



# AA Grapevine

August 2025

DISTRICT #52 ♦ KANKAKEE AREA ♦ NEWSLETTER

## FROM YOUR GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVE

It was exciting last month, the start of the New Grapevine Meeting, "Raisin Hope"; listening to our District members' stories, from attending Founders Day and the 2025 International Convention. Their experiences definitely sparked a passion in me that I may be able to attend these events in the future.

Raisin Hope is a meeting of it's own kind. I am pleased with the format, as it seeks the involvement of the "batch". The group has had some pretty good laughs from sharing their experience, strength & hope from the stories read from the July Issue. Join us in diving into the Grapevine literature; whether it comes from the magazine or a GV book.

I will be at the Golf outing, on Aug 17, with the GV display booth. Books are For Sale, plenty of information about GV and willing to help with any questions you may have.

Also...there is a Canoe/Kayak Trip coming up, September 7 @ 12:30p. Flyers are making there way into rooms

and at The Alano Club. Please correspond accordingly, as I need to get an accurate # of people—to book with Reed's. I appreciate the cooperation.

### **Congratulations to Christopher! The Winner of July.**

The Drop Box is a Raffle, made possible by members donations, for a chance to WIN a 1 year print subscription of Grapevine Magazine. You may JUST Donate or you may JUST fill out a 'Chance to Win' card or BOTH! Non-winners' cards get recirculated. Looking forward to experiencing the continued growth of this combined effort on behalf of all members. **Let's keep it going!**

I wanted to make a note... if you obtain the GV Newsletter digitally: all of the underlined "SUBMIT"; all of the gvr email's listed; the Apps store, Podcast, Instagram, YouTube icons — ARE LINK ACCESSIBLE. You'll be able to click on those. Flyers, related to Grapevine, will also be included in the email distribution.

YOURS IN SERVICE 🍷 Karli T

Is there interest in sharing your story in this District GV Newsletter? Anonymity is proficient. What have YOU heard at meetings?



What is a favorite cartoon you would like to see?

What is a favorite Grapevine article quote you have endured?

IF ANY OR ALL OF THE ABOVE INTEREST YOU, PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR GVR! [gvrdistrict52@gmail.com](mailto:gvrdistrict52@gmail.com)

DO YOU HAVE A STORY YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IN THE GV MAGAZINE?

YOU CAN **SUBMIT** THEM ONLINE

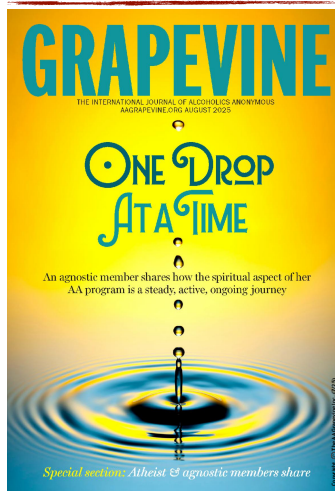
*Getting Into General Service* (Due September 1)

*How the Steps Changed My Life* (Due October 1)

## 'PRUNE' TRIVIA

Ever wonder where "Our meeting in print" came from? A page was designated "Mail Call for All A.A.s in the Armed Forces", back in the first 1944 Grapevine Newsletter. Those members, over seas, began referring to Grapevine as their "meeting in print".

## THIS MONTH'S ISSUE



### AA GRAPEVINE QUOTE

"Tolerance is the art of seeing yourself as others see you — and not getting mad about it."

"Short Takes" - June 1964  
AA Grapevine



### 'SUBMIT A CAPTION'

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Keep an eye 👁️ to spot the GV 'Drop Box' :: for a chance to win a 1 year print subscription :: at **The Alano Club!** When donations reach \$36, a card will be drawn to reveal WINNER!



## HEARD IT AT A LOCAL MEETING:

*When I don't have peace, that's on me not keeping my side [of the street] clean.*



*It's either a BLESSIN' or a LESSON.*

## New GRAPEVINE MEETING

**RAISIN HOPE**

**HELD AT THE ALANO CLUB  
MONDAY'S AT 5:30PM**

SEE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please let your Grapevine Rep know of events/workshops that are happening. The GvR would LOVE to set up the display booth at your occasion!

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Collector's Edition

The Next Frontier :

Emotional Sobriety I & II

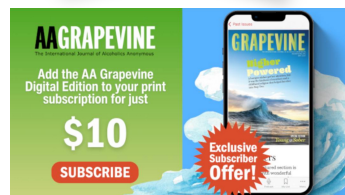
Inside, you'll find a special 4-page keepsake pull-out, featuring the essay by AA cofounder Bill W. from 1958.

Contact your GVR if you're interested in purchasing. Or visit the Grapevine Booth at a local event/workshop. They are on hand for sale, along with other GV Books!



"You can't add days to your life, but you can add life to your days."

