

October 2026 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor... Welcome to the October 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 – The Turd Wagon.... – You may have heard it phrased this way or maybe just that you are carrying around a sack full of \$h!t...In either analogy, the fact is that we often have had this burden that we wouldn't let go of regardless how heavy and smelly it is and, in fact, we often seem to look for especially shiny new turds to add to the burden. One might think that this was toughest when life was hard and we were trying to climb the challenging hills of the day dragging this burden behind us. Ironically though, when we reached the top of the mountain, when we started to see the Sunrise on the horizon and just when we started to feel good...that was the point of largest danger as then the Turd Wagon would gain some momentum and run us over. This was not a very fun way to live and is a big part of the illness that helped us achieve membership in the rooms of AA. There is really only one cure for the Turd Wagon....You have to empty it out not just once, but continually. You have to be honest with yourself...when you picked it up and put it in the wagon, you probably thought it looked pretty good and you definitely did not want to leave it behind. You cant rationalize it and justify why you still have it. You cant just cut off pieces of it and expect the smell to go away....you have to get rid of it all....Hence the steps and the mostly turd-free life they enable. Boy...I love analogies!!

Thanks...and God Bless!

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: Every third Month on the first Wednesday. Next one: October 7th at 8:00 AM.

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: October 17 @ 6:30

Riverside Hospital Meeting Room (by cafeteria)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Banyan Treatment Center – Volunteers needed to speak once or twice a month on Wednesday's at 6:00 PM (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.

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Momence Lost Sheep Group Annual
Anniversary Dinner and Speaker
Meeting

November 9, 2026 at the St. Patrick's
Church Gymnasium, 220 N Hill,
Momence

*Dinner at 6pm, Speaker at 7pm. Chicken, Italian Beef,
coffee, pop, and water provided. We will have an
anniversary cake. Please bring a side dish to share.*

Tina C. 312 929-5371

Rick P. 847 366-6130

Melvin K. 815 354-2346



**2026 KANKAKEE AREA
MINI-CONFERENCE**

Presents:
Our Primary Purpose

November 7, 2026

AA GUEST SPEAKER
Michelle
40 YEARS
DENVER, CO

ALANON GUEST SPEAKER
T.B.A.

TICKETS:
\$20 ea.
LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS
INCLUDED

*"I Am Responsible
When anyone, anywhere reaches out
for help, I want the hand of AA to
always be there. And for that -
I am responsible!"*

TICKETS AVAILABLE
AT REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION: Begins @ 8a
CONFERENCE: 9a-4p

◆ TICKET PRE-SALES AVAILABLE ◆

RAFFLE BASKETS

STEVE K • (815) 214-7063
RICHELLE • (815) 954-7995

**Manteno Church
of the Nazarene**
698 N Locust St.
Manteno, IL 60950

For More Info | Gabriel H. 815-419-5159



**Seeking
RAFFLE
BASKETS** For
Kankakee Mini-Conference

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**OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE?
STAY SOBER & CARRY THE MESSAGE**

**DISTRICT 52
NEEDS YOU!**

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CARRY THE MESSAGE.
COME TO THE DISTRICT 52 MEETINGS TO JOIN THE
DISTRICT'S EFFORTS TO CARRY THE MESSAGE OF
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

6:30 PM - THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL CONFERENCE ROOM A



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New /Need Support Meetings: Please notify me if any of these meetings are in good shape and should be removed. Also if you know of meeting that need support, please let me know at dist52news@outlook.com.

Bourbonnais:

- **NEW MEETING:** Mondays 5:30 PM at American Lutheran Church on Career Center Road. This is a non-smoking Closed meeting of AA that is hoping to become fully self sufficient. Plenty of parking and handicap accessible.

Manteno:

- **New Hope Meeting.** Wednesday 8:00 PM at Christian Church of Manteno is in need of sober support. 401 E 3rd Street
- **Jolly Time Meeting** – Monday 7:00 PM at Veterans Home in Manteno. Meeting is in the Hall – Use North side entrance. Meeting is in need of support.

Kankakee:

- Raisin Hope – Monday at 5:30 PM at Kankakee Alano Club. Grapevine literature study meeting
- **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 October 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

Funnies!!!



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Inspiration...

Recovery doesn't mean returning to how you were before, it's going to a place you've never been.

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Your best days are ahead of you. The movie starts when the guy gets sober and puts his life back together; it doesn't end there.

~ Bucky Sinister



Something to Think About:

Mistakes made today do not have power tomorrow...unless I bring them along and let them.