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From the Editor... Welcome to the July edition. I can be reached at 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... *Purpose – It is a big word and often people struggle with a feeling that they have one, but can't find it. It is important to remember we are all parts of the body or the whole. Our individual roles are different generally and sometimes vary greatly based on circumstance. One should never underestimate the importance of God's purpose in the moment...what seems to be a small thing can have enormous impact that was never anticipated. One great example of this include the Space Shuttle Columbia where the failure of a very small washer led to the destruction of the ship in flight. The movie 'It's a Wonderful Life' documents this idea in a story about a man who is given the gift of seeing what the world would be like had he not been born...at the end, he is able to see that the little impacts that he had were used by God to fulfill much greater purpose than he ever imagined possible. Sometimes when the alcoholic looks back on their life and the chaos that was created through their disease...it is not unusual to hear them say that although painful, they are also grateful and wouldn't change much of anything...the purpose of the experiences eventually was to create the person they are today.*

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.

Serenity Prayer: Recently I was at a meeting where the full version of the Serenity Prayer was handed out. I was surprised to see that I only knew a portion of what was contained, so decided I would include it in this month's newsletter....

*God, grant me the
SERENITY to accept the things I cannot change;
COURAGE to change the things I can;
And WISDOM to know the difference –
Living on day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.*

District 52 Monthly Meeting Summary ()

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Not available when newsletter issued. Special section below on Founders Day.

Founders Day 2022 – Steve K.

A picture is worth a thousand words. We are standing in front of Dr Bob's House in Akron on Founders' Day 2022- the 87th anniversary of AA being co-founded by Bill W and Dr Bob. Check out the crowd! That is just a small part of it. The attendance was around 10,000 people - who didn't think they would live, and now here we are, all thrown together in Akron. I met people from all over the country. The atmosphere was that of a King sized party!

We stayed with my friend Clare, a dear friend I met in the 80s while we were both in school at U of I. What a precious and wonderful friend she has been through all those years. Another great blessing of a sober life! Friday evening we had a Speaker meeting with several thousand people. It was a great talk and was well received. The Speaker

had spent part of his life in and around Chicago, so that helped it have more meaning.



Saturday's highlight was the play given by a semiprofessional acting group of AA members whose main character was a new guy encountering the typical first year challenges – mood swings, getting a sponsor, getting involved in service work, being hit on, meeting that special person who was really different, going to business meetings. The person who wrote it definitely had the sense of what these situations really were like. There was LOTS of laughter!

Saturday evening was the Speaker meeting and Sobriety countdown. There was a guy with 2 days and another guy with 62 years! The vibe all weekend was one of happiness, gratitude, and friendliness. As the lady in Keys of the Kingdom in the Big Book said, in return for a bottle and a hangover, we have been given the keys to the kingdom!

Be on the lookout for next year's celebration...perhaps you can attend!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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AA Golf & Fellowship Outing – Shamrock Golf Course. August 28th registration at 12:00 with shotgun start at 1:00. \$50pp for Golf and cart (\$8 pp for food and fellowship). Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Chips, Cookies, Pop & Water. Bring a lawn chair! Contact: Steve F (815) 822-1258, John B. (815) 351-4880, Bob L. (815) 955-9544 or Ronnie S. (708) 275-4966.

Catered Dinner and a Meeting - Last Sunday of Every Month at 330 PM at the Alano Club 1245 E River St Kankakee! Next Dinner July 31st. 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

Mini-Conference – Planned for September 17th at Life Compass Church Kankakee. 8AM Start.

New /Need Support Meetings:

Kankakee – Beckman Park Open Air Meeting is restarting. Every Saturday and Sunday at 11AM under the Open Air Pavilion. Questions, contact Steve K. at (815) 214-7063.

Ashkum - Sunday 700 meeting at United Methodist Church is canceled due to low attendance.

Friday BLT Meeting at 8:00 needs sober support.

Manteno - 'Jolly' Time meeting at Veterans Home has been suspended due to an outbreak of Covid.

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!

Luke S 7/5/16

Pat D 7/14/83

Lauren 7/18/19

Dale S 7/20/86

Jeff G 7/23/18

Julie 7/26/19

Joe K 7/29/04

Moses 7/2/21

Mike H 7/30/20

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Funnies!!!