Heard this at an outside event.



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# From The VINEYARD

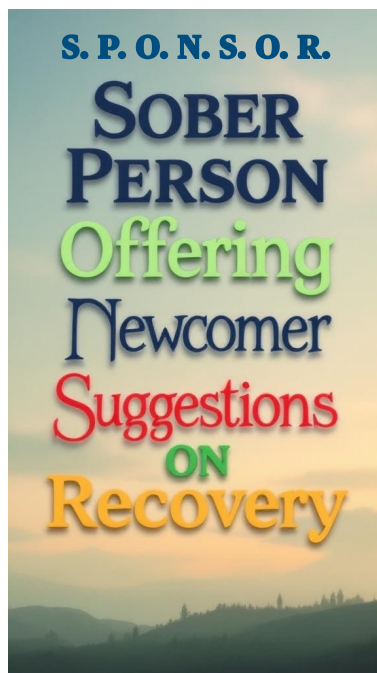
OF DISTRICT #52

## Religion vs Spirituality

- **Religion:** worships God.
- **Spirituality:** encourages oneness with God.
- **Religion:** God is outside of you.
- **Spirituality:** God is within you.
- **Religion:** separates people who have different beliefs.
- **Spirituality:** unites people regardless of their beliefs.
- **Religion:** teaches people to be afraid of hell.
- **Spirituality:** teaches people to create heaven on Earth.
- **Religion:** based on fear and restriction.
- **Spirituality:** based on love and freedom.
- **Religion:** feels like being a single drop in the ocean.
- **Spirituality:** feels like being the entire ocean in a single drop.
- **Religion:** based on others' experience.
- **Spirituality:** based on your personal experience.



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Let's remember to be mindful of anonymity to the stories that have been shared. They strive for Experience, Strength and Hope and that forever "anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities".



### MY PLEADING MOTHER FOR MY BROTHER

My mom has approached me, many times in my sobriety, to help my brother. As she sees what AA and God have done for me, which I could not do for myself, she hopes for the same for my brother. I've explained to her that he gets to choose whether he's an alcoholic or not and that he also chooses his rock bottom. Now, my brother knows that I'm in the program. Attraction, rather than promotion, works... as he does ask me questions, from time to time.

He called me once, while I was on my way to do service work; another time I ran into him at a gas station, where I was coming back from an event. In each of those instances, he asked what I was doing; I simply told him the truth. His curiosity struck up conversations about "How does it work?". Each time I shared my experience, strength and hope.

I feel God was working in both of us. Clearly he was drawn to call me and we were placed at a time for our paths to cross—each incident having AA in the background. God gave me the patience and courage to extend the hand of AA, the attraction for him.



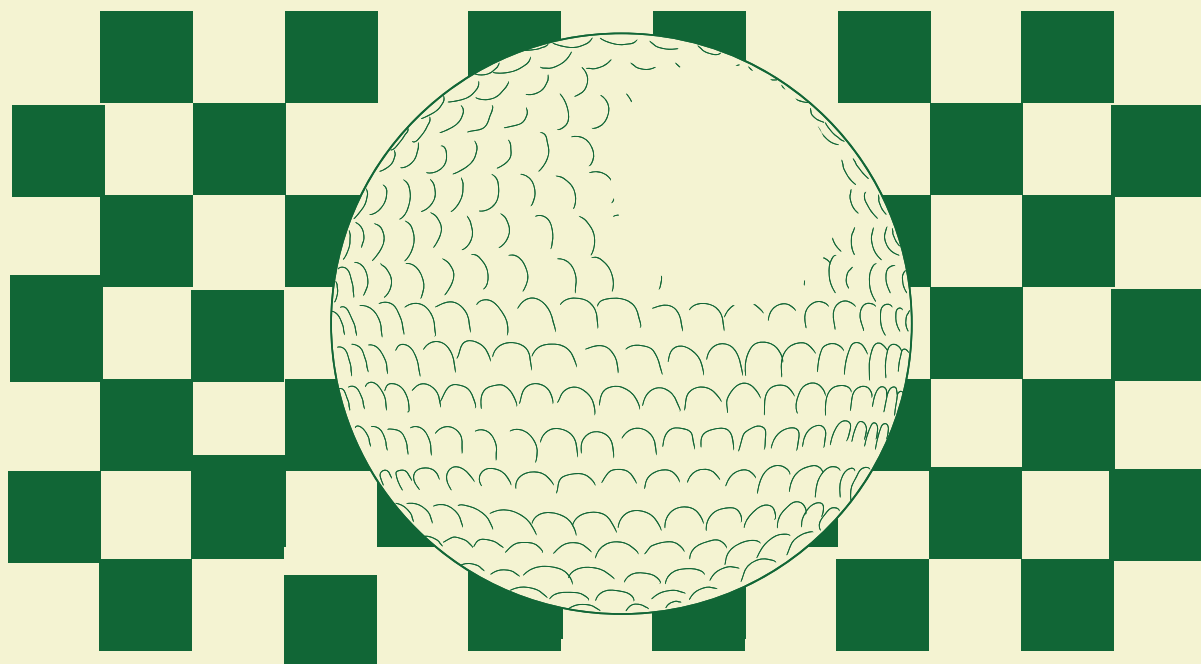
I pray for my brother often, asking God that he may come to believe that a power greater than himself could restore him to sanity. His interest, though at times, gives me hope that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Anonymous 🌸 West Kankakee



