

# February 2024 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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**From the Editor...** Welcome to the April edition. I can be reached at [Dist52News@Outlook.com](mailto:Dist52News@Outlook.com) or at (815) 351-0111 with any comments or suggestions. Thanks!

Scott....

**I Heard it at a Meeting** — *Love is in the air...and as we know, '...Love covers a multitude of sins.'* Valentines day is the traditional day for sweethearts and expressions of love. As an Alcoholic, I know that I am grateful for the love that allows forgiveness for many of the things that have been part of my past. I want very much to pass that along to another alcoholic, but must do so with care to protect myself and provide the best chance for success with another person. As we all know, until someone is ready, there is nothing that can be said to convince them of their need for help...many still think they can save themselves.

*The Big Book uses the analogy of a person drowning to describe the level of commitment that a person must have to embrace recovery as follows; '...laid hold of A.A. principles with all the fervor with which the drowning seize life preservers...'. This analogy of drowning is very appropriate in many ways. When I was in High School, I earned my lifeguard certification and one of the many lessons about saving someone drowning is how dangerous it truly is to the one attempting rescue. As with an alcoholic, you cannot try to reach out to them too soon, as when they are still fighting and have the strength they are as likely to pull their rescuer under as they are to accept their help...and often both drown in the attempt. The rescuer must wait until the person has tired and surrendered their belief they will save themselves before reaching out. Once the person has accepted their need, they will hold on to life preserver that AA has to offer and hopefully not let go.*

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:

Hi everybody,

"Trust in God, Clean House, Help Others." Some of you may know that as Doctor Bob's Prescription, which he wrote years ago on his prescription pad. The last Wednesday of each month I go to Banyan Treatment Center (with my Banyan Buddy) for their Bridge the Gap / AA meeting. It is my favorite thing to do, anytime, anywhere. Years ago a guy who, by looks, seemed like he had nothing in common with me, came and spoke at IOP on my first night. What he said and how he said it changed my life, so I do Banyan in hopes that some day I may say something that will make a difference. I hope and pray I keep having that enthusiasm for it.

We have a new Webmaster! Thank you to Lauren for stepping up to help out! Still looking for others to help with various other positions. Next meeting is on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 630 at Riverside Hospital Conference Room A next to the Cafeteria.

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 April 3rd 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month—Next: August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM*

*Riverside Hospital Conference Room C (by cafeteria)*

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

## **District 52 Meeting Minutes** - For December 21, 2023

In attendance were – Mike E, Terry W, Ivan G, Steve B, Dan P, Laurie A, Steve K, Jen J, Steve F, Scott O, and Steve R.

Secretary report – Terry W, A motion was made to accept the secretary report as read. First by Steve F second by Scott O.

Treasures Report - Steve K The treasures report for December was unanimously approved.

### **GSR Reports**

Tuesday night women's group – attendance has been a little slow. Have seen a few newcomers.

SOS – Jen J SOS Attendance has been a little up and down.

Steve F - BLT Attendance has been good at both meetings.

Dan P – 911 attendance is good at all three meetings.

Steve B – First things first, meeting going well.

Steve R – Saturday night open Attendance is steady a lot of regulars.

### **Committee Reports**

Ivan G- Answering service Male calls 11 five to voicemail. Women five calls two to voicemail.

Corrections – A motion was made that Mike E will be taking over corrections. First by Dan P second by Steve F. Mike will be contacting the jail.

Literature – Steve K Beginner packets and traditions checklist were handed out.

Newsletter – Scott O letter going well. Let him know if anything needs to be added.

### **Old Business**

Bylaw questions tabled to next meeting. First by Scott O second by Steve R.

### **DCM Report**

Would like to do a concept a month report for the rest of the year. Will be done after the Traditions are read and last for five minutes. A motion was made to give it a try first by Scott O and second by Mike E.

Jolly Time Meeting is underway again.

aa-nia.org Upcoming events. Committee meetings January 20 Winter Assembly Lord of life Church.

Meeting closed at 7:25

Next Meeting Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Valentine's 80s/90s Dance** – Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM – Midnight at the Tri-Star Estates Clubhouse at 43 E 5000 Rd in Bourbonnais. Live DJ, Split the Pot, Lots of fun!! Presented by The Alano Club. Suggested donation \$5. Bring a friend or just yourself, wear your parachute pants and 'Party like its 1999!'....Contact Johnnie G. (815) 662-8142 or Lauren B. (815) 851-2008.

**Catered Dinner and a Meeting** - Last Sunday of Every Month at 330 PM at the Alano Club 1245 E River St Kankakee! Next meeting February 25<sup>th</sup>. Fantastic speakers from Chicago to share their Experience-Strength-Hope. Come, support and learn! This event is brought to you by the Sunday 3:30 meeting.

**Banyan Treatment Center** – Volunteers 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

**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 a lot of meeting at different days/times and are lucky to have a building dedicated to sober support. We need to keep this tradition alive.

*Kankakee* - Came to Believe - Monday 11:00 at the Alano Club needs sober support.

Joe & Charlie – Alano Club Tuesday 7:00PM

Big Book Study – Wednesday 11:00 at Alano Club.

Friday Friendly Friends – Friday 11:00 at Alano Club

Saturday Chat – Saturday 3:30 at the Alano Club

Seeking Sobriety – Alano Club Sunday 12:00

1<sup>st</sup> 164 – Alano Club Sunday 3:30

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

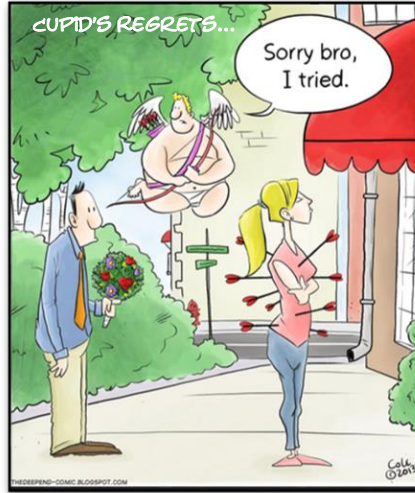
John F 2/9/20

Roy C 2/17/19

Matt Z 2/18/20

Mike R 2/25/95

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