

# September 2022 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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**From the Editor...** Welcome to the July edition. I can be reached at [Dist52News@Outlook.com](mailto:Dist52News@Outlook.com) or at (815) 351-0111 (new phone number - please feel free to leave a message) with any comments or suggestions. Thanks!

Scott....

**I Heard it at a Meeting...** *Grace....Mercy....Justice. Three very big and very important words that sometimes are misunderstood. They really can be broken down pretty simply.....*

*Justice – Getting exactly what you deserve....nobody really wants this for themselves...only for the other guy!*

*Mercy – Getting less than what you deserve...better, but still can be painful.*

*Grace – This is the miracle....it is getting what you don't deserve...I know that I have had an amazing amount of Grace in my life...from friends, from family, from my wife and kids, from God...Definitely a reason to live a life of gratitude.*

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

**This is My Story....** I am looking for content...If you would like share your story to be included in a future newsletter, please forward to me.

## District 52 Monthly Meeting Summary ()

GSR Meeting minutes

For August 18, 2022

In attendance were Suzi H., Keith A., Laurie A., Steve F., Ivan G., Steve K., Kris S., Heather S., Adria P., Scott O., and Daniel D.

There was a quiet time followed by the serenity prayer. Heather S. read the 12 Traditions. The minutes for the last meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: The beginning balance was \$4010.22. There was \$153.80 in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions. Expenses were \$284.96. Leaving an ending balance of \$3879.06. Minus the prudent reserve of 2000 there is a district balance of \$1879.06. There were no expenses for corrections in August. The balance is \$983.79. In July there was a correction of a line item of \$30.09. The amount is right but it is not a corrections expense.

### GSR reports

New Hope Sunday am – Suzi H. - Sunday picnic was well attended. The group gets bigger every week.

Saturday morning open – Keith A. – No report

BLT – Steve F. – attendance is up and down.

SOS – Ivan G. – attendance is great. Will be starting a group inventory in September. The Safety card will be incorporated into the opening of the meeting. They are just looking for the appropriate place to put it in.

Beckman Park & 911 – Steve K. – both meetings are doing well. The VA meeting is looking for outside people to come in, particularly women. The meeting is called Back to Basics.

The first 164 pages plus 12&12 – Adria – doesn't currently have a GSR. The meeting is still holding the Sunday dinner with speakers from the Evans Club.

Saturday night open – Daniel D. – doing well. Having a picnic on September 25.

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Women to women – Laurie A. – Lots of newcomers. The meeting is well attended. Talking about May 2023 for the Italian dinner.

## Committee reports:

Accessibilities- open

Answering service- Ivan G. - brought his laptop so Jon and he could get into the account.

Archives – open

Corrections- Laurie A. – Justin LeSage is leaving as volunteer supervisor. The new supervisor is chief of corrections. He said Laurie could not attend the monthly meetings. There are no churches or anything currently going into the jails. There is a new crisis line 988. We can house people in a crisis.

Grapevine – open

Literature – Ann L – Not there

Newsletter- Scott O. – the newsletter went out late in July. August went out in time. Looking for stories from people to put in the newsletter.

PI/CPC – Steve K.- ran the newspaper ad for 8 days. It was \$42.75. We need to look at the answering service numbers. If they are going up is the question. Steve has been going to churches. Suzi and Steve are going to drug court. Will take pamphlets and things. Kramer is the judge. All the people from drug court get together on Thursdays at 8:45.

There was a question as to whether we were doing the ad for Labor day. Steve questioned running the ad without data from the answering service. There was a motion to run the ad over Labor Day. All were in favor.

WKAN does community profiles. These are people like the mayor and various businesses in the community. Steve called GSO to see if this was promotion. It is not promotion. Steve F. thought the issue might be anonymity. It is 8 minutes on the radio. Steve will ask if a man and a woman can speak. Questions should be preapproved.

Could be like a first step meeting. Could be a step in dispelling the fear people have about going to meetings.

Treatment – Adria P. – 2-4 people are going every week to Banyan. There is a need for volunteers. Steve C. is in charge of speakers out at Brandon House.

Website – Gabriel H. - Not here. Called in and said let him know if there needs to be any changes to the website. We had a newcomer show up at the club and nobody was there.

Old Business – the Golf Outing is August 28<sup>th</sup>. The committee could use some extra help.

The mini conference raffle basket auction is taking place. Holley is taking baskets. Friday is the cut off. Next planning meeting is Sunday at 2pm.

New Business- Jon didn't go to the Summer Assembly. He also did not go to the state conference because of funding issues. Jon brought save the date flyers for the Spring Conference which is March 10-12. There was a motion to fund Jon for the Spring Conference. The motion was tabled until Jon could come back with an expense estimate.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Catered Dinner and a Meeting** - Last Sunday of Every Month at 330 PM at the Alano Club 1245 E River St Kankakee! Next Dinner September 25th. 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

**Service Circus Mini-Conference** – Planned for September 17<sup>th</sup> at Life Compass Church Kankakee (175 S Wall St.) . 9AM – 4PM. Tickets \$15 each (\$25 for 2). Baskets are needed for the raffle...contact Holley R for information 815-386-3717.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Togetherness Picnic** – Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11AM – 3 PM at LILs Park in Bradley (1373 E North St). Games food and beverages provided. Please bring a dish to share and your preferred seating accommodations. Contact Bob L at 815 955-9544.

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## New /Need Support Meetings:

Friday BLT Meeting at 8:00 needs sober support.

Manteno – Big Book Study (formerly 'Jolly' Time) meeting at the Manteno Veterans Home has re-opened and needs sober support. Tuesday's at 6:00 PM. Contact Tom C 815.671.0116 or Steve K 815.214.7063 with questions.

Momence – Lost Sheep Monday 7PM is now a beginners meeting and will focus on the first 3 steps. Sober support is needed.

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

<b>Kris S 9/4/17</b>	<b>Monica T 9/4/21</b>	<b>Herb B 9/5/05</b>	<b>Aaron T 9/7/19</b>	<b>Tara</b>
<b>9/13/21</b>				
<b>Phill L 9/11/95</b>	<b>Josh O 9/12/16</b>	<b>Ray M 9/13/95</b>	<b>Cory 9/13/20</b>	<b>Ted M</b>
<b>9/20/84</b>				
<b>Ron R 9/26/12</b>	<b>Kenneth S 9/26/19</b>	<b>Karl H 9/27/86</b>	<b>Bob L 9/28/03</b>	<b>Terry</b>
<b>9/20/20</b>				

## Funnies!!!