**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**



# Kayak/ Canoe TRIP.



in the

## KANKAKEE RIVER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12:30 PM

\$61/canoe

\$46/ 2 peeps:  
kayak (single)

RSVP ASAP!  
847.489.7064

gvrddistrict52@gmail.com

Reed's  
Canoe Trips

DO YOU OWN A  
**VESSEL?**  
THAT WORKS TOO!

Includes Transport to/from



# 2025 Kankakee Area Mini-Conference

## ***“There is a Solution”***

September 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (8:00 a.m. Registration)  
at Life Compass Church, 175 S Wall St., Kankakee, IL. 60901



Discussion 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

Lunch, Coffee, and  
Refreshments will  
be served

This is an All Day Event including:

AA Speaker – Joe C. from San Diego, CA

Al-Anon Speaker – Shari C. from St Charles, MO

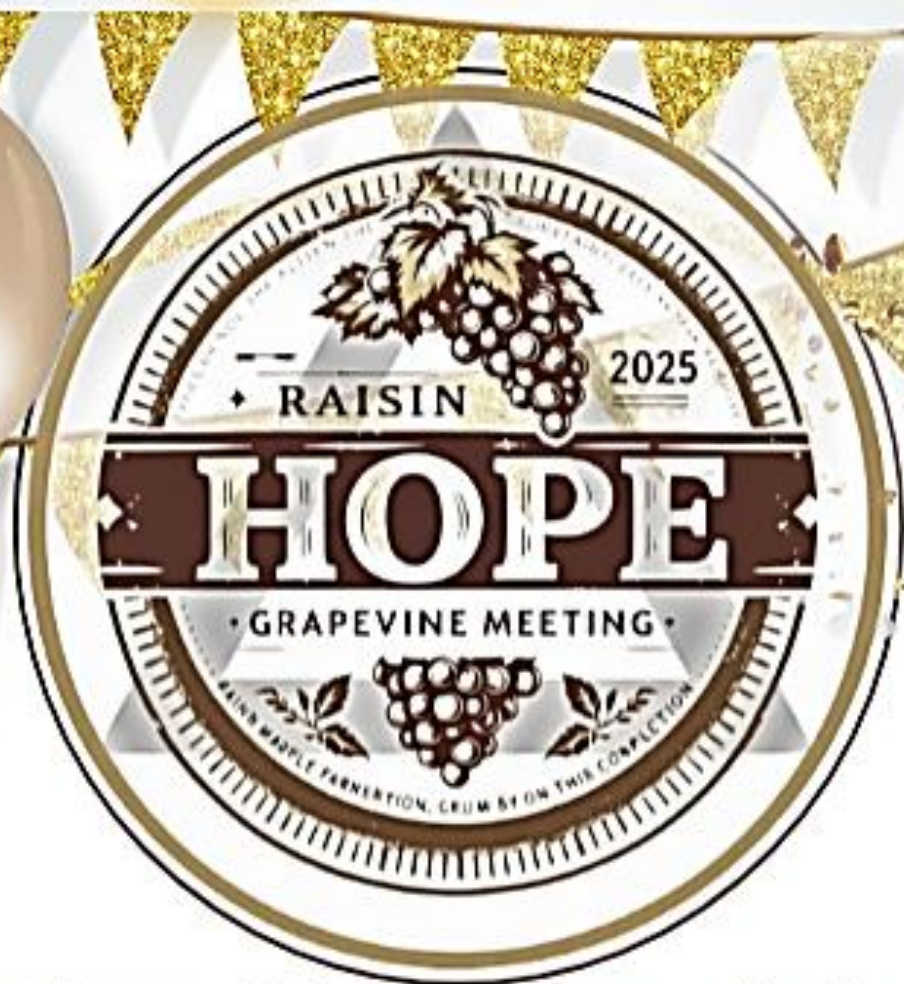
Panels - Sobriety Countdown - Door Prizes - Fund Raisers

**Tickets \$15 on Sale Now!**

For more Information Contact: Steve R.  
815-263-0792



# ***NEW MEETING!***



**Starting Monday, July 7th  
at 5:30 p.m.**

**Alano Club - 1245 E. River St., Kankakee**

Come dive into the Grapevine literature  
with us!