

December 2024 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor... Welcome to the December 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 – *Now we need more action, without which we find that “Faith without works is dead.” (Big Book page 75...James 2:26)* The idea of putting the program into action was a daunting suggestion at one point for me. My challenge was the same one that contributed to my alcoholism and other difficulties living life on life’s terms....my challenge was thinking. ‘Into action...’ brought thoughts to mind of how hard that might be, and how many things I would have to do and how many things might go wrong. The first part I learned of putting the program into action was to stop thinking. Putting the program ‘into action’ is as simple as doing the next right thing...once that is complete, do the next right thing on the list....then repeat. Pretty soon many next right things have been completed and an amazing amount of progress has been made. The key at this point in my journey was to stop thinking so much. The thing that is funny is this seems to be a challenge that will follow us throughout our continuing recovery. One of the folks in the meeting that day started this deep philosophical discussion. He stated that despite many decades of sobriety, there were still the crazy thoughts that all humans experience. They were not just tied to the state we were in on our first day of sobriety. This was troubling to this person as pride led them to think that they should be past this after so many years....they thought they should be doing better than this by now....the realization came slowly but clearly that maybe the trouble was still, after all these years, the thinking rather than the doing. This was an amazing discussion that total changed the topic that I was planning for this edition....guess I was thinking too much about it!

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

DCM Letter:

Here we are in the last days of the year. At Christmas it crosses my thoughts that my great gift in my lifetime is to be free from the enslavement of alcohol, and to be of reasonably sound mind and body.

Thanks for letting me be your DCM. I have learned that we have a great district, with a real range of meetings for their size, formats, and types. I hope we have done some things in the last couple of years that helped you at your groups, and helped the new people coming into AA for the first time.

To be faithful to the idea of rotation of service positions, I am stepping down, as is Jodi S our Treasurer, Terry W our Secretary, and Ivan G our Answering Service person. Thank you to Jaime from SOS for volunteering to be our next Secretary. We are still in need of people to step up to fill the DCM, Treasurer, and Answering Service positions. These are important jobs! My hope is that we get some people to step into these positions. It will be difficult to conduct business for the district effectively with these positions vacant. Please step up!

Next District meeting is Thursday December 19th at 6:30 PM Riverside Hospital across from Cafeteria.

Thank you and in your service,

Steve K 815-214-7063 skelley13154@hotmail.com

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.

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Schedule:

Wednesday January 8th at 8 AM. - ...Tune in...More Volunteers Needed!

Questions contact Steve K 815.214.7063

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;

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

Meet 3rd Thursday of the month—Next: December 19th at 6:30 PM

Riverside Hospital Conference Room (by cafeteria)

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

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Kankakee Alano Club Alcathon— December 24 0830PM to December 25th 0800PM. Christmas Dinner served at 2:00 PM on December 25th. Please bring a dish to share.

Alano Club Christmas Party— Sunday 22nd of December 12:00-3:00. Santa will visit at 12:30. Sign up on board for your child to receive a gift. Please bring an appetizer to share. Ugly sweater contest with prizes. Ornament exchange (\$5 limit).

23rd Annual Alcohol and Drug free Christmas Party— Saturday December 7th 3:00 PM to ???. 956 Justine Dr, Kankakee. Bring friends, spouses, kids, etc. Please bring a dish to share. Contact Steve K with questions (815) 214-7063.

New Year Party - Kankakee Alano Club December 31st. Speaker at 7:00 PM. Karaoke to follow. Bring a dish to share.

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Banyan Treatment Center— Volunteers needed to speak once or twice a month on Wednesday's at 8:15AM (Please note Time Change!). 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: This is a critically important section. We need to support these meetings and keep them alive and vibrant. Many are as few as 2-3 people on some days and when new folks come into a weak meeting for the first time, they may not come back. We are blessed in this area with many meetings at different days/times and are lucky to have a building dedicated to sober support. We need to keep this tradition alive.

Kankakee - New Meeting: Alano 3:30 with Kody as chair...new chair...new perspective. Come support. This is an open meeting.

Monday 5:30 12&12 Book study at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Brookmont closed permanently.

Manteno - "Now what are you going to do about it?" Wednesday 5:30 meeting will meet at Henderson Park, 383 Lynn Dr. Weather permitting.

"Can't wait til 8" New topic/discussion meeting. 5:30 Monday's at Manteno Church of the Nazarene. 698 N. Locust St. Come support.

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District 52 Meeting Minutes - November 21, 2024

In Attendance were – Terry W, Steve K, Kris, Dan P, Steve R, Ivan G, Karlie T, Earl J, Roman M, Jamie M, Scott O, Jose R and Sherri M.

Secretary Report – Terry W, A motion was made to accept the secretary as read. First by Kris S, second by Dan P.

Treasures Report – Kris S, starting balance for November of \$2,152.38 minus the prudent reserve of \$2,000.00 leaving a balance of \$ -77.16 A motion was made to accept the report as read. First by Ivan G, second by Steve R.

GSR Reports

Saturday Night Open – Steve R, Meeting going well. Good attendance.

Women To Women - Karli T, Meeting going well. Seeing newcomers Planning workshop for February 22 at Life Compass Church 12 till 4.

Spanish meeting going well.

SOS – Jamie M, meeting going well 15 to 25 in attendance.

911 – Dan Meeting going well.

Committee Reports

Answering Service – Ivan G, Ending his term. Men3 calls 1 to answering service. Women 7 calls 3 to voice mail.

Archives – Kris nothing new to report.

Grapevine - Karli T will be taking over Grapevine.

Literature – Sherri M - SOS needs schedules.

Newsletter – Scott O Newsletter going well.

PI/ CPC – Earl J Has literature. Would like to get Literature into courthouse. Call into jail.

Old Business

Reimbursements are tabled to a later date.

New Business

DCM, Secretary Answering service and Treasurer

Nominations - Jamie M nominated for Secretary position.

Meeting ended at 7:50

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

Mary K 10/10/82

Dirk 10/13/19

Angel 10/16/19

Pete 10/19/19

Charloit 10/19/08

Jordan K 10/19/18

Steve C 10/24/99

Mike E 10/24/06

Scott O. 10/11/19

Marla 10/5/19

Allen 10/14/21

Craig M 10/9/18

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Funnies!!!