

January 2023 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor... Welcome to the January 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 – *Experience, strength and hope....Why is this so powerful??*

Experience – Everyone has sat in on a 1st step meeting or a 12th step call or read the stories of the early days of AA when Dr. Bob and Bill W visited alcoholics that were deemed hopeless and started them on the path to recovery. What magic words did they utter? What powerful cure did they bring? Very simply...their Experience. Finally someone could relate to the experience and unmanageable life of suffering alcoholic unlike family, friends and those trying to help ..they finally realized they weren't alone. Sharing of experience also grants the sharer a reminder of how they got to where they are and why they don't want to go back.

Strength – I remember when I was drinking how people would wonder how someone so smart could do what I had done and continue despite knowing what the consequences could be. I also remember thinking to myself at one time that someone addicted must be weak minded. How wrong I was! Admitting to the demons that plague each of us and facing those demons to drive forward into recovery is one of the most profound demonstrations of bravery and strength I can imagine. For the still suffering alcoholic, this shared strength is critical to moving forward into a life without alcohol.

Hope – During the final days of addiction, when the alcoholic no longer has any control, many completely lose hope that there is any way out for them that doesn't involve 'jails, institutions or death'. AA Hope, embodied in the 2nd step, for some is the lifeline that is needed to begin pulling themselves out of the trap they have placed themselves in. Without hope there is nothing.

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 January 4th at 8 AM - Jon A and Kris S will be on the show
Wednesday April 5th at 8 AM. - Herb B and Lauren F will be on the show
More Volunteers Needed!

Questions contact Steve K 815.214.7063

District 52 Monthly Meeting Minutes

In attendance were Jody S., Ivan G., Steve F., Terry W., Jon A., Adria P., Cheri, Sherri, and Heather S.

The meeting opened with a quiet time followed by the serenity prayer. Adria P. read the Traditions. The minutes for the November meeting were unanimously approved.

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Treasurer's report: The beginning balance for December is \$4180.23. Contributions were \$1506.11. Expenses were \$306.31. Corrections has \$1013.88. There was a monthly net income of \$1199.80. The year to date totals were also on the December report. Total income for the year was \$4276.13. Total expenses was \$2670.96. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

GSR reports

BLT- Steve F. New chair for the 8pm.

Women to women- Cheri. Attendance is ok. There are newcomers at the meeting.

SOS – Ivan G. - donations to district quarterly.

Committee reports

Answering Service- Ivan scheduled a follow up call with Nextiva. He is starting to understand how the system works. Women had 7 calls. All went to voicemail. Men had 15 calls. 13 went to voicemail.

Corrections- Laurie no longer holds the position due to lack of attendance.

Grapevine- open

Literature- open

Newsletter- Scott is interested in staying on as newsletter chair.

PI/CPC- open

Treatment- Adria- Banyan has 2-4 people going per week.

Webmaster- Gabriel is not here

Old Business-elections

Terry W. is standing for secretary. There is no opposition to his election.

Jody is standing for treasurer. There is no opposition to her election

Steve K. is standing for DCM. There is no opposition to his election.

Carl G. is standing for alternate treasurer. He was not in attendance. There was no opposition to his election

Adria P. is standing for alternate secretary. There was no opposition to her election. She will be holding two positions: alternate secretary and treatment.

New Business

Kris brought up disbursing funds. The district decided to send 50% of corrections money to the pink can at Area. The district decided to send \$1000 to GSO and \$500 to Area. Both these votes were unanimous.

Jon thanked everyone for their service.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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

New /Need Support Meetings:

Bourbonnais - *Friday BLT* Newcomers Meeting – Friendswood Church Bourbonnais at 8:00 needs sober support.

Manteno – *Big Book Study (formerly 'Jolly' Time)* meeting at the Manteno Veterans Home has re-opened and needs sober support. Tuesday's at 6:00 PM. Contact Tom C 815.671.0116 or Steve K 815.214.7063 with questions.

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H.E.L.P. Meeting s no longer zoom. Meeting is now at 7:30PM Tuesday and has returned to the back of the Methodist Church (245 W. 2nd Street) through the 'red' door.

And Now What are you going to Do About It? Meeting – Wednesday at 5:30PM has returned to the back of the Methodist Church (245 W. 2nd Street) through the 'red' door.

Momence – *The Lost Sheep Meeting* – Has moved effective immediately...New location: St Patrick's Church Gymnasium, 220 N Hill St, Momence. Entrance in the rear of the gym. All meeting times will remain the same. The Monday 7PM meeting is now a beginners meeting and will focus on the first 3 steps. Sober support is needed.

Kankakee - Alano Club - Saturday 3:30 PM - Saturday Chat needs support.
Friday 7:00 PM– Freedom to Be Us needs support
Sunday 6:00 PM – Sunday Nite Open needs support
Beckman Park -Saturday 11:00 AM Open Air Outdoor needs support...It's getting chillier, so bring a jacket!

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

Dennis L 1/6/85

Jermaine T 1/19/?? Keith A 1/28/96

Funnies!!!

