 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor... Welcome to the April edition. I can be reached at Dist52News@Outlook.com or at (815) 351-0111 with any comments or suggestions. Thanks!

Scott....

I Heard it at a Meeting — *It seems that Acceptance has been a very common topic lately in meetings... "...acceptance is the answer to all my problems today" – Big Book, p.417. When we were deep in our drinking days, acceptance was a concept that was foreign to many of us. How could we accept people, places and things as they are when they are not the way we think they are supposed to be? How could we accept what people have done to us and how we have been treated? If we were honest with ourselves, HOW could we accept the things WE have done and how WE have treated other people? Of course we drank when faced with all of these terrible things...in our minds we had no other choice. All of these questions and thoughts were justifications for our behavior. We could hide now from the truth and deal with it tomorrow...but unless we could accept the truth, it was entirely likely that tomorrow would never come. As we strive to adopt a philosophy that each "...person, place, thing or situation...(is)...exactly as it is supposed to be at this moment." Big Book, p. 417 and have begun to accept that we are alcoholic, we have found that we can stay sober, be relatively happy and achieve a sense of peace with the world.*

Remember, this is from a group discussion and may not represent every perspective. Please feel free to send me ideas and comments. Thanks...

Letter from the DCM – Steve K. : (815) 214-7063 : skelley13154@hotmail.com

We have received the Big Books that we ordered, and we ordered more 3rd and 7th step prayer cards. Please let us know if your group struggles to meet expenses, because that is what we wish to do with Big Books-put them in the hands of the groups that need them so you can carry the message and freely give these Big Books. We also took some of our excess funds and distributed the money to NIA20 and GSO.

There are a couple of workshops coming up! These are great opportunities to learn more about an aspect of Recovery. From what I heard, the Gratitude Workshop this past weekend was great! The next workshop is on Sponsorship Saturday May 13 11 AM – 2 PM in Johnson Lecture Hall, where the Sunday Speaker meeting is held. Then we have a Workshop on Step 6 and 7 July 16 TBD. The District can give money to help put on the Workshops. We can have one more this year

Thank you, Steve K

Carrying The Message...On Local Radio WKAN 1320 -

Personal anonymity is maintained!
8-10 minute segment.

Question and answer format.
We will do this every three months.

Schedule:

Wednesday July 5th at 8 AM. - ??? will be on the show...Tune in...
More Volunteers Needed for next time!

Questions contact Steve K 815.214.7063

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District 52 Monthly Meeting Minutes - March

District 52 GSR Meeting Minutes

For April 20 2023

In attendance were - Adria P, Steve K , Sheri B, Jodi S ,Terry W ,Gabe H, Steve F , Sherri M , Gabe H , Pat O and Jason R.

Open Meeting at 6:30, quiet time followed by Serenity Prayer.

Secretary Report - Adria P made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting second by Gabe motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Motion made by Gabe second by Adria to accept the treasurer's report from March.

GSR Reports

BLT- Steve F BLT will help with the July 16 workshop on steps 6 and 7

11 am Sat morning at the Alano club -Pat O - Going well attendance is good.

Primary Purpose - Gabe H Meetings are good, attendance is up and down . Will be hosting a workshop on sponsorship May 13, 11 till 3 at Johnson lecture hall

Tuesday Night women's meeting - Sherri B Might do a workshop instead of dinner.

Committee reports

Literature - District has big books for new people contact Sherri M ,

Treatment - Adria P, Banyon will only take two people to speak at the Wednesday meeting. Sent email to Iroquois Mental Health Center but have not heard back.

Webmaster Gabe H, New site visits- 322 up 15% .

New business

Motion made by Steve K - second by Adria P to send \$ 300 to Area and \$ 300 to New York- motion passed.

Steve brought up ordering 100 more prayer cards and pocket books.

GCM please try and bring new people.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 7:55

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Opportunity to Serve—The best way to get out of your own head is to serve others! District 52 has opportunities to serve and needs your help! There are many different opportunities;

Like history? You can help in Archives!

Do you talk with others who help alcoholics? Public Information might be for you!

Do you like reading the Grapevine? Come serve on the Grapevine Committee and help others at the same time!

Come to the next District 52 meeting to see where you fit in!

6:30 PM (3rd Thursday) –May 18, June

Riverside Hospital Conference Room C (by cafeteria)

Steve K (815) 214-7063 Terry W (815) 954-1199 Jodi S (708) 670-2783

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Lost Sheep Group Open Picnic - Saturday June 10th: 12-4pm. Momence Island Park, 79 E. Mill St. East Pavilion. Hamburgers, hot dogs, pop and water provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Family welcome! Contact Rick P- 847-366-6130, Melvin K 815-354-2346, Tina C 312-929-5371

Sponsorship Workshop – Saturday May 13th: 11:00 – 3:00 at Johnson Lecture Hall - Riverside Hospital, 350 N Wall St. Organized by the Primary Purpose Group. Lunch provided. Contact Adria P (815) 401-3847 with questions.

Kankakee Alano Club Annual Banquet – Saturday May 20th: Dinner 6:00 PM. Speakers 7:00 PM from NA, Al-Anon and AA. Tickets \$15 each or 2/\$25. Held at Life Compass Church, 175 S Wall St, Kankakee. Contact Bella C to donate a raffle basket (815) 295-6648.

Catered Dinner and a Meeting - Last Sunday of Every Month at 330 PM at the Alano Club 1245 E River St Kankakee! Next meeting April 30th! Fantastic speakers come from Chicago to share their Experience-Strength-Hope..come, support and learn! This meeting is brought to you by *The First 164 pages* and *12 & 12 Groups*.

Banyan Treatment Center – Volunteers are needed to speak once or twice a month on Wednesday's at 6:30 PM. There continues to be a need for more women volunteers. 6 Months of sobriety is required to participate. Please contact Adria with any questions at (815) 401-3847

New /Need Support Meetings:

Kankakee - Came to Believe - Monday 11:00 at the Alano Club needs sober support.

Happy Birthday!!! Please send your sobriety birthday so we can recognize and celebrate your miracle!

Ron S 5/2/85

Pat M 5/9/18

Annette F 5/13/17

Hampton R 5/14/13

Annette 5/16/17

Adria P 5/16/19

Ann L 5/16/18

Cindy O 5/20/85

Kathleen M 5/22/18

Tim E 5/28/18

Adrian H 5/30/20

Gabe H 5/24/17

Chris 5/3/2020

Joe L 5/2/22

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Funnies!!!

