

August 2025 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

The Link

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From the Editor... Welcome to the August 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 –

Often we will encounter people in this world that are challenging to relate to. It is important to keep in mind that for most of us...there we were at one point (and maybe still are). Sometimes these people are just different from us in a way that irritates our sense of what is the proper way to be, act, think, speak, etc...that is not necessarily a bad thing and it certainly isn't justification for anger and lashing out. As it has been said, "we had to be free of anger. The grouch and the brainstorm were not for us. They may be the dubious luxury of normal men, but for alcoholics these things are poison." (p 66 Big Book) We used to do that in large part because we wanted to be in control and direct the players. "...we had to quit playing God. It didn't work." (p 63 Big Book).

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

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 October 1st at 8 AM. - ...Tune in...More Volunteers Needed!

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! District Board positions and support chairs available;

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

Meet 3rd Thursday of the month—Next: August 17th at 6:30 PM

Riverside Hospital Conference Room (by cafeteria)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

**FRANK CORBET MEMORIAL
ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP
GOLF
OUTING**



AUGUST 17, 2025

Registration at Noon
Shotgun Start at 1pm

\$60 includes Golf,
Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips,
Cookies, Water & Soda
Fellowship & Food Only \$8

Shamrock Golf Course
St Anne

For Tickets or More Info:
Bob L 815-955-9544
Kurt H 815-295-4007
Steve F 815-822-1258
John B 815-351-4882

Our Success is
Dependent Upon
YOUR Participation -
Be of Service



Discussions on the
12 Steps of AA
Panel 1: Steps 1, 2, 3
Panel 2: Steps 4, 5, 6
Panel 3: Steps 7, 8, 9
Panel 4: Steps 10, 11, 12

AA Guest Speaker
**JOE C FROM
SAN DIEGO, CA**

Al-Anon Guest Speaker
TBD

**2025 KANKAKEE
MINI CONFERENCE
THERE IS A SOLUTION**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Life Compass Church
175 S Wall St
Kankakee IL

Tickets: \$15
Doors: 8:30am
Conference: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Lunch provided from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Information
**STEVE R.
815 263 0792**

COME JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL

**PICNIC AT
THE PARK**

HOSTED BY THE
"WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO ABOUT
IT" GROUP

AUGUST 16

12-4:30

AT LEGACY PARK
MANTENO, IL

CHICKEN PROVIDED
BRING A DISH TO SHARE
RSVP: 815-405-7223



**BBO & BAGS
TOURNAMENT**

**AUGUST 31ST
5PM**

7178 WEST 4000 N RD
BONFIELD IL

\$10 FOR FOOD
HOT DOGS & BURGERS
\$20 PER TEAM FOR BAGS
CASH PRIZE FOR WINNER

BRING A DESSERT & LAWN CHAIR
FAMILY FRIENDLY
NO DOGS PLEASE



CONTACT JOHNNIE (815) 462-8142 OR MARYKAY (815) 450-9514
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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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.

Big Books/12 & 12 Books: The district has a number of copies of the Big Book and the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions to provide to groups in need. Please contact Steve K or Sherri M or email the district webmaster at d52webmaster@gmail.com with requests.

Seminar Topics: Seminars and workshops are put on throughout the year by various groups with strong sober experience to help both the newcomer and the veteran of AA. One of the most challenging aspects of this process is defining a topic for exploration during these workshops and so we are asking for suggestions to build a list for groups to consider. Please provide your thoughts to any district 52 board member, GSR or to Dist52news@outlook.com.

New /Need Support Meetings:

Manteno:

- *New Hope Meeting.* Wednesday 8:00 PM at Christian Church of Manteno is in need of sober support. 401 E 3rd Street.

Kankakee:

- *Came to Believe.* Monday 11:00 AM at Alano Club is in need of sober support.
- *Friday Night Open* – Friday 7:00 PM at Alano Club is in need of sober support.
- 3:30 PM Saturday Meeting – Saturday 3:30PM at Alano Club is in need of sober support.
- *Citadel Nursing Home* – Sunday at 3:00. New meeting starting June 8th. Citadel Nursing Home, 900 W River Place

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

Vern A 8/6/05

George D 8/9/97

Gary 8/10/16

Derek B 8/13/18

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George D 8/9/97

Ron L 8/24/86

Lauren B. 8/21/16

Fred Y 8/18/19

Rob M 8/20/22

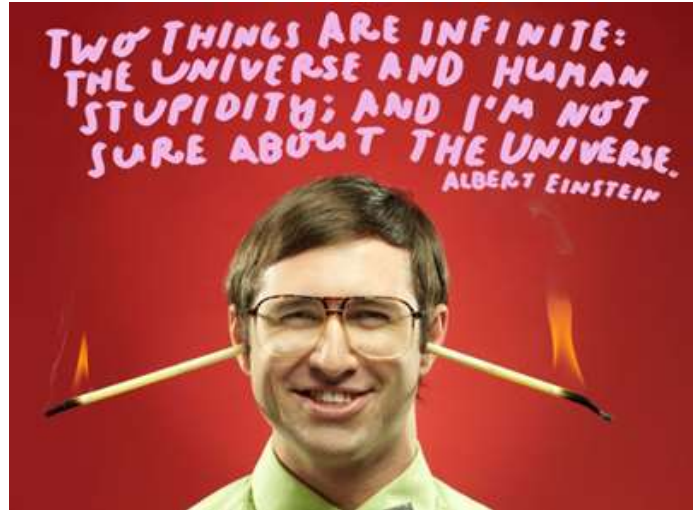
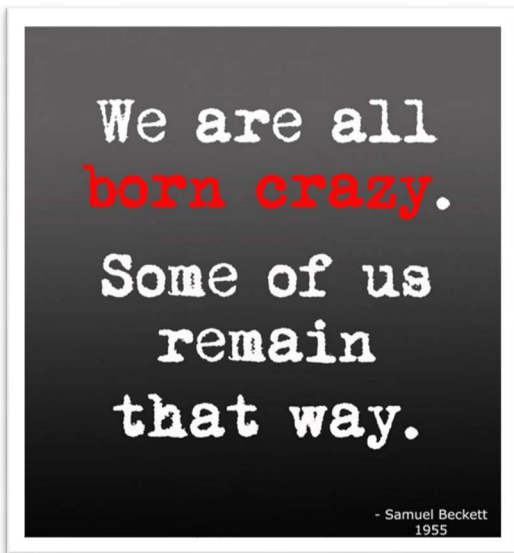
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Bonnie 8/10/21

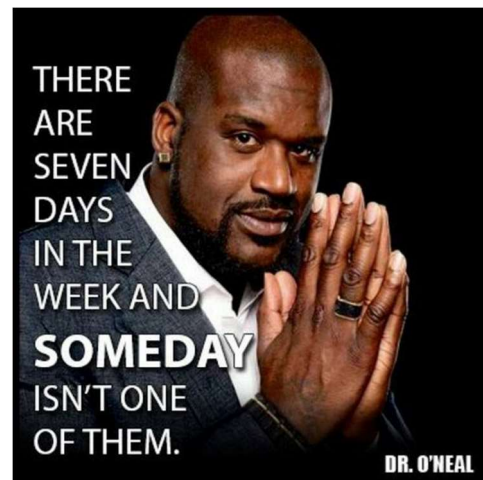
Kourtney C 8/23/17

Paul P 8/14/17

Funnies!!!



Inspiration...



Something to Think About:

Fear doesn't stop you from dying...It stops you from living!

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District 52 Meeting Minutes -

District 52 Meeting Minutes June 19, 2025

In attendance; Steve B, Gabriel H, Steve K, Bob L, Kathy P, Steve R, Kris S, and Karli T.

Steve R. called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., Steve K. read the 12 traditions.

Secretary's report: There currently is no secretary. The minutes from the May 15th meeting were reviewed by all in attendance. Steve K. asked for clarification on wording in the GSR reports, Steve R. noted that the minutes were recorded verbatim. Kris S. motioned to accept the minutes as typed, Bob L. seconded the motion.

Approved unanimously by all in attendance.

Treasurer's report: Bob L. noted that the only mail received was the bank statement. The answering service was paid and \$1063.30 was expended for Sherry's literature purchase (2 cases of BBs, 2 cases of 12&12s, and pamphlets for the FAQ Workshop). Bob does not have the system up and running yet (life on life's terms) but all bills are paid and any funds received have been deposited. Steve B. motioned to accept the report as given, Karli T. seconded. Approved unanimously.

Steve B. read Concept 5 and presented his interpretation; Steve K. added comments related to his experience, strength, and hope then Kris contributed hers as well before Steve R. also noted his take.

Bob L. read Concept 6 and presented his interpretation; Kris shared about her experience, strength and hope.

GSR Reports

Woman to Woman – Karli picked up schedules from Kris tonight. The group needs 3-5 BBs and 3-5 12&12s when they come in, plus newcomer packets. The meeting gets 8-12 members attending regularly.

1st Things 1st – Steve B. reported that attendance is down a little bit but good.

Men's Group – Steve B. noted that they are seeing rollercoaster attendance at this meeting.

S.O.S. – Bob L. shared that attendance is off the charts, upwards of 30 regular attendees; tonight, there were 4 newcomers, anniversary coins were disbursed. The group is hosting the F.A.Q. Workshop at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 28th at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Brookmont; event funds from the district will be disbursed. Karli asked if she can set up a Grapevine display; Bob said they have limited space but she is welcome to distribute info wherever she can settle in.

New Hope – Gabriel H. said the meeting is still pretty full; need a chairperson for the next quarter; have plenty of literature for sale.

Open Air Beckman Park – Kris S. on behalf of William mentioned they have a new GSR and the group is processing the paperwork to update GSO records.

Lost Sheep – Kathy P. stated that the picnic was a great success and she expressed her gratitude for everyone's support. Meeting attendance is the same. She needs to check if the Monday meeting info has been updated in the schedule yet.

Saturday Night Open – Steve R. mentioned that meeting attendance numbers are down a little bit from low 30s to low 20s; good participation and good newcomer attendance with a good shot at finding a sponsor.

Committee Reports

Literature – Steve K., as Alternate chair, reported we will have literature for sale at the Kankakee Area Mini Conference. He has not been in contact with Sherry for any further updates.

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Archives – Kris S. reported that she attended the Area Archives Committee meeting and started online training. The Area Committee is hosting a workshop for new Archivists to establish a template for file management numbering and tracking systems and, once she is able to develop this, will need a committee to implement it; several members present at tonight's meeting offered to help. Kris received a replacement microcassette recorder and looks forward to obtaining oral histories, especially from long-time members. She has also acquired some materials for updating records storage. Kris plans to record video and take pictures of the archives display at International Convention.

Answering service – Bob L., on behalf of William, reported that there was 1 call received in April to the men's line and 0 calls received to the women's line; 0 calls were received on either line in May.

Treatment – Bob L., on behalf of Adria, reported that she couldn't make it due to car trouble but she is keeping the roll call going at the St. Mary's Ascension/Prime meeting on Wednesday mornings, at Banyan on Wednesday mornings, at Bridging the Gap, and at Brandon House.

Accessibilities – Steve B. asked if anyone knows of anybody who has special needs. Do we know how to make groups/locations more accessible without mandating "renovations"? Should he print up something with his name and phone number on it to distribute to groups, in case they have requests? Kris suggested he get connected with the Area Accessibilities Committee; Bob suggested contacting the local Chamber of Commerce to see how the community can support; Karli offered to help Steve get connected with AA resources.

Grapevine – Karli reported that the GV dropbox is doing well; she awarded 1 winner in May and 2 winners, so far, in June. She started an e-mail distribution list for the GV newsletter, which includes a QR code for accessing past issues. All GV resources are now linked in the digital copy of the newsletter and she is adding links to the GV newsletters for surrounding districts. Karli reached out to the GV coordinator at GSO to ask about including a copyright disclaimer for republished articles/etc. and they confirmed it's prudent to have one; Karli will add it to all future issues of our GV newsletter. The "From the Vineyard" page in the Link is coming along and she has started sharing it on the D52 website.

The table she set up at the Lost Sheep picnic was well-received and she had several inquiries about accepting credit card payments for literature; she's looking into using Zelle and/or Paypal, etc. Karli is attending Saturday's Area Assembly and looking forward to sharing her progress and results with them.

The Kankakee Alano Club Literature Committee had pre-owned GV books that they offered for her to take; she accepted them and is going to use them at the new "Raisin Hope" Grapevine meeting starting Monday, July 7th at 5:30 p.m.; the meeting will mostly read Grapevine books and the magazine but will also offer quarterly writing workshops. If D52 needs groups to host a workshop, Karli assures that the Raisin Hope meeting is happy to do so!

Newsletter – Scott O. was not in attendance. No report.

PI/CPC – Earl was not in attendance. No report.

Webmaster – Lauren was not in attendance. No report.

Old Business

- Steve R. talked to Lauren about including Zoom access for district meetings. No progress.
- Bob already mentioned the F.A.Q. Workshop
- Other workshop(s) on the horizon – sounds like we will start seeing GV workshops!

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New Business

- No new nominations to fill empty positions.
- How can we get more people involved as GSR and in attendance at the district meeting?
- As Bill Sees It group has requested 4-6 copies of the book to support their growing attendance. Discussion about how past requests were handled; concerns about setting a precedent; recommended everyone take it back to their groups to see if a better-off group is willing to help those in need; Kris said she will donate the books to them. Kris motioned to implement a standard policy that District 52 does not fund group literature. Bob offered a friendly amendment to exclude Big Books and 12 & 12s designated for newcomers. Karli seconded the amended motion. 7 members present voted to approve the motion, as amended; 1 member opposed. Minority opinion was expressed and votes were recast. 7 approved, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

DCM Report

Steve R. attended Founder's Day; about 10,000 people in attendance!

- Ronald W. from L.A. wanted to be "Perry Mason" and became a lawyer.
- Gayle LaC. from Akron presented on the BB and she does Archives.
- Karli was given a photo of the full stadium and she included it on the GV Instagram and in the newsletter.

Need a volunteer for July's Concept 7; Karli stood for the opportunity.

Kris promised that she will have updated schedules at the July meeting.

Next district meeting is Thursday, July 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room B at Riverside Hospital.

Kris motioned to adjourn; Gabriel seconded. All approved.

Respectfully recorded, typed, and submitted in grateful service,

Kris S.

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